

615 VGS AVIATION TRAINING PACKAGE COURSE – JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

SITUATION

615 Volunteer Gliding Squadron (615 VGS)

615 VGS is part of No.2 Flying Training School (2FTS) and provides gliding training to Air Cadets in the South East of England. This includes Part Task Trainer (PTT) training for the progressive Aviation Training Package, familiarisation flights, training to first solo and for a few further courses leading to instructor level.

Part Task Trainer

All VGS are equipped with a Part-Task Trainer (PTT), designed to replicate the cockpit of the Viking glider. This is a useful aid for the teaching of principles of flight, and provides a realistic environment for introducing cadets to the flying training.

Suspension of gliding operations

Gliding operations at 615 VGS is suspended (since April 2014), due to assurance of airworthiness. So, for the moment 615 is restricted to the Synthetic Training elements only.

MISSION

To detail the arrangements for Cadets attending 615 VGS for PTT Training.

1. Aim

The aim of the course is for each student to complete the levels of the 2FTS Progressive ATP.

The FAM course – both the Ground School and Synthetic Training (simulator) elements and Blue ATP – the Ground School and Synthetic Training elements (but not the Flying Training element)

2. Personnel

Squadrons are to raise and get approved a Bader SMS Application providing authority for their cadets and staff to travel to 615 VGS.

AV MED 1 Forms are not required for this course.

Cadets are to be accompanied by an escorting officer (an adult cadet or CFAV) who will be responsible for their welfare and discipline, as outlined in ACTO 32, Para. 18.

There are no pre-requisites for this course other than Students are to be enrolled cadets. The course is primarily for cadets who **have not attended** a PTT course before and these cadets should be given priority. Cadets who have attend a PTT course before are welcome to attend, but may find the experience repetitive.



3. Security

All personnel are to carry a form of personal identification during the event:

- Cadets – RAF F3822 with photo.
- Uniformed Staff – MOD F90
- Civilian Instructors – Photo ID

4. Location

The PTT is located at 450 (Kenley) Squadron's compound situated at the entrance to 615 VGS and Kenley Air Field. See map at Annex A.

5. Timing

Morning allocation to arrive at 0900 hrs and afternoon allocations at 1245 hrs. Please acknowledge confirmation of attendance and details of the accompanying adult together with mobile number to the Trg Off at 615 so if there are any last-minute changes you can be contacted.

6. Dress

Dress for cadets will be No2 working dress. Female cadets will require trousers or coveralls for training. Changing rooms will be available.

7. Messing

Messing facilities are not available at 615 VGS. Students and accompanying CFAV's should bring sufficient food, snacks and drinks for the duration of the course.

8. Awards

Awards should be added to the cadet's record on BADER SMS. Any certificates and badges should also be claimed using the procedure outlined in ACTO 32 – these will not be issued by the VGS. The VGS will record the awards but to ensure issue of Wings etc please inform your AO of the names of all cadets that attended and the awards achieved. Check the accuracy and details with the VGS's own records before departing.

9. Attendance

If your Squadron cannot fulfil this allocation then please inform your Wing Aerospace Officer (AVO) as soon as possible, so that it may be offered to another unit in good time. If you require further information, please contact your Wing AVO or the undersigned.

10. Further Information

If you have any questions contact the VGS Training Officer or your Wing Aerospace Officer.

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PS: Notwithstanding Item 2 above – it makes sense for cadets that have completed a Tutor Sortie to be selected as it is possible to complete the remaining elements with the G PTT to enable issue of Blue Wings.



Location and Directions

Sat Nav – CR3 5FX - Victor Beamish Avenue is the approach road to the Air Field which leads to the entrance gates to the airfield and 450 (Kenley) Squadron ATC Compound to your right where the 615 VGS PTT is currently situated. If park within the compound where you will be greeted on your arrival. See map below.

By train – use Whytleafe Station – about 1 ¼ miles – 25 minutes' walk.

Google Map is a good source for making sense of these directions <https://goo.gl/maps/LEuHzgC86sm>

