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easyJet partners with CTC for MPL training in NZ

EUROPE'S leading low-cost airline, easyJet, has again teamed up with international airline pilot training company, CTC – bringing more trainee pilots to New Zealand to complete part of the 'easyJet MPL (Multi-crew Pilot Licence) cadet programme'.



This new programme provides the opportunity for an initial intake of 36 aspiring easyJet pilots to start training with CTC this year and be qualified for line operations with the airline by late 2014/early 2015.

easyJet and CTC have worked closely together since the very first easyJet flight took off in 1995 with CTC-trained pilots at the controls. Since then more than 1500 graduates of the 'CTC Wings' programme - a career development programme for aspiring airline pilots - have had a flying start as easyJet First Officers. Today a significant proportion of those pilots now hold captain and senior management positions for easyJet.

The Multi-crew Pilot's Licence (MPL) syllabus has been developed in collaboration between easyJet and CTC, in accordance with UK CAA regulations. The programme focuses on multi-crew operations and very quickly moves the pilot from light aircraft to foundation flying skills

on to the Airbus A320 flight simulators using the airline's Standard Operating Procedures. easyJet MPL cadets will train at CTC's state of the art Crew Training Centres in the United Kingdom and New Zealand on a training programme that lasts approximately 17 months.

Candidates who pass both CTC and easyJet's selection processes will be guaranteed (on completion of training and subject to proficiency) a 3-year renewable contract to fly for easyJet through CTC FlexiCrew and become eligible for a permanent easyJet contract within that period. They will also benefit from CTC's industry leading £69,000 Bond protection package.

Brian Tyrrell, Head of Flight Operations for easyJet says that easyJet is actively recruiting 200 pilots with a cross-section of experience levels – both qualified and cadet pilots. "CTC has more than proven that their 'CTC Wings' graduates are of

the highest calibre and we are very excited about being able to offer tomorrow's easyJet pilots the additional security of being pre-selected to become First Officers with us at the end of their training", says Brian, also explaining that easyJet have been enhancing the career paths for their pilots and we are confident of offering excellent opportunities for new pilots to begin and develop their careers with the company. He says that easyJet are committed to offering more such opportunities through the CTC-easyJet MPL cadet programme over the years to come and will also continue to select from the 'CTC Wings' pool of trained cadet pilots.

CEO for CTC Aviation Group Limited, Rob Clarke says that "CTC has been a supporter of MPL since the licence was first proposed and we are confident that our syllabus embraces the pure MPL philosophy. Working with easyJet to develop the CTC-easyJet MPL cadet programme is a reinforcement of our long standing partnership as easyJet's preferred training provider."

CTC has earned a reputation as one of the world's leading airline training providers. The company also works very closely with another 16 leading airlines including British Airways, managing and delivering the British Airways Future Pilot Programme on their behalf, and delivering a tailored cadet programme for Jetstar in Australia, New Zealand, Vietnam and Singapore. CTC is not only known for 'CTC Wings' and its other tailored airline cadet programmes, but also for training in the region of 2,000 pilots each year for approximately 50 airlines around the world.

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