

EASA publish the syllabus for each of the nine ground school subjects. Shown below is the extract that PPLmentor.com is based on. The original can be found by searching for 'Easy Access Rules EASA Part-FCL'

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| 5. | PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT |
| 5.1. | PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT: AEROPLANE |
| | Subsonic aerodynamics |
| | Basics concepts, laws and definitions |
| | Laws and definitions: |
| | (a) conversion of units; (b) Newton's laws; (c) Bernoulli's equation and venturi; (d) static pressure, dynamic pressure and total pressure; (e) density; (f) IAS and TAS. |
| | Basics about airflow: (a) streamline; (b) two-dimensional airflow; (c) three-dimensional airflow. |
| | Aerodynamic forces on surfaces: (a) resulting airforce; (b) lift; (c) drag; (d) angle of attack. |
| | Shape of an aerofoil section: (a) thickness to chord ratio; (b) chord line; (c) camber line; (d) camber; (e) angle of attack. |
| | The wing shape: (a) aspect ratio; (b) root chord; (c) tip chord; (d) tapered wings; (e) wing planform. |
| | The two-dimensional airflow about an aerofoil |
| | Streamline pattern |
| | Stagnation point |
| | Pressure distribution |
| | Centre of pressure |
| | Influence of angle of attack |
| | Flow separation at high angles of attack |
| | The lift – α graph |
| | The coefficients |
| | The lift coefficient C_l : the lift formula |
| | The drag coefficient C_d : the drag formula |
| | The three-dimensional airflow round a wing and a fuselage |
| | Streamline pattern: (a) span-wise flow and causes; (b) tip vortices and angle of attack; (c) upwash and downwash due to tip vortices; (d) wake turbulence behind an aeroplane (causes, distribution and duration of the phenomenon). |

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| | <p>Induced drag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) influence of tip vortices on the angle of attack; (b) the induced local α; (c) influence of induced angle of attack on the direction of the lift vector; (d) induced drag and angle of attack. |
| | Drag |
| | <p>The parasite drag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) pressure drag; (b) interference drag; (c) friction drag. |
| | The parasite drag and speed |
| | The induced drag and speed |
| | The total drag |
| | The ground effect |
| | Effect on take off and landing characteristics of an aeroplane |
| | The stall |
| | <p>Flow separation at increasing angles of attack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the boundary layer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) laminar layer; (2) turbulent layer; (3) transition. (b) separation point; (c) influence of angle of attack; (d) influence on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) pressure distribution; (2) location of centre of pressure; (3) C_L; (4) C_D; (5) pitch moments. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (e) buffet; (f) use of controls. |
| | <p>The stall speed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in the lift formula; (b) 1g stall speed; (c) influence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the centre of gravity; (2) power setting; (3) altitude (IAS); (4) wing loading; (5) load factor n: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) definition; (ii) turns; (iii) forces. |
| | <p>The initial stall in span-wise direction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) influence of planform; (b) geometric twist (wash out); (c) use of ailerons. |
| | <p>Stall warning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) importance of stall warning; (b) speed margin; (c) buffet; (d) stall strip; (e) flapper switch; (f) recovery from stall. |

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| Special phenomena of stall: (a) the power-on stall; (b) climbing and descending turns; (c) t-tailed aeroplane; (d) avoidance of spins: (1) spin development; (2) spin recognition; (3) spin recovery. (e) ice (in stagnation point and on surface): (1) absence of stall warning; (2) abnormal behaviour of the aircraft during stall. |
| CL augmentation |
| Trailing edge flaps and the reasons for use in take-off and landing: (a) influence on $C_L - \alpha$ -graph; (b) different types of flaps; (c) flap asymmetry; (d) influence on pitch movement. |
| Leading edge devices and the reasons for use in take-off and landing |
| The boundary layer |
| Different types: (a) laminar; (b) turbulent. |
| Special circumstances |
| Ice and other contamination: (a) ice in stagnation point; (b) ice on the surface (frost, snow and clear ice); (c) rain; (d) contamination of the leading edge; (e) effects on stall; (f) effects on loss of controllability; (g) effects on control surface moment; (h) influence on high lift devices during takeoff, landing and low speeds. |
| Stability |
| Condition of equilibrium in steady horizontal flight |
| Precondition for static stability |
| Equilibrium: (a) lift and weight; (b) drag and thrust. |
| Methods of achieving balance |
| Wing and empennage (tail and canard) |
| Control surfaces |
| Ballast or weight trim |
| Static and dynamic longitudinal stability |
| Basics and definitions: (a) static stability, positive, neutral and negative; (b) precondition for dynamic stability; (c) dynamic stability, positive, neutral and negative. |
| Location of centre of gravity: (a) aft limit and minimum stability margin; (b) forward position; (c) effects on static and dynamic stability. |
| Dynamic lateral or directional stability |
| Spiral dive and corrective actions |
| Control |
| General |
| Basics, the three planes and three axis |
| Angle of attack change |
| Pitch control |

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| | Elevator |
| | Downwash effects |
| | Location of centre of gravity |
| | Yaw control |
| | Pedal or rudder |
| | Roll control |
| | Ailerons: function in different phases of flight |
| | Adverse yaw |
| | Means to avoid adverse yaw: (a) frise ailerons; (b) differential ailerons deflection. |
| | Means to reduce control forces |
| | Aerodynamic balance: (a) balance tab and anti-balance tab; (b) servo tab. |
| | Mass balance |
| | Reasons to balance: means |
| | Trimming |
| | Reasons to trim |
| | Trim tabs |
| | Limitations |
| | Operating limitations |
| | Flutter |
| | V_{fe} , V_{no} , V_{ne} |
| | Manoeuvring envelope |
| | Manoeuvring load diagram: (a) load factor; (b) accelerated stall speed; (c) v_a ; (d) manoeuvring limit load factor or certification category. |
| | Contribution of mass |
| | Gust envelope |
| | Gust load diagram |
| | Factors contributing to gust loads |
| | Propellers |
| | Conversion of engine torque to thrust |
| | Meaning of pitch |
| | Blade twist |
| | Effects of ice on propeller |
| | Engine failure or engine stop |
| | Windmilling drag |
| | Moments due to propeller operation |
| | Torque reaction |
| | Asymmetric slipstream effect |
| | Asymmetric blade effect |
| | Flight mechanics |
| | Forces acting on an aeroplane |
| | Straight horizontal steady flight |
| | Straight steady climb |
| | Straight steady descent |
| | Straight steady glide |

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| | Steady coordinated turn: |
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(a) bank angle;

(b) load factor;

(c) turn radius;

(d) rate one turn.