

Austro Control Exams – Exam Guide

Exams with Orbit Groundschool

To date, Orbit Groundschool has been offering several exam options. Now it is possible to take the exams at our own facility in Arnhem with Austro Control. This offers a flexible solution with different options to better suit the Orbit Groundschool philosophy.

Below please find the planned dates for 2021 and 2022:

2021:

September 13, 14, 15
October 11, 12, 13
November 15, 16, 17
December 13, 14, 15

Deadline at 12:00 pm

Friday, August 27
Friday, September 24
Friday, October 29
Friday, November 26

2022:

January 17, 18, 19
February 14, 15, 16
March 14, 15, 16
April 11, 12, 13
May 16, 17, 18
June 13, 14, 15
July 11, 12, 13

Deadline at 12:00 pm

Thursday, December 23
Friday, January 28
Friday, February 25
Friday, March 25
Friday, April 29
Wednesday, May 25
Friday, June 24

No exams in August

September 12, 13, 14
October 10, 11, 12
November 14, 15, 16
December 12, 13, 14

Friday, August 26
Friday, September 23
Friday, October 28
Friday, November 25

We organize 3 consecutive days for the exams in either 90, 120 or 135 minutes per time window, see below. GNAV (ATPL) can only be scheduled in a 135 minutes time window.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
10:00 to 11:30 (90 minutes)	09:30 to 11:30 (120 minutes)	09:30 to 11:30 (120 minutes)
12:00 to 13:30 (90 minutes)	12:00 to 13:30 (90 minutes)	12:00 to 13:30 (90 minutes)
14:15 to 16:30 (135 minutes)	14:15 to 16:30 (135 minutes)	14:15 to 15:45 (90 minutes)

Times subject to changes

Our location:

Orbit Groundschool
Meander 251
6825 MC Arnhem
The Netherlands

How do I register and book my exams at Austro Control?

1. Download or ask for the Austro control application form for either Airplane (ATPLA,CPLA,IRA/H,PPLA) or Helicopter (ATPLH (VFR),ATPLH/,CPLH,PPLH).

2. Please fill out boxes 1 and 2 of the form **electronically, make sure your names correspond with the names on your ID**, fill in point 5 then **print and sign** the form, make a scan of it, before sending it by email. **Hand written forms will not be accepted by Austro control.**

N.b. if you have not studied with Orbit Groundschool, you will also need your ATO to complete and sign Part 3.

3. To finalize the application clearly state what/which subject(s) and month you wish to sit the exam(s) and whether you have exemptions for certain courses. E-mail this, your completed application form (scan) and a copy of your ID (passport, box 4) to exams@orbit-groundschooll.nl

Every time you want to do exams, you will need to fill in a new application form with the right subjects and sitting and send this to us (except for PPL). The copy of your ID is only necessary the first time.

The deadline to complete, accept and process your application and booking, including on-time payment is stated on page 1 of this exam guide. At least 14 days prior to day 1 of the exams. Scheduling will take place on a first come first serve basis, and only when all documents are received by us. Please take into account that you might be scheduled over all three exam days if you sit six or more exams (ATPL A/H) due to the length of certain exams. Payment requests will be sent by e-mail.

Our exam coordinator will book your exams considering your wishes, subject to circumstances and will send a final exam confirmation letter with necessary information concerning the exams details and exam policy per e-mail. Approximately one week before the exam(s) start.

Cancellation, resulting in postponing, or any amendments after the closing date will be handled as a no show. No show results in no refund. Effectively one should register, book again and will receive a new payment request.

Re-takes in the same exam session are not possible. A new application will have to be submitted for another exam month.

For simplicity we will go for the same terms and conditions as any international standard.

How much do the exams cost?

The fees as of 2022 will be listed here below and are per theory exam (per subject each time):

ATPL	€78
CPL	€74
IR	€74
PPL	€58

In summary

- Exams are taken on iPads provided at the exam centre
- The new Jeppesen is in use, PBN is included
- Annexes are viewable on screen and printed if the question requires it
- Results can be seen immediately.

Frequently asked questions

How can you make an appeal during the exam?

Appeals can only be made during the exam, there is a comment area in the app which can be used for each particular question. Appeals after the exam will not be accepted. Appeals will be answered by Austro control.

What question bank will be used?

From the 1st of April 2021 all new registered candidates must take their examinations with ECQB 2020.

Students who have already started their exams before 01-04-2021 may finish their exams using the current ECQB version until 31-01-2022 (as the last possible exam day). At our location this is the exam week of 17, 18, 19 January 2022. If students have not completed the examinations yet, they must continue the examinations under ECQB 2020 from 01-02-2022. Alternatively, you may change to ECQB 2020 after 01-04-2021, but once you have changed to ECQB 2020 and its syllabus, it is not possible to return to the old ECQB / syllabus.

How long does it take to receive the (final) results?

Usually the results of the exams will be provided through email within 2 weeks following the exam(s). The official signed 'Final Report' may take up to a couple of weeks and will be sent by postal services to the address on your application form.

How long does it take to have my appeal evaluated?

Depending on the number of appeals and the subject(s), various experts have to be involved in evaluating the appeal. This can take a considerable amount of time, varying from several days up to exceeding 4 weeks. If you passed the exam, Austro control could choose not to answer the appeal.

Can I switch exams to another EASA member state?

Yes, but this is only possible under the same responsible authority (i.e. Austro Control). It is not possible to switch from Dutch CBR to Austro Control in the Netherlands or from UK CAA exams to Austro Control in the Netherlands. You can however switch from exams done in the UK under Austro Control to the Netherlands and vice versa, as long as it is an Austro Control facility.

Can I do the PPL exams in separate exam months?

No, only if you have to do a retake. The PPL exams with Austro control are 9 exams and they all have a duration of 30 minutes. You only can do all 9 exams in one day with Austro control. Retakes have to be scheduled in another exam month.

How many times can I retake an exam?

You may do every exam 4 times in total. The first attempt and 3 retakes. You have 6 sittings to pass all exams in 18 months. Those 18 months start counting from the end of the month when you did the first exam. You have 6 sittings in total to pass all exams.

How long is the theoretical document valid?

The certificate of PPL is valid for 24 months and the other certificates are valid for 36 months. Within that time you must pass your practical exam.