

Austro Control Exams at Orbit Groundschool – Exam Guide

Exams with Orbit Groundschool

To date, Orbit Groundschool has been offering several exam options. Now it is also 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 2024/2025:

2024:

September	16, 17, 18
October	14, 15, 16
November	11, 12, 13
December	09, 10, 11

Deadline at 12:00 (noon)

Wednesday, August 28
Wednesday, September 25
Wednesday, October 23
Wednesday, November 20

2025:

January	13, 14, 15
February	10, 11, 12
March	10, 11, 12
April	14, 15, 16
May	12, 13, 14
June	16, 17, 18
July	07, 08, 09

Deadline at 12:00 (noon)

Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, February 19
Wednesday, March 26
Wednesday, April 23
Wednesday, May 28
Friday, June 20

No exams in August

September	08, 09, 10
October	06, 07, 08
November	10, 11, 12
December	15, 16, 17

Wednesday, August 20
Wednesday, September 17
Wednesday, October 22
Wednesday, November 26

Our location:

Orbit Groundschool
Meander 551
6825 MD Arnhem
The Netherlands

How much do the exams cost?

The price stated below is for each exam subject you take (ATPL has 13 exam subjects for example):

ATPL	€78
CPL	€78
IR/CB-IR/BIR	€74
PPL	€58

Time table exam days:

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. Retake(s) will be scheduled in a next exam month and sitting.

<i>Day 1 (Monday)</i>	<i>Day 2 (Tuesday)</i>	<i>Day 3 (Wednesday)</i>
09:30 to 11:30 (120 minutes)	09:30 to 11:30 (120 minutes)	09:30 to 11:30 (120 minutes)
<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
12:00 to 13:30 (90 minutes)	12:00 to 13:30 (90 minutes)	12:00 to 13:30 (90 minutes)
<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
14:00 to 16:15 (135 minutes)	14:00 to 16:15 (135 minutes)	14:00 to 15:30 (90 minutes)

Times subject to changes

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 or printed if the question requires it
- Results will be visible after ending the exam.

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, PPLA, CB-IR, BIR) or Helicopter (ATPLH (VFR), ATPLH, CPLH, IRH, PPLH).

2. Please fill out boxes 1, 2 and 6 of the form electronically/typed (with exception of the signature), make sure your name(s) correspond with the name(s) on your ID, print and sign the form, make a scan and send/upload this.

Hand written forms will not be accepted by Austro control and us.

N.b. if you have not studied with Orbit Groundschool, your ATO must complete the form and sign box 4 and 5. Box 4 must be signed by the ATO before the last theory exam will be done and the student is approved by the ATO for KSA 100.

3. To finalize the application clearly state what/which subject(s) and month you wish to sit the exam(s). **Fill out the booking form on our website and upload the Austro control application form and a copy of your ID.**

Please send an e-mail in case you are exempted for some subjects, (which subjects and why), then also send a copy of your license and **e-mail this to: exams@orbit-groundschooll.nl , with your completed Austro control application form (scan) and a copy of your ID (passport).**

Every time you want to do exams, you'll need to fill out a new Austro control application form with the right subjects and sitting crossed and send it to us.

The deadline to complete, accept and process your application and booking, including on-time payment is stated on page 1 of this exam guide.

- **Scheduling will take place on a first come first serve basis, and only when all documents are received by us.** Our exam coordinator will send you a schedule of how you can be scheduled for that month, taking your wishes into account as much as possible, depending on availability.
Please note 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. When the schedule is confirmed, the payment request will be sent by e-mail.
- When your payment is received by us, the exam confirmation letter (with necessary information concerning the exam details) and other information concerning the exams, will be sent to you approximately a week before the exams 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 the next exam month and next sitting.**

Frequently asked questions

What is a sitting?

A sitting is a period of 10 consecutive days in which exams may be taken. At our location one sitting means the three days each month when we facilitate the exams each month. Every new month, means a new sitting.

How many times can I retake an exam?

You may take 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 took the first exam. You have 6 sittings in total to pass all exams. PPL exams have a total of 4 sittings.

Can I do the PPL exams in separate exam months?

No, with Austro control exams you can only take all 9 PPL exams on one day. Retakes have to be scheduled in another exam month and you have to do all retakes at once (when necessary). In total you can take them 4 times maximum.

What is allowed to bring with you to the exam?

Protractor, ruler, drafting compass, mechanical navigation computer (Pooleys CRP-5 or similar), pencil, Jeppesen manual and charts (not for PPL), CAA CAPs (not for PPL).

We provide you: a calculator (casio fx-82ex), pen, scratch paper.

What should be in the locker?

(Smart)phones, smartwatches, ipads (of your own), electronically flight computers, hats/caps, everything that is not necessary to take to the exam.

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 to you by e-mail.

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.

What question bank will be used?

From the 1st of June 2024 all registered candidates must take their examinations with ECQB 2024. This does not apply to PPLA/H students.

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

The result is shown after finishing the exam on the Ipad. A digital result report will be provided through email within a week or 2 following the exam week. 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.

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.

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.