

## Singapore and New Zealand Ink a Technical Arrangement on Aviation Maintenance

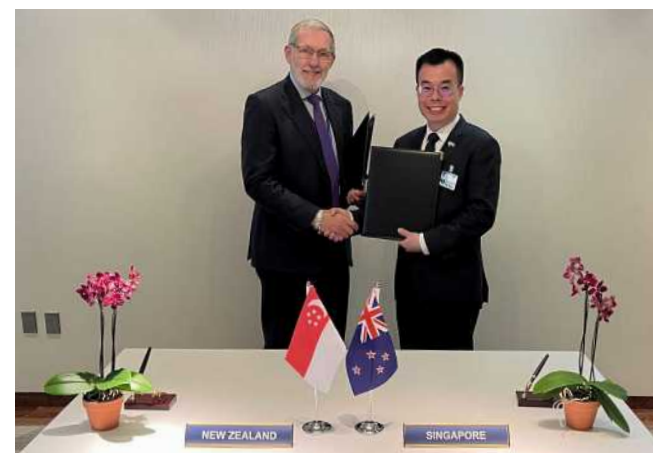
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The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA NZ) have established a Technical Arrangement on Aviation Maintenance (TA-M) to mutually accept and recognise approvals issued for the maintenance of aircraft and aircraft components, as well as the oversight of organisations engaged in such activities. The agreement reflects the confidence each Authority has in the other's safety oversight systems, as well as in their close working relationship.

The TA-M was signed by Mr Han Kok Juan, Director-General of CAAS and Mr Keith Manch, Director and Chief Executive of CAA NZ, on the sidelines of the 41<sup>st</sup> International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly in Montreal, Canada, on 30 September 2022.



### Arrangement Saves Resources and Affords Both Industries Lower Regulatory Costs

Under the TA-M, approved maintenance organisations (AMOs) will only be required to hold their respective national Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)'s approval to perform maintenance work on aircraft and aircraft components registered in the other country.

This arrangement provides our AMOs with easier access to New Zealand's aviation market, thereby allowing them to save time, costs and resources required to facilitate audits by the foreign CAA. The agreement also relieves both aviation authorities of duplicative efforts for oversight activities and certificate renewals without compromising on safety. New Zealand-based AMOs will also enjoy these reciprocal benefits.

Singapore-based holders of a CAA NZ aviation maintenance certificate, on acceptance of their application to participate in the TA-M, will no longer be required to renew their CAA NZ certificate. Their CAAS aviation maintenance

approval is sufficient for them to continue servicing New Zealand-registered aircraft and components. Similarly, AMOs in New Zealand, upon acceptance of their application to participate in the TA-M, can relinquish their CAAS certificate and need only to maintain their CAA NZ certificate to continue servicing Singapore-registered aircraft and components.



### Enhancing International Aviation Cooperation

This TA-M takes Singapore-New Zealand relations a step further from the CAAS-CAA NZ Memorandum of Understanding signed in April 2019 to strengthen cooperation in aviation safety between the two States. This agreement with CAA NZ is the latest addition to the technical arrangements that CAAS has established with major civil aviation agencies, including Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, Hong Kong China, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.



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