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careers take flight



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Welcome to VA Airline Training

Operating as part of the crew of a modern airliner requires a unique set of skills and attributes that embrace all aspects of flying abilities and personal qualities.

VA Airline Training was founded in 1997 with a clear focus upon promoting aviation and better preparing people for the profession of airline flying to become Airline Ready – this is still our core service brand commitment today.

VA Airline Training programmes have been designed to prepare a well-motivated individual for airline employment, further training and the role of First Officer and beyond into a flying career.

The key to the success of our programmes is the discipline and structure of the training received from highly experienced instructors combined with the very latest generation type-specific simulators. Our programmes require a high level of application and commitment with pre-study necessary prior to enrolment.

VA graduates can be certain that our training will be consistent with airline expectations and will be rewarded through an enhancement to their employment prospects.

Our prospectus enables you to discover more about VA Airline Training, our career programmes and in insight into the highly rewarding and motivating career of flying as an airline pilot.

Enjoy Discovering more!

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Careers Take Flight

This is our company strapline – it represents our commitment to deliver not only excellent training but also to support our graduates into airline employment through our airline relationships.

Founded in 1997, we've grown rapidly and we now graduate over 200 pilots per year from our programmes.

But don't just take our word for it – *enjoy reading the testimonials from some of our graduates* who fly for airlines today.

Whilst all of them have different experiences flying for their respective airlines, there is a common thread that binds them together – a passion to fly safely, efficiently and deliver the very best customer experience for their passengers.



*"I received the positive news shortly after my assessment day with my first choice of airline. Without the **excellent instructors and continued support** after training from VA it wouldn't have been possible."*

Aaron Levanthal
First Officer | Flybe



*"Thank you for the **opportunity** you gave me for APS MCC training at VA. It was a very enjoyable experience that enabled me to **improve my skills**. Now, I'm glad to say that I'll soon be an easyJet pilot!"*

Alberto Marras
First Officer | easyJet



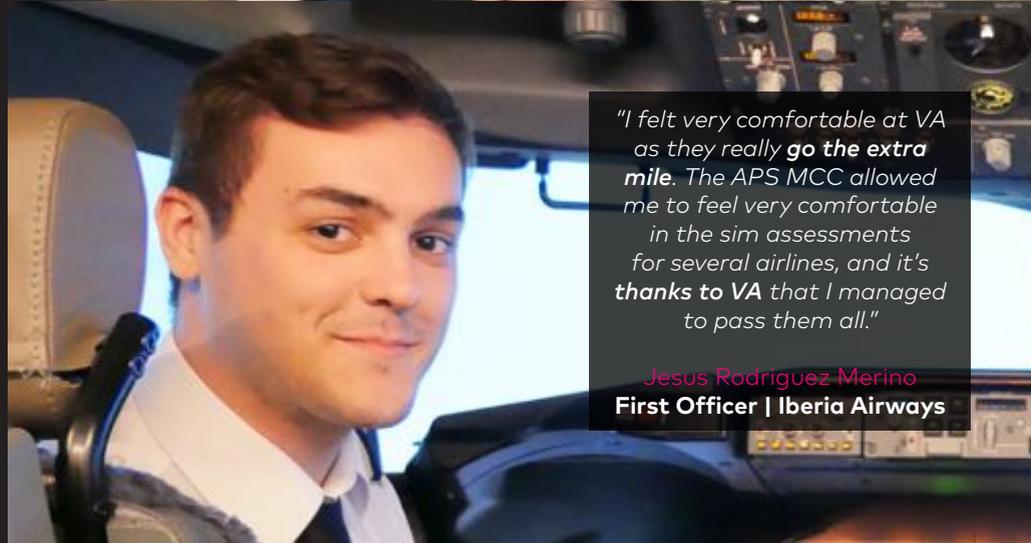
*"I was worried about the simulator assessment, which was quite difficult, but I can say that doing the APS MCC course with VA **helped me a lot**. Thank you for the **outstanding training!**"*

Romain Dufour
First Officer | ASL Airlines



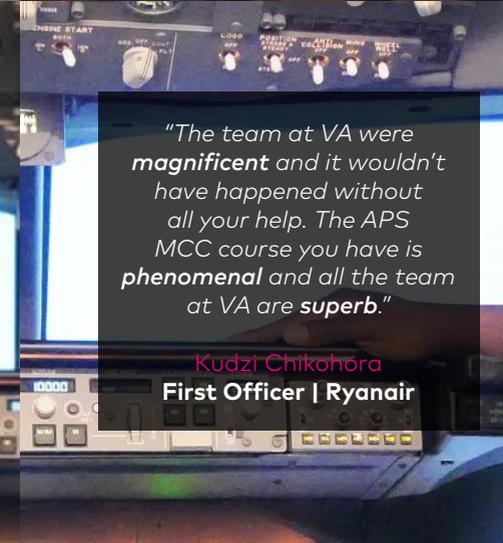
*"The **superb organisation and amazing instructors** gave me all the preparation I needed to ace my first job interview. Just 40 days from the end of my APS MCC course I received an offer from Ryanair."*

Augusto Di Vita
First Officer | Ryanair



*"I felt very comfortable at VA as they really **go the extra mile**. The APS MCC allowed me to feel very comfortable in the sim assessments for several airlines, and it's **thanks to VA** that I managed to pass them all."*

Jesus Rodriguez Merino
First Officer | Iberia Airways



*"The team at VA were **magnificent** and it wouldn't have happened without all your help. The APS MCC course you have is **phenomenal** and all the team at VA are **superb!**"*

Kudzi Chikohora
First Officer | Ryanair



"VA's APS MCC course is a **brilliantly delivered, challenging and hugely rewarding undertaking**. I began day one as a newly minted, single-pilot qualified instrument pilot and walked out **capable of operating professionally as part of a crew** in a large, complex jet aircraft. The course left me **knowledgeable, skilled and confident** enough to pass an airline interview and sim assessment and be immediately offered a role as a First Officer.

The APS was **far more than just a simple MCC**, not just teaching great CRM, how to manage all kinds of technical challenges, better instrument flying skills and how to fit into an airline environment, but also **gave me a great deal of inner confidence and transformed my thinking into that of a true professional aviator.**"

Lauren Wilson
First Officer | Flybe







The VA & Airline Families

Training with VA is one of our greatest attractions. We realise that a supportive group of like-minded people creates an inspiring and conducive environment for airline pilot training.

You will develop friendships with your fellow trainees and our staff which will last a lifetime.

The relationships that we build with airline employers are equally as important as the emphasis we place upon the bonds with our graduates and alumni throughout their flying careers; many even return as instructors for us and pass on their skills between generations.

Once you start your airline flying career, no day is ever the same. Always filled with challenge and excitement as you complete your work with like-minded people.

Our industry is unrivalled when it comes to the quality, calibre and diversity of people within what is really one big extended family!

Cambridge - an inspirational city of thinkers

VA Airline Training is just 2 miles from the historical city of Cambridge the county town of Cambridgeshire and the home of the world-famous Cambridge University.

This dual role means that Cambridge is also a thriving city which caters for both students and residents from the surrounding towns, villages and beautiful countryside of Cambridgeshire.

The world-renowned University of Cambridge was founded in 1209. The buildings of the university include the famous King's College Chapel, Cavendish Laboratory, and the Cambridge University Library, one of the largest legal deposit libraries in the world. Parker's Piece in the centre of Cambridge hosted the first ever game of association football! If you are seeking further excitement, London is a just a 45 minute train journey away.

Founded in 1938, Cambridge Airport the home of VA Airline Training also has a rich pedigree of capability. Famously the home of the Marshall family, it is still fully operational with full Air Traffic control, Radar and instrument approach procedures – why not pop in and see us by air!

One thing is for sure, as you complete your training with us, there is plenty to see, do and become inspired!









Beyond the flight deck

As well as operating the aircraft safely and efficiently along its planned flightpath, the pilots must also consider the comfort and well-being of the passengers as they complete their journey.

Customer service is now an integral and key part of the role of airline pilots especially if things don't go quite to plan.

It may simply be avoiding turbulence, making announcements to calm nervous passengers or making the effort to thank them for travelling with you as they leave your aircraft.

At VA Airline Training we recognise not only the importance of delivering the very best training in the highest quality of environments but also that we too need to exceed your expectations as our customer.

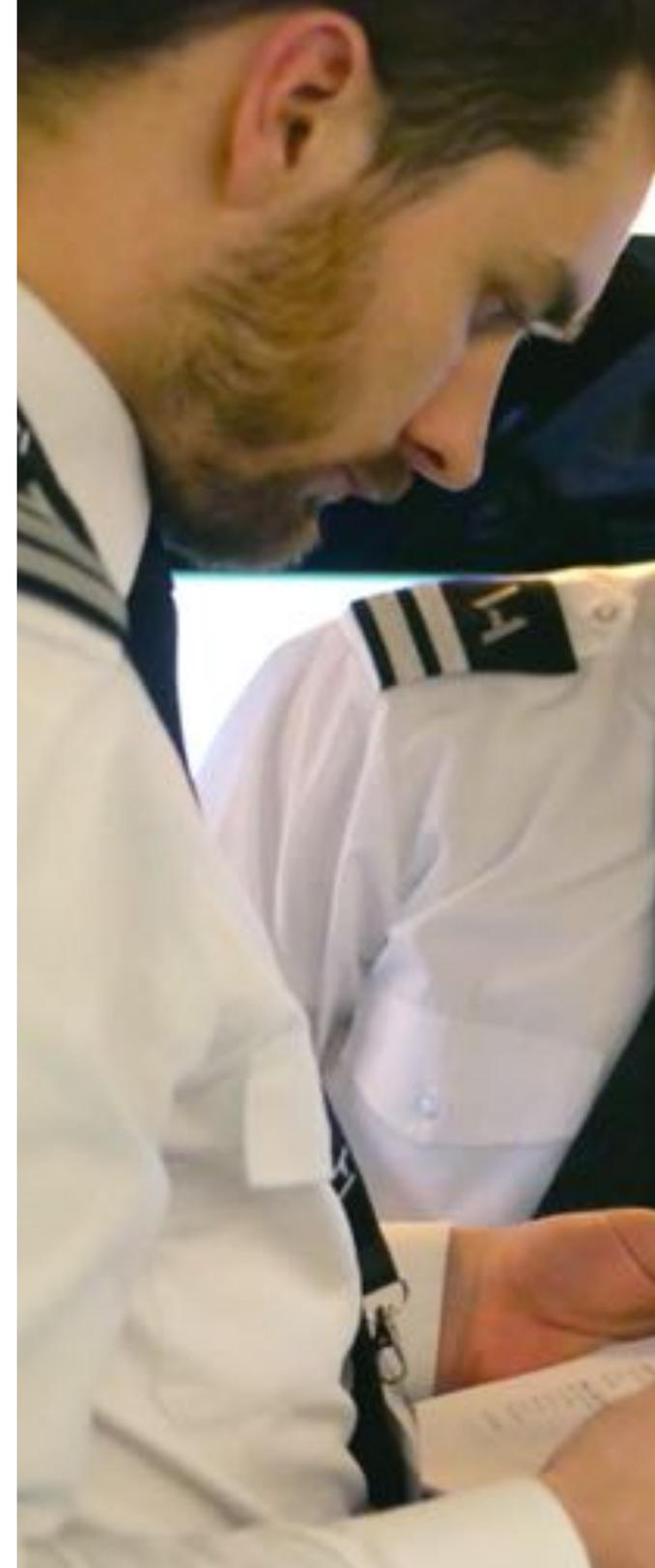
Graduating to Airline Pilot Standards

The hallmark of training completed with VA is an assurance that it is well-regarded by airline employers. Our graduates fly for major airlines throughout Europe and beyond.

As you research where to choose for your own training, why not use our checklist below to aid you in making that decision.

VA Career Programmes:

- ✈ Deliver training in simulators which are approved and specific to airliner types - A320 and B737; these are also used for aircraft type ratings
- ✈ Are delivered by experienced airline pilot instructors and examiners who still fly airliners today
- ✈ Equip a pilot with the necessary competencies required to commence initial type rating training to the standards required by an airline
- ✈ Incorporate additional advanced swept-wing jet aeroplane training both at low and high altitudes including 'Upset Prevention' and 'Recovery Training' (UPRT)
- ✈ Provide advanced airline operations scenario training using airline style Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) – through the use of both the autopilot and manual flight controls
- ✈ Provide airline preparation training to better prepare graduates for the airline pilot role - both technically and commercially
- ✈ Provide a final assessment test which an airline recruiter can use to consider suitability for further airline selection, recruitment and training
- ✈ Are delivered at a dedicated airline training centre where the customer is at the heart of everything we do!









As real as it gets

Learning to fly as a flight crew is about achieving proficiency, efficiency and competence during both normal and emergency situations. A well-coordinated crew really can make all the difference.

Simulators enable training to be completed efficiently and safely and enable the re-creation of situations which would be too dangerous to complete in the real aircraft. They also enable challenging scenarios to be repeated to enable pilot competence to be achieved efficaciously.

Our aircraft type specific fixed-base simulators, (A320 and B737NG) are of the highest fidelity available in their class and have been chosen to meet the needs of the airline employers of our graduates.

Boeing 737-800/NG

Airbus A320-200 CEO

Airbus A320-200 NEO

Experience counts

An **advocate**. A **mentor**. A **coach**.
Our highly experienced instructors provide a wealth of knowledge and experience gained from flying for major airlines globally.

We employ over 40 airline pilot instructors who specialise in multi-pilot and jet training who still fly and train with airlines today; thereby ensuring our trainees receive current and relevant training for their future airline careers.

Between them, our training team has literally hundreds of thousands of hours of flying, teaching and examining experience. This unrivalled experience and the airline opportunities that eventuate is a clear hallmark of training with VA.









Competency Assurance™

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has targeted that by 2020 all pilot training courses should be delivered to achieve competence in 8 key areas:

1. Communication
2. Aircraft Flight Path Management - Manual Control
3. Aircraft Flight Path Management - Automation
4. Leadership and teamwork
5. Problem solving and decision making
6. Application of procedures
7. Workload management
8. Situational Awareness

All VA training courses have already been designed to comply with this ICAO Competency-based Training and Assessment (CBTA) initiative.

To complement the design, VA courses are also covered by our unique ***Competency Assurance™** to provide complete peace of mind during training. It underlines our genuine and ethical commitment to the quality of both our training and our graduates and comprises 2 core elements.

1. Additional training is provided to trainees at no extra cost to support the primary objective to achieve competence and graduation into employment.
2. In the unlikely event that training ceases (despite additional training) due to lack of aptitude, a partial refund of fees will be given.

** terms and conditions apply*

Career Programmes from VA

VA has a growing portfolio of Career Programmes which are described in greater detail in our series of VA Career Guides:

Career Guide 1

APS MCC

Career Guide 2

Airline Simulator Assessment Preparation

Career Guide 3

Airline Career Training

Employment Fundamentals

Career Guide 4

Ryanair Mentored APS MCC

Career Guide 5

Titan Airways Sponsored Cadet Programme

Career Guide 7

Airline Ready Qualification Programme

We also offer the opportunity for aspirational flight experiences to discover the flight deck and fly our simulators. Discover more about these from our Airline Flight Simulator Experience Guide.



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Airline **Career**
oriented training

Customer-driven
service solutions

Latest generation
training facilities

Highly **Experienced**
airline pilot instructors

Type-specific simulators
Boeing 737NG & Airbus A320

Cambridge - an
inspirational city of learning



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