

SECTION 11.6 CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT FOR LEVEL FOUR (L4) AMATEUR BUILT INSPECTOR

11.6.1 INTRODUCTION

Members who are a CASA LAME (or equivalent acceptable to RAAus) may apply for a Level 4 Amateur Built Inspector (ABI) Authorisation. The applicant for a L4 Authorisation must hold a Level 2 Maintenance Authorisation prior to making the application, or co-incident with it if the applicant holds a Part 66 licence.

If there is a need for a L4 ABI in a particular area, but none is available, application can be made by a RAAus member who is an experienced L2. Before an application in this instance can be assessed, the applicant must show a definite need - i.e., there are no L4s within a reasonable distance. They must show full justification (including all appropriate documentation) and references from local RAAus member(s) holding a position of authority (i.e., President or CFI of a Recreational aircraft flying club/FTS) as to why they should be considered. In such a case, the applicant may be approved by RAAus.

11.6.2 CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

An applicant for the issue of a Level Four ABI Authority must:

- a) Be a current financial member of RAAus; and
- b) Hold a CASA relevant CASR Part 66 LAME license; or
- c) Have held an unrestricted Level 2 Maintenance Authority for a minimum of four years and completed a minimum of two Level 2 MA renewals; and
- d) Demonstrate knowledge of amateur-built aircraft construction, knowledge of test flying procedures, knowledge of CASA CoA and CASA/RAAus aircraft registration requirements; and
- e) Demonstrate geographic isolation or lack of reasonable access to an existing, suitably experienced RAAus L4.

11.6.3 LEVEL 4 ABI AUTHORITY VALIDITY

A Level 4 ABI Authority is issued in perpetuity but L4 privileges can only be exercised while the L4 authorisation holder is a financial (FMEM or NMEM) RAAus member and holds a current Level 2 Maintenance Authority.

11.6.4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A RAAus L4 ABI is not permitted to observe/participate in a Pre-Flight Final Inspection (Tech Form 007) on any aircraft that they have a financial interest in, regardless of how minor that interest is, as this may be considered a real or a perceived conflict of interest.

11.6.5 THE PROCESS

To apply for a Level Four ABI Authority a person must:

- a) be an RAAus member; and
- b) apply using TECH FORM 016 – LEVEL FOUR AMATEUR BUILT INSPECTOR AUTHORITY APPLICATION.

The HAM will review the application and advise the applicant of the outcome.