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Sky's the Limit for Kiwi Kids

The future has never looked brighter for aspiring New Zealand airline pilots.

That's the view of CTC Aviation New Zealand (CTC) Director Ian Calvert on the announcement today of a major new flight training initiative open to young New Zealanders.

Hamilton-based CTC is teaming up with Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) to offer Kiwi students the Diploma in Aviation Science (DAS).

The DAS is an internationally recognised entry-level qualification for airline pilots. CTC and NMIT will initially offer 36 places to Kiwi students in 2007.

Mr Calvert says successful graduates are in hot demand from the world's airlines.

"Worldwide, CTC trains over 1000 pilots a year through its various CTC Wings courses. We're saying to young New Zealanders if you've got what it takes, the opportunity is now here at your doorstep," he said.

The DAS programme will be based at CTC's purpose built crew training centre at Hamilton International Airport.

Since opening its training centre in March 2005, CTC has grown rapidly. In 19 months it has trained over 130 pilots and flying instructors – both New Zealanders and trainees from overseas. The Company projects that through employment and use of New Zealand services, it will inject approximately \$95 million into the economy over the next 10 years.

The 18 month DAS programme announced today covers commercial pilot license, multi-engine and Instrument Flight Training and ATPL theory subjects.

Students will utilise CTC's fleet of 22 single- and twin-engine aircraft for flight training, clocking up over 200 hours of flight time each.

Classroom-based courses include flight planning, communications, mass and balance, meteorology and aviation law.

Students may be accommodated at Clearways, a newly completed \$5 million facility at nearby Narrows Landing. The Clearways facility was officially opened today to a crowd of 250 by Air New Zealand's Captain Dave Morgan, General Manager Operations, Standards and Safety and Chief Pilot.

Mr Calvert describes Clearways as a "better than four star hotel – a first for New Zealand education."

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While programme fees are still being finalised, Mr Calvert confirms Kiwi students will be eligible for the Government's student loan scheme.

Alpha Aviation Award Presented

At the opening of CTC's Clearways facility today, CTC Wings graduate First Officer Michael Vickers was presented with the inaugural Alpha Aviation Award. First Officer Vickers is now a pilot with Thomas Cook Airlines, based in the United Kingdom.

The Alpha Aviation Award will be presented annually for outstanding achievement in training and commitment to excellence during the New Zealand phase of CTC Wings' cadet training programme conducted in Hamilton for CTC Aviation NZ's sister company based in the UK.

Richard Sealy, Managing Director of Alpha Aviation, made the presentation and said Alpha Aviation's decision to underwrite the award stemmed from a desire to promote excellence within the Aviation Industry.

The Alpha Aviation Award comprises a bursary payment and a travel package from the United Kingdom to New Zealand for both the recipient and a companion, and has a value of \$8,000.

CTC was one of the first companies to place orders with Alpha Aviation in early 2006, confirming purchase of 26 Alpha 160A Trainers to replace CTC's single-engine aircraft fleet. Alpha Aviation is headquartered beside CTC, situated alongside Hamilton International Airport.

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About CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Ltd.

CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Ltd. (CTC) opened its Hamilton Crew Training Centre in March 2005. Since then, the Company has trained over 130 pilots and flying instructors. It is growing its capability to train up to 144 future airline pilots at one time. The Company projects that through employment and use of New Zealand services, it will inject approximately \$95 million into the economy over the next 10 years.

A fleet of 22 aircraft are based at the Hamilton Crew Training Centre with more aircraft on order. The fleet includes nine twin engine aircraft (six new Diamond DA42 TwinStars and three Piper PA44 Seminoles), and 13 single engine aircraft (seven Diamond DA20 Katanas, three Robin 2160s and three Cessna 172s). On order are 26 New Zealand-built Alpha 160A trainers, which will replace the Company's single engine aircraft fleet, and 3 additional Diamond DA 42 TwinStars to support the Company's growth.

Pilot Selection

At the Hamilton Crew Training Centre, CTC has a Pilot Selection Centre used for its own pilot training programmes and also for client airlines.

CTC Wings Commercial Pilot Programme

CTC is now a major force in the New Zealand pilot training market and is widening its portfolio to include airline pilot training programmes for New Zealanders, leading to Civil Aviation Authority New Zealand licenses and ratings. In November 2006, CTC announced the launch of its CTC Wings Commercial Pilot Programme, conducting flight training for students enrolled in the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology's aviation programme diploma.

In Hamilton, CTC also conducts training for overseas trainees in support of its UK sister company's pilot training programmes. The trainees, destined for major European airlines including easyJet, spend a total of nine months training in New Zealand before returning to the UK to complete training.

CTC's programmes are differentiated from other pilot training schemes, being airline focused in content and syllabus.

CTC Wings Sponsored Instructor Programme

At the Instructor Training Centre located at CTC's Hamilton Crew Training Centre, the Company runs the 18-week, CTC Wings Sponsored Instructor Programme (SIP). New Zealand pilots with a Commercial Pilot's Licence and Instrument Rating are trained to become "C-category" flying instructors. Successful trainee instructors are engaged by CTC as salaried employees and enrolled on a professional development programme leading towards the top "A-category" instructor rating.

About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Ltd. is a division of CTC Aviation Group plc, a leading provider of training, consultancy and support services to the global airline industry. Through its Crew Training Centres in the UK and New Zealand, CTC Aviation Group trains over 1,000 commercial pilots each year. The Group's multiple international locations means it is ideally placed to service the international demand for airline pilot training.



About Clearways

CTC's \$5 million self-contained trainee accommodation complex, 'Clearways,' was officially opened on 10 November 2006. It is based at Narrows Landing, just eight kilometres from the company's Hamilton Crew Training Centre adjacent to Hamilton International Airport.

The Clearways facility comprises four buildings, each containing 24 studio rooms. Each building is named after a famous classic airliner: Comet, Trident, Concorde and Britannia. In each building there is a gym, central kitchens, laundries, storage and lounge facilities.

A 'green transport plan' was part of the design, and CTC has sourced a distinctive, liveried fleet of minibuses to minimise the number of journeys between the accommodation complex and the Hamilton Crew Training Centre.

Construction of Clearways commenced in February 2006. It has been developed in partnership with Hamilton-based property investment company Meridian 37 and the construction work has been handled by Crater Lake Developments.