

### 3.4.3 Training Requirements

3.4.3.1 *Due to the unique nature of operations and the degree of control required, all Special Operation Partners (categorised as Active or Active – Restricted) are required by this policy to meet the requirements and hold an active Membership status if they choose to issue a Military Pilot Rating. (e.g., have Instructors and Training Program Complaint with the Special Operations ATO). Special Operations does not necessarily mean military therefore participation in this Military Pilot rating is optional for all VSOA types.*

3.4.3.2 *Pilot Training requirements are to follow as close as can be achieved the mimicked Agency's training program.*

**3.4.3.3 *The following minimum training requirements are required for all VSOAs:***

- One hour of aircraft familiarization in VFR conditions verifying that a pilot can maintain control of an aircraft on the ground and in the air. Training must include the following: ATC communication, ground handling, and pattern work.
- Two hours of navigation exercises involving the use of one or more of the following: VOR/NDB/DME/GPS radio systems as well as flight planning, runway selection, executing a radial, overhead breaks, and simulated stall and recovery in VFR conditions both day and night.
- Three hours of navigation exercises involving the use of the following: VOR/NDB/DME/GPS radio systems in IFR conditions to include flight instruments and navigation training, flight planning to include cross country flight, holding procedures, completing precision and non-precision approaches (VOR, DME, GPS, TACAN, & ILS) and missed approaches in day and night conditions.
- Four hours of advanced online flight training experience in utilizing aircraft for their designed purpose, such as, fighter, bomber, tanker, cargo, surveillance, carrier operations, etc. to include the following: engine failure at take-off and in-flight, overhead breaks, low level flight, aerial refueling, airdrops, ACM, weapons deployment, and formation flying based on aircraft capabilities.
- Pilots must Demonstrate a general knowledge of Military Training Routes, rules/limitations in Restricted Areas, and Military Operating Areas. Demonstrate required knowledge regarding locating the proper Air to Air Refueling Route and how to enter same. Demonstrates the ability to identify, assess, and mitigate risks, encompassing special military maneuvers and operations.

3.4.3.4 *All training records are to be kept and presented to either VSOA or the VATSIM Pilot Training Team upon request*

3.4.3.5 *All VSO partners are permitted to "fast-track" new recruits only if they have been verified as a certified VSO pilot in another VATSIM approved VSO. All candidates within each Special Operations Partner can apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), it is at the discretion of that Partner & Special Operations CFI to grant this.*

3.4.3.6 *Any Military Pilot Rating is transferrable between Special Operations Partners*

### 3.4.4 Instructor Training Requirements for those who participate in the Military Pilot Training Rating System.

3.4.4.1 *Instructors are required to hold the Rating in which they intend to instruct and certify*

3.4.4.2 *Instructors must be members in good standing at the time of application to gain Instructor Rating*

3.4.4.3 *Instructors are required to have accumulated no less than 25 verifiable hours on an operational airframe.*

3.4.4.4 *An Instructor Candidate must have taken part in a minimum of 1 multi-SOA exercise – Dispensation can be granted to new SOA applications at the discretion of Special Operations CFI or their delegate.*