



Royal Newcastle Aero Club

Frequently Asked Questions, FAQ.

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Preamble: The following FAQ's have been created to inform and establish understanding across our airfield users and members in general. If your enquiry is not covered in this document, please send an email to the RNAC office and we will attempt to answer your question.

Please email enquiries to: Office@rnac.com.au

Q1. Can you please explain the components that make up the RNAC Aircraft Basing License Agreement?

A1. The RNAC Aircraft Basing License has six, (6) fundamental components that make up the final working understanding...

1. The Facilities Fee.

The "*Facilities Fee*" component relates to the use and convenience of, but not limited to, RNAC taxi ways, grassed areas, wind sock, movement areas, refueling, land rates, road, club office and other infrastructure located within the Airfield.

2. Aircraft Movements.

By anticipating your aircraft activity, a movement charge would apply.

- a. RNAC members are granted 52 free movements / aircraft / year.
- b. RNAC members that require more than 52 movements / aircraft are charged at a heavily discounted rate.

3. External Parking Fee.

Applies only if the aircraft is tied down externally.

- a. Determined by wing span * length or by rotor diameter * rate.

4. YMND – General Conditions of Use or GCU

This is a document that sets out the "*General Conditions of Use*" by aircraft operators whilst using our airfield.

5. RNAC – Community Operational Undertaking or COU

This document aims to provide the community with clear and transparent information in respect of activities undertaken at the Aerodrome and is proposed as a basis of ongoing monitoring and management of the facility.

6. RNAC – Schedule of Fees or SOF

This is a document that sets out the RNAC, "*Schedule of Fees*" charged for the utilisation of the airfield.



Q2. I own a non VH registered aircraft (RAA Gyro / micro light or any other flying machine). The aircraft is not based at RNAC. I wish to visit RNAC - YMND from time to time. Can I visit your airfield?

A2. Yes, however before your visit...

- The office requires some basic information including your name address, contact details along with aircraft type, call sign and MTOW.
 - Use the following email address to notify the office: Office@rnac.com.au
 - This information is used exclusively for YMND activities only.
- All movements at the airfield are chargeable via AvData.
- RNAC financial members that operate RAA Gyro or Micro Light aircraft < 600kgs are eligible for 52 free landings per year.
 - The above is applicable to one aircraft only operated in a private capacity only.

Q3. I have an aircraft being build or restored. Do I have to pay basing on this aircraft?

A3. If this aircraft is un-airworthy and is totally contained within a hangar, no basing agreement is needed.

Q4. If I pay annually and I am a member of RNAC, do I get discounts on the total account?

A4. Yes, significant discounts are available. This is how it works...

1. Facilities fee: Yes, discounts apply only for annual payment in full.
2. Movement component: Yes, you do get the first 52 movements free.
3. Movements above the first 52 are heavily discounted, currently around \$1.00 for most aircraft.
4. Parking component, if applicable: Yes, discounts apply only if annual payment in full.

Q5. I am in a syndicate of 3 members that operate an aircraft from RNAC. Do we all get 52 free movements?

A5. No. The 52 free movements applies per aircraft only.

Q6. I have several issues with the RNAC Basing License Agreement. I wish to negotiate changes that would better suit my needs. Is this an option?

A6. No. The whole point of this exercise is to standardise the entire operation in a fair and transparent manner. That means if you wish to base an aircraft at RNAC you will have the same license agreement as every other RNAC license holder.

Q7. I note the option for “Commercial Bulk Discount”. What is the process for gaining this benefit?

A7. Notice via email or letter to the board would be your first step. It should be understood that this option is not a given and your reasoning for this discount should be clearly articulated. The outcome of your approach is not guaranteed and may result in a decline. Each approach would be considered on its merit and the commercial outcomes for both the club and the applicant. The boards' decision would be final for the term of the agreement, however may be changed after the first 12 months with 30 days written notice.



Q8. I have a 3rd party aircraft in my hangar. Do they require a basing license?

A8. Yes. Every aircraft at RNAC, hangared or not must have a basing license irrespective of who owns that aircraft.

Some exceptions do apply...

1. Guest aircraft on short term stop over.
2. Aircraft, by arrangement with the RNAC board prior to arrival.
3. Itinerant aircraft that pay external parking fee per night, full landing fees on every movement, a facilities fee and do not stay for longer than, or collectively over 60 days within a 12 month period.
4. Aircraft that are here for maintenance only, see extra notes below re aircraft maintenance. External parking fees may apply. Full movement fees may apply. Total stay without prior arrangements with RNAC board, not to exceed 60 days.
5. Refer to the GCU and SOF documents for further detail.

Q9. How does the club charge private aircraft that land at our field and what charges apply if they stay?

A9. There are many different scenarios that may occur. Below is a list that should cover most possibilities.

- **A private aircraft lands at Maitland and departs same day, visitor.**
 - Avdata shall charge a landing fee.
- **Same aircraft stays one night to a maximum of 1 week, visitor.**
 - Avdata or landing fees cover your stay, maximum of one week.
 - Check with RNAC staff for a suitable parking location.
- **An operator requires their aircraft to stay at RNAC for an extended period.**
 - Standard itinerant facilities fees and external parking fees will apply.
 - Arrival date and departure date need to be advised to the RNAC office.
 - Applicable charges need to be paid for in advance.
 - Maximum stay capped at 60 days within a 12 month period.
- **Further details available from the GCU and SOF documents.**

Q10. When an aircraft arrives at RNAC, can it be parked anywhere on the field?

A10. No. We have designated areas where visiting aircraft can park and operational areas that must remain for the exclusive use of RNAC activities. On arrival, check with office staff for an assigned parking space.

Q11. My aircraft is scheduled for maintenance at RNAC. What charges or fees apply?

A11. Landing fees via Avdata will be charged. All movement fees via Avdata over the period of your stay will be charged. If your stay is 14 days or shorter, no further charges apply. Beyond 14 days, external parking and facilities fees will apply.

Refer to the GCU and SOF document for further details.



Q12. I am a club member and I have a valid RNAC hangar agreement. I would like to invite a friend of mine to visit, and house his aircraft in my hangar.

What charges apply?

A12. RNAC respect the right of members to invite visitors to our club. The following charges and process need to be followed...

- All movements by the visiting aircraft will be paid for via Avdata.
- If the visiting aircraft can be hangared by the RNAC member in a private hangar, a 7 day grace period would apply before a weekly facility fees would apply.
- On arrival, the RNAC office would need to be informed of the aircraft and the expected departure dates.
- Your visitor would need to comply with all CASA and other documented CTAF procedures.
- In addition to above, your visitor would need to comply with the YMND – General Conditions of Use, Community Operational Undertaking and RNAC – Schedule of Fees as applicable.

This understanding is carried out in good faith and goodwill, within the spirit of our club, RNAC.

Q13. I own an aircraft that is not based at YMND – RNAC. I am a current financial RNAC member. I wish to visit RNAC – YMND from time to time. What membership benefits am I entitled to?

A13. For aircraft > 600kgs, the following is a summary of potential benefits...

- RNAC financial members are eligible for 50% discount on non-based aircraft landing fees at RNAC - YMND.
 - The above is applicable to one aircraft only operated in a private capacity only.
- This benefit must be applied for via an email to the office.
- This benefit will expire on 30th June each year in line with membership expiry.
 - The benefit will need to be reapplied for each July.

Q14. I note that YMND – RNAC have a higher price for night movements between 8:00pm and 7:00am. Why is this the case?

A14. This is to cover the extra expense of runway lighting and to help RNAC comply with the Community Operational Undertaking, COU. It should also be noted that this does not apply to aircraft that have a current basing license at YMND – RNAC.

Q15. I am interested in building a hangar at RNAC. I note the 10/10 license agreement has provision for two ten year terms. I would like a third ten year option added. Is this an option?

A15. No. The board has determined that this license has a maximum possible period of two, ten year terms.



Q16. Regarding Q15 above, once the two, ten year terms have expired, what options are available?

A16. On the basis of the 10/10 hangar license agreement is nearing the expiry date, the owner has several options available...

- Reapply for a new RNAC hangar license.
- Sell the hangar.
- Remove the hangar.

It should be noted that since the establishment of RNAC at Rutherford in 1962, no hangar has been removed, demolished, seized or otherwise forcibly taken over by RNAC. Several hangars have been sold to RNAC at market value and at the discretion of the club. Many hangars have changed ownership in accordance with the applicable hangar license.
