

# Pawan Hans set to unveil licence course for aircraft maintenance

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**PUBLIC** sector aviation company Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd is setting up an aircraft-maintenance training institute in Mumbai as part of the existing training school.

According to an official statement issued on Tuesday, the institute will provide a basic aircraft maintenance engineering licence preparatory course for acquiring an AME licence as per aircraft rule 61 and CAR guidelines. The course will be approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Pawan Hans has already obtained a no-objection certificate from the DGCA to start the institute. Shortly, DGCA will be issuing the approval certificate for which the process is underway.

The first batch of 30 students in the mechanical stream will be taken in during the current academic year. The mechanical stream courses will be conducted to cover airframe and engines of aircrafts.

From the second year onwards, Pawan Hans will increase the student strength to 60 with the inclusion of 30 students in the avionic stream.

In the avionic stream, the course will be conducted to cover the electrical,



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radio and instrument systems of aircrafts. The course duration will be three years, including six months on-job training within Pawan Hans facilities.

Pawan Hans runs a DGCA-approved training school to keep the skills of its personnel updated. Till now, only helicopter-type rating courses and

refresher courses on helicopters were being conducted.

Currently, there are 68 DGCA-approved institutes in India imparting the basic aircraft maintenance engineering training and a number of these institutes approach Pawan Hans for on-job training of their students as they do not have the requisite facilities.

Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd is an approved maintenance centre to carry out servicing of Dauphin series helicopters. It is also part of the Eurocopter Network of authorised maintenance centre (AMC) worldwide to carry out servicing activities in India and other South-East Asian countries.

It has maintenance facilities for Dauphin series helicopters with workshops covering different requirements.

Pawan Hans has been providing on-job training within its own maintenance set-up. Maintenance infrastructure and workshop facilities are available at Mumbai and can provide a comprehensive training. In order to support its fleet expansion and MRO activities, Pawan Hans needs to augment its skilled manpower. In addition to this, there will be an overall demand for trained and skilled manpower in the aviation industry in India.