

Aviation

2026 Leadership Forum

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AGENDA

- CJCR and Air Cadet Flying Programme National Steering Committee
- Inter-Provincial Training Reimbursement
- Glider Contract Renewal
- Face-to-Face Meetings
- Out-of-Pocket Pilot Cadet Costs

CJCR and ACFP-NSC

Constructive dialogue and strong working rapport with CJCR Staff

- Collaborative management of aircraft movements
- Flight-time-based overhaul cycles reinstated
- Improved flight time tracking to assist budget planning
- CJCR agreement to share operating procedures
- CJCR agreement to cover summer 2026 aircraft repositioning cost
- Discussions underway to resolve variation in regional operations

Inter-Provincial Training Reimbursement

A review of the current policy is underway following feedback about provinces incurring costs when CJCR moves aircraft and Cadets out of region. The review will address:

- Amount: reassessing operational expenses related to tow plane usage across regions
- Activities: expanding the policy scope to include resource generation training and/or other training activities

Glider Contract Renewal

- Awaiting the CAF's initiation of the renewal process
- Prepared with identified concerns for inclusion in the revised agreement
- Discussing process to gain provincial concurrence once the renewal process is underway
- Expect the new contract to provide a financial contribution toward overhaul expenses

Fall In-Person Meetings

Productive 2025 meeting; plans for fall 2026

- Consideration of various funding models to address fleet replacement and other major expenses
- Continue discussion regarding fleet evolution and standardization
- Develop method to address short- and long-term overhaul expenses
- Exploring alternate aviation experiences for Cadets

Out-of-Pocket Cadet Costs

- Cadets currently responsible for medical examination fees for GPTC/PPTC training
- TC Licensing fees currently paid by cadets
- Significant increases anticipated:

| Fee Item | Current | Proposed by 2028 |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Student Pilot Permit | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| Written Exam | \$131.54 | \$250.00 |
| Licence Issue | \$55.00 | \$175.00 |
| Aviation Document Booklet | \$0.00 | \$165.00 |

Total projected cost could exceed \$1,700 per cadet for both glider and private pilot certification.

- Committee will review and recommend options

Summary

- ◆ **CJCR Partnership:** Strong working relationship established; flight-time-based maintenance reinstated; agreement to share operating procedures; continued work on regional alignment with national standards
- ◆ **Aircraft Movement:** Inter-provincial reimbursement policy under review; recommendation to P/TCs anticipated in fall 2026
- ◆ **Glider Contract:** Awaiting CAF initiation of contracting process; creating a process for provincial consensus on final agreement
- ◆ **In-Person Meetings:** Fall 2026 meeting planned; exploring funding models for fleet replacement; standardization options and meaningful cadet aviation experiences
- ◆ **Cadet Costs:** Proposed increases in licensing fees could push out-of-pocket costs beyond \$1,700 per cadet; timing and options forthcoming