



FROM CADET TO CAPTAIN

AT THE END of 2012, four graduates from Rex's Australian Airline Pilot Academy (AAPA) reaped the rewards of their labour by achieving Command positions on the Saab 340 fleet.

They all commenced flying with Rex around four years ago after graduating from AAPA and have accumulated approximately 3,000 hours on the Saab 340 aircraft. These pilots were able to use the skills and flight experience

gained in Rex's Pilot In Command Under Supervision Program (PICUSP) to meet Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements for the issue of the Airline Transport Pilot Licence, a prerequisite for all Saab Captains.

To gain entry into PICUSP, each first officer is assessed on a case-by-case basis and must pass a rigorous screening process by the Flight Operations department to assess their overall suitability to enter the

program and hold a Command position. Having completed the program, which includes both simulator and aircraft training and assessments, the pilots are scattered throughout the Rex Group.

PICUSP provides a pathway for first officers to meet the rigid regulatory requirements for Command and enables Rex to receive a regular stream of Captains graduating from the cadet pool of first officers.



Clockwise from opposite: The Rex cadets who have recently graduated to Command positions through Rex's PICUSP program are Dave Moffat, Dan Aquilina, Jake Ward and Dan Head.

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