








RAFFCA Wings Wings Award Level & Application Criteria

RAFFCA Wings Scheme pilots are committed to developing their pilot skills and knowledge through continued training and stretching their personal flying boundaries. The following table details the requirements at each level. The scheme starts with a deliberately low entry standard to encourage the new pilot to engage with the scheme and encourage an early start to building on his/her initial PPL award.

Wings Award Level	Flying Hours	Flying Achievement ¹	Event Achievement ²	Air Touring Achievement
RAFFCA Cadet Pilot 	No minimum	First Solo	Commitment to attend One Event during training	N/A
RAFFCA Pilot 	No minimum	PPL Issued	One Event	A solo cross country flight to a new destination including a planned controlled airspace crossing.
RAFFCA Bronze Wings 	100hrs Total, 50hrs PIC	One from approved list	Two Events	A cross-country flight distance of 200 nm or greater with at least two intermediate take-offs or landings.
RAFFCA Silver Wings 	200hrs Total, 100hrs PIC	Two from approved list	Three Events	A cross-country flight distance of 300 nm or greater with at least two intermediate take-offs or landings. (aligns to CPL cross country qualifier)
RAFFCA Gold Wings 	400hrs Total, 200hrs PIC	Three from approved list	Four Events	A cross-country flight distance of 400 nm or greater with at least three intermediate take-offs or landings.

¹ Note these are cumulative for each level (i.e. achievements used for lower levels can be reclaimed for higher levels)

² Also are cumulative totals

RAFFCA Approved Flying Achievement List

Pilot qualifications:

- Night Rating
- IR(Restricted) Rating
- Instrument Rating
- Aerobatics Rating or Certificate
- Addition to EASA PPL of another class rating (SEP, TMG, MEP)
- Addition to NPPL of another class rating (SSEA, SLMG or Microlight)
- Class Rating Instructor certificate or Flight Instructor certificate
- Display Authorisation (MAA or CAA)
- Air Cadet Organisation Gliding Instructor Category
- Royal Aero Club Race Authorisation
- British Aerobatic Association Proficiency Approval
- Formation Flying Course Completion
- RAFFCA Advanced PPL Course (under development)
- Differences training on complex features (eg. retractable gear, VP propeller, turbo charger, pressurisation, nose-wheel to tail-dragger and vice versa), aeroplanes with single power lever controls and aircraft with electronic ('glass') flight instruments.

Associated Qualifications:

- Air Ground Radio Operators' CoC (Mil or Civ)
- Aerodrome Flight Information Service Officer
- LAA Inspector
- Light Aircraft Engineer
- National Governing Body recognition and other awards (like the Honorable Company of Air Pilot's Master Air Pilot or Master Air Navigator awards)

Other Achievements will be considered on a case by case basis; RAFFCA member clubs are encouraged to develop and submit additional awards for approved listing.

RAFFCA Approved Event Listing

- GASCo Safety Evening
- GASCo Flight Safety Forum
- British Aerobatics Association / RAFFCA Aerobatic Competition
- RAFFCA AGM
- Flight Instructor Refresher Seminar
- Military Civil Air Safety Day
- Weather School courses (various providers)
- Royal Aero Club handicapped Air Race
- Royal Institute of Navigation Top Nav Competition
- British Precision Flying Association Precision Flying Competition
- NATS visit with infringements presentation
- General Aviation Sea Survival Course
- MAA Flight Safety Officers' Course
- MAA Flying Supervisors' Course or Flying Authorisers' Course
- MAA Human Factors Facilitators' Course
- UK Flt Safety Committee safety officers' course
- LAA - aircraft maintenance courses

Evidence of attendance should be obtained. Other Events will be considered on a case by case basis; RAFFCA member clubs are encouraged to develop and submit additional events for approved listing.

