



**Australian Government**

**MEA231 Inspect, test and troubleshoot  
rotary wing aircraft automatic flight  
control systems and components**

**Release: 1**

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## **Modification History**

Release 1 - New unit of competency

## **Application**

This unit of competency requires application of hand skills and the use of system/component knowledge and applicable maintenance publications and test equipment to inspect, test and troubleshoot rotary wing automatic flight control systems and components of rotary wing aircraft that have automatic flight control systems during scheduled or unscheduled maintenance. Work may be performed individually or as part of a team.

The unit is part of the Avionic Certificate IV (Aircraft Maintenance Stream) training pathway and is an alternative unit to MEA225 Inspect fixed wing aircraft automatic flight control systems and components and MEA230 Test and troubleshoot fixed wing aircraft automatic flight control systems and components.

The unit is used in workplaces that operate under the airworthiness regulatory systems of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Civil Aviation safety Authority (CASA).

Where a CASA licensing outcome is sought this unit forms part of the CASA requirement for the granting of the chosen maintenance certification licence under Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) Part 66, in accordance with the licensing provisions in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

## **Pre-requisite Unit**

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| MEA207 | Remove and install aircraft electronic system components        |
| MEA246 | Fabricate and/or repair aircraft electrical components or parts |

## **Competency Field**

Aviation maintenance

## Unit Sector

### Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Inspect automatic flight control system and components	1.1 Isolation tags are checked and aircraft configured for safe system inspection and operation in accordance with the applicable maintenance manual
	1.2 Automatic flight control system is visually or physically checked for external signs of defects in accordance with applicable maintenance manual
	1.3 Defects are correctly identified and reported
2. Test/adjust automatic flight control system	2.1 Aircraft and system are prepared in accordance with applicable maintenance manual for the application of power/system operation
	2.2 Automatic flight control system is functionally tested in accordance with maintenance manual for evidence of serviceability or malfunction while observing all relevant work health and safety (WHS) requirements
	2.3 System calibration or adjustments are performed in accordance with maintenance manual, as appropriate
3. Prepare for troubleshooting	3.1 Relevant maintenance documentation and modification status, including system defect reports, where relevant, are used to identify an unserviceability
4. Troubleshoot automatic flight control system	4.1 Available information from maintenance documents and inspection and test results is used, where necessary, to assist in fault determination
	4.2 Maintenance manual fault diagnosis guides and logic processes are used to ensure efficient and accurate troubleshooting to line replacement level
	4.3 Specialist advice is obtained, where required, to assist with the troubleshooting process
	4.4 Automatic flight control system faults are located and the causes of the faults are clearly identified and correctly recorded in maintenance documentation, where required
	4.5 Rectification requirements are determined

## Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

## Range of Conditions

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

### Automatic flight control systems include:

- Flight director –indicators, computers, control boxes and interfaces with other systems
- Flight controls –servo actuators (roll, pitch, yaw and trim) computers and sensors
- Autopilot system –computers, sensors (gyros and/or accelerometers), controllers, mode selectors and system interface, control wheel steering (CWS), disconnect, go around and trim switches

### Procedures and requirements include:

- Industry standard procedures specified by manufacturers, regulatory authorities or the enterprise

## Unit Mapping Information

Release 1 – equivalent to MEA231C Inspect, test and troubleshoot rotary wing aircraft automatic flight control systems and components

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -  
<https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ce216c9c-04d5-4b3b-9bcf-4e81d0950371>