Sports Aviation Federation of Australia
Membership fees and other charges (effective from 1 Sep 2026)

Renewing Membership Fees

Annual Fees for members with all types of pilot certificates who are renewing.
The membership expiry date is 31 Aug each year. The renewal period begins on 01 July each year, with fees for the new membership year effective from 01 September. Prior to 01 September, members may renew at the previous year's fee pricing.
Members who renew late, but within 12 months, are required to pay the full fee. Membership renewal is not calculated on a pro-rata basis.

Renewing Pilot (Base Fee) - Renewal between Jul 1 and effective date	**$455**
Renewing Pilot (Base Fee) - Renewal after effective date	**$470**
Includes third party liability insurance, administration, communications and development. The Regional Development Levy is also payable at the same time.	

New Membership Fees

New Certified Pilot - After effective date	**$470**
Provided for new members on issuing of a pilot certificate (newly certified, re-joining after an extended absence longer than 12 months, or an overseas qualified pilot upon immigrating to Australia). Paid on a pro-rata basis until 31 Aug of the next renewal period. The Regional Development Levy is also payable at the same time (on a pro-rata basis). Includes insurance, administration, communications and development (the renewing member discounts are not available for members paying the New Certified Pilot Fee).	

Student Pilot Membership Fees

New Student Pilot (One Month - 30 days)	**$33**
Renewing Student Pilot (One Month - 30 days)	**$0**
Provided for members undergoing initial training towards the issue of a Pilot Certificate. Lapses after 30 days training or completion of a Pilot Certificate (whichever comes first). May be renewed by a CFI for free on behalf of the Student Pilot for as many 30 days periods as required, within two years from the original purchase. Provides third party liability insurance for the student whilst under instruction. Does not provide membership beyond completion of flight training. Upon completion of a recognised Flight Training Course and with the recommendation of a SAFA instructor, a Supervised HG, PG2, PPG or WM Pilot Certificate authorisation will be issued, subject to the candidate's payment of the Certified Pilot Membership fee.	
One Day Student Pilot Membership Fee (TIF Fee) This one day student membership is used by schools to undertake Trial Instructional Flights or provide other aviation instruction. It provides temporary membership of SAFA for one day for the student to have third party liability insurance. These fees are collected by schools and passed on to SAFA.	**$20**

Visiting Pilot Membership Fees

One Month (30 days)	**$121**
Three months (90 days)	**$215**
Six months (180 days)	**$332**
Pilots visiting Australia from overseas can apply for a Visiting Pilot membership. This temporary membership of SAFA ensures they are provided third party liability insurance and allows them to fly in Australia. A copy of a current overseas license that clearly shows pilot qualifications must be provided. A copy of an IPPI or APPI card issued from your home country is preferred.	

Regional Development Levies

Regional Development Levies are collected by SAFA and passed to Regional Associations to provide benefits to SAFA members in that Region.
Regional Development Levies are not automatically a membership fee for a regional association or club. Regional Associations set the amount to be levied.

ACT	**$50**
NSW	**$75**
N QLD	**$22**
S QLD	**$22**
SA/NT	**$75**
TAS	**$50**
VIC	**$44**
WA	**$27.50**

Microlight Aircraft Registration

Renewal requires two yearly inspection documentation completed and supplied.

Initial Registration - Valid for 2 years	**$289**
Renewal - Valid for 2 years (Requires two yearly inspection documentation to be completed and supplied)	**$211**
Registration of an additional wing (Initial Only)	**$56**
Registration Transfer from SAFA member to SAFA member	**$33**

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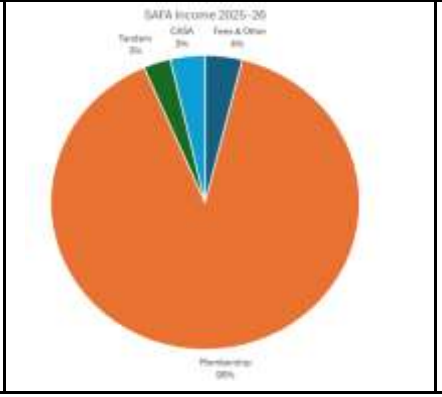
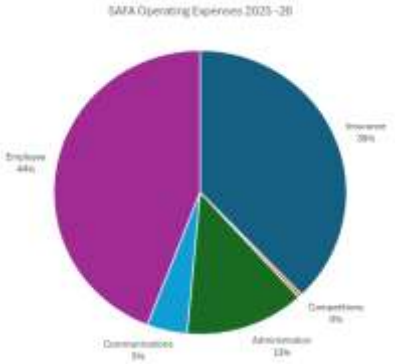
Income and Expenses

SAFA is a not for profit company limited by guarantee. Further detail is provided to all members in the audited accounts presented to each years AGM.
These figures do not include Regional Development Levies set by Regional Associations.

Where our income comes from…		What expenses do we have…	
Almost all of SAFA income comes from membership fees, including student members, visiting pilots, and temporary student memberships for commercial tandems. CASA provides some funding to offset administrative costs. Registration fees for some aircraft provides a small amount of income, and a small amount is received from other sources such as interest on term deposits.			Insurance, most of which is aviation liability insurance, remains a very significant expense. Employee expenses provide for the staff that manage the business of SAFA, provide administrative support to members, and manage our safety and operations system. Administration costs include rent, IT support, accounting and bank fees. Communications costs include managing our website, producing Skysailor, managing email systems and member consultations. We provide some support to competitions, managed by the competitions committee.