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Oman Air Receives Its Newly Graduated Pilots

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A group of nine young Omani Pilots has recently graduated from UK with a Commercial Pilot License (CPL) Multi Engine Instrument Rating (ME/IR) with Frozen Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) from, The Civil Aviation Authority United Kingdom. Training was conducted under the supervision of highly qualified Professional Team of Ground and Flight Instructors, with teaching experience in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States. Oman Air will shortly announce this year's programme to recruit 15 young dynamic Omanis to follow a similar course, this time in Australia with a selected provider, approved by DGCAM Oman. This came under the guidance of His Majesty the Sultan's directives to give Omani youth adequate opportunities, recruiting and training them within the private sector, and as an obligation by the national carrier of Oman towards preparing and qualifying Oman nationals to work within the field of aviation.

perhaps be more in string to begin with pilot selection and enrollment. As we all know, being a proficient pilot takes more than just possessing the requisite piloting skills to qualify for a licence to fly. A commercial pilot must also possess the right temperament and personality. That is why, it is necessary for Oman Air to be able to select and recruit people with the correct attribute for the job and with the probability to be successful for further training and development in their flying careers. We want to provide them with one of the best Bridge Training Programs, to prepare these Pilots to the highest skill set and standards obligatory by the International Airline Industry.

"The applicants went through rigorous selection process, were recruited, groomed, and geared up for their overseas training by first attending in-house induction courses, at the Oman Air training centre, and then were sent to Atlantic Flight College in UK, for a 15 month intense training. The cadets on their return commenced their training at Oman Air's Flight Operations Ground School, and over a period of 1 month, attended intensive requisite courses these are ETOPS, RNP, RVSM, CAT II, Jet Orientation Safety & Emergency Procedures Security Training First Aid Training, and Crew Resource Management Training.

The pilots will also attend 10 Simulator sessions. Each SIM session is divided into a 3-hour Theory and 4-hour Practical part. Following their SIMULATOR session, the pilots are issued their Omani license. They have to complete 370 flying hours with a minimum of 100 sectors under the supervision of a qualified Training Captain. After completion of the above requirements, the pilot is released to the line as a First Officer. The entire process takes two and a half years until the pilot is released to the line as a First Officer." She added.



Corporate Communication and Media Department in Oman Air stated that numerous primary changes have taken place since the introduction of aviation regulations more than half of a century ago. Commercial flight, airlines, aircraft manufacturers, and other segments of the aviation industry have teamed with governments and international organizations to make flying as safe as possible. With the development of advanced aircraft technology, the role of a commercial pilot has undergone revolutionary changes. Today's commercial pilot has to possess a more rounded set of skills and characteristics. Primarily, he or she must of course possess the required piloting skills and a good technical knowledge of the sophisticated system that is part of today's modern airliner.

They said that Oman Air's Flight Operations Ground School is considered a foremost training investment to be set up by the Company, with regard to flight operations training and the technical educational facilities it contains. In these facilities, pilots overtake 4 phases of training conducted in accordance with the laws and standards of The Civil Aviation, issued by the Omani Directorate of Civil Aviation and Meteorology, noting that the School has witnessed numerous expansions since first established in 2003, and consequently is saving the Company lots of funds previously spent on training abroad. Training in the Ground School is not only restrained to Oman Air's pilots, but also can be conducted to other parties such as the training program which was conducted for the 8 Pilots from Spice Jet, a domestic carrier in India. In conclusion, they affirmed that that Oman Air's Flight Operations Ground School, in addition to Oman Air's Training Centre are approved by the International Air Travel Association (IATA), and DGCA to conduct technical and administrative training programs by Aviation experts certified by (IATA).

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