



New CAA Video

VFR in Controlled Airspace

This new production from Dove Video for the CAA aims to make pilots more comfortable with controlled airspace. While pilots taught at controlled aerodromes are probably very familiar with the airspace requirements, radio phraseology, and communicating with Air Traffic Controllers, many pilots taught at uncontrolled aerodromes fear dealing with Air Traffic Control (ATC).

This new video features two young pilots (played by Marion McCurdy and Cory Moir). One has more experience and is building flying hours toward her commercial licence, while the other has less experience and tends to avoid controlled airspace. The more-experienced pilot offers to take the other pilot along on a cross-country flight from Christchurch to Nelson so that the less-experienced pilot can become familiar with the requirements and radio calls.

They visit Airways' Christchurch Centre where an Air Traffic Controller (Clayton Lightfoot) discusses the flight plan and airspace en route. He then shows them a radar display and explains factors the controllers must take into account before giving a clearance.

After the flight, the less-experienced pilot feels much more confident with controlled airspace, saying, "I reckon it's worth a go".

Obtaining a CVFR clearance through controlled airspace has a number of advantages and can make your flight easier. ATC, as the service agency, are there to help and will do so whenever possible – and remember, it is not necessary to be on a flight plan in order to request CVFR.

The video includes some of our regular reminders:

- Take the weather into account when planning your flight, and no less so because it may be CVFR.
- Time spent studying the airspace en route before takeoff can make things much easier on the flight.

- As pilot-in-command, it is your responsibility to amend your SARTIME or terminate your flight plan.

VFR in Controlled Airspace is the first CAA video to be produced solely in DVD format, as will all future productions. With computers having DVD players in them, and DVD players available for very little cost, it is expected that this will be more convenient for everyone. This title can be purchased from Dove Video for \$18 (inc. GST) plus postage, or borrowed from the CAA (see information below).

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