



**Subject:** *The New IBA Flyer Currency Program - Designed to Elevate Your Flying*

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In any sport two things will always help progression; currency and safety. Add some professional coaching and there's no stopping you.

At the IBA we get to see over two million new flyers every year and observe thousands of hours of tunnel flight by our return and pro-flyers. The more you progress the more important it is to stay current and ensure that you stay safe. That's why we are excited to introduce the new IBA Flyer Currency Program as part of our safety focussed journey. This is your ticket to making sure you stay at the top of your game, maximize your flying experience, and learn more efficiently.

**Mark the date.** From the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, we will be looking at your currency date to help you maintain your active IBA account. But you don't need to wait until the New Year, and you can get ahead of the game and start logging your flights right now and your currency date will be active.

**How it works.** If you're an IBA Rated Flyer (Level 1 or above), staying current is simple; either take one flight within a 180-day window and enter it in your IBA logbook, or receive a new skill approval. That's all it takes, and we have provided you with an updated logbook within your flyer profile that automatically tracks your currency date. This is easy to find on your dashboard and every time you log a flight, the 180-day timeline automatically gets updated. If you have an active account but have not yet achieved Level 1, you do not need to show currency as the instructor will be coaching you anyway.

**What if the clock ticks past currency deadline?** No problem. You will always be able to see your currency date on your dashboard, and we'll be sending you email reminders when the date gets close. If you still miss the date, you simply complete a "currency flight" relevant to your level, led by a certified IBA Instructor. This will get you back in the air safely and re-activate your currency status.

**Why?** Our number one goal is to keep you safe. We know from observing so many flyers over so many hours that currency is the best way to stay safe, and that it leads to faster progression.

**Any Questions?** If you still have questions or you want to know the fine details of what the IBA Instructor has to do to support you, then you can read the attached policy. It is also easy to reach out to our Safety & Training lead, Rusty Lewis, at [rlewis@iflyworld.com](mailto:rlewis@iflyworld.com).

Keep flying and stay safe.

*The IBA Team*

Enclosure: Step-by-Step Guide to IBA Flyer Currency – The Policy

## Enclosure 1 - Step-by-Step Guide to IBA Flyer Currency – The Policy

**Flyer Currency.** Flyer Currency is the minimum level of flight time required to maintain the personal flight skills needed to fly safely in a wind tunnel. The minimum level of activity to achieve this is one flight or skill approval logbook entry within a 180-day period. The on-duty instructor must confirm a Rated Flyer's (IBA Level 1 and above) currency prior to flight, and those who are not current must complete a currency flight with an instructor as outlined below.

This policy is designed to keep flyers as safe as possible and should be read in conjunction with the *IBA Flyer Safety Brief*, which outlines the flyer's personal responsibility to support safety. This does not replace the existing responsibility that a flyer has to communicate with their instructor about any concerns that they may have about their currency and/or ability to fly skills that have already been approved.

**Maintaining and Recording Flyer Currency.** To maintain *Flyer Currency*, a Rated flyer must record their flight or skill approval within their personal IBA logbook. This automated process provides a *Flyer Currency Date* and *Status*, which is displayed on the flyers personal dashboard

**Flyer Currency Date and Status.** The *Flyer Currency Date* is the point at which the flyer's currency will expire. This is determined by the date when the last flight time or skill approval was recorded, plus 180-days. This translates to either an **Active** (Current) or **Inactive** (Not Current) status on their personal dashboard. Each time a logbook entry is made, or a skill approval assigned, the *Flyer Currency Date* will automatically move +180 days to the right. Note: The currency status for flyers who hold an active account, but have not yet achieved Level 1, will show as N/A (Not Applicable).

**Flyer Currency Notification.** IBA Flyers will receive an automated notification 30 days before their *Flyer Currency* is about to expire. However, tracking of currency is an individual responsibility and reliance upon the automated system alone is not advised. Any issues should be elevated to the IBA for resolution.

**Regaining Flyer Currency.** If a flyer loses currency, they must complete a currency flight with an appropriately qualified IBA Instructor. The currency flight is to include:

- A supervised demonstration of the approved flight skills relevant to their flight chart.
- An assessment of the flyer's ability to fly their approved skills
- Where necessary, coaching, supporting, and assisting the flyer.

**The Currency Flight.** To conduct the currency flight, the instructor must:

- Hold the appropriate IBA Instructor rating relative to the flyer's skill level. For example:
  - If a flyer is approved for Level 1 skills and/or any FS skills up to Level 4), the currency flight may be supervised by an IBA Instructor Level 1 or higher.
  - If a flyer has any Back Fly Level 2 skills approved, the currency flight must be supervised by an IBA Instructor Level 2 or higher.
  - If a flyer has any Static and/or Dynamic Level 3 skills approved, the currency flight must be supervised by an IBA Instructor who has the relevant Dynamic or Static Level 3 rating or higher.
  - If a flyer has any Static and/or Dynamic Level 4 or Pro skills approved, the currency flight must be supervised by an IBA instructor who has the relevant Dynamic or Static Level 4 rating or higher.

- Agree a specific flight plan with the flyer and set appropriate goals and expectations based on the flyer's documented skills.
- Supervise the flight one-on-one, with no other flyers involved.
- Not permit the flyer to perform any new skills during the currency flight.
- Assess the flyer's ability level and if they are unable to perform any skills previously approved (signed-off), adjust their flight chart to reflect the skills in which they are proficient.
- To achieve currency, the instructor **must** observe all skills previously approved on the flyer's personal flight chart.

### **Logging Currency**

- Once a currency flight has been completed, the supervising instructor is to log the currency flight within the flyer's account using either the "manually assign skills" function or by the flyer requesting the skill via their logbook on the IBA website.
- Flyers will not be able to log any new skills until the currency flight has been completed.