

# USING ELECTRONIC LOGBOOKS THE RIGHT WAY

More and more people are using electronic pilot logbooks and that's fine but you still have to keep on top of some paperwork.

**T**he prime purpose of the logbook is to maintain a record of flight time to meet the requirements of Part 61 *Pilot Licences and Ratings*.

Your logbook must be maintained regularly.

The Civil Aviation Rules still require paper logbooks but you can save yourself time by using an electronic version for all your individual entries.

The CAA's Principal Aviation Examiner, David Harrison, says the CAA has started work on officially incorporating the use of electronic logbooks into the rules.

In the meantime, he says people should adopt a simple procedure once a month that will save them having to maintain parallel systems.

“At the end of every month – print out your full electronic records for that period and keep them in a ring binder or similar.

“Then using the monthly summary that you get from your electronic logbook, enter a handwritten version of that into your paper logbook.

“That way you stay compliant with the intent of the rule.”

David says if there are any stickers or renewals to enter, they still go in the paper logbook.

Whether paper or electronic, requirements for filling out the logbook are the same. For example, entries should be made within seven days following a flight and details should be recorded as required by rule:

61.29 *Pilot logbooks general requirements.* [↗](#)

