A Military Aircraft Maintenance Licence is the authority, issued by the Defence Aviation Safety Authority (DASA), which permits authorised individuals to sign maintenance certifications and ‘on-aircraft’ Certificates of Release to Service.

Defence Airworthiness Safety Regulation (DASR) 66 defines the knowledge, training, experience and currency requirements for individuals to be issued with a Military Aircraft Maintenance Licence.

DASR 66 licence categories
Category A: (minor scheduled and unscheduled maintenance)
- This licence permits the holder to issue maintenance certifications and Certificates of Release to Service following Line maintenance.
- Line maintenance is any minor scheduled or unscheduled maintenance carried out before flight to ensure that the aircraft is fit for the intended flight, such as minor repairs, component replacement and visual inspections.

Category B1: Licensed engineer (airframes, engines, structures, mechanical and electrical systems)
- This licence permits the holder to issue maintenance certifications and Certificates of Release to Service for aircraft types that are endorsed as ratings on their licence.

The B1 license also permits minor avionics maintenance (for example, ‘black box’ changes if there is a simple test to prove serviceability.

Category B2: Licensed engineer (electrical, avionics)
- This licence permits the holder to issue maintenance certifications and Certificates of Release to Service following complex electrical and avionics maintenance.

Category C: Licensed engineer (base maintenance).
- This licence permits the holder to issue a Certificate of Release to Service following Base maintenance.

Why do I need a Military Aircraft Maintenance Licence?
DASR 145 – the regulation governing Maintenance Organisations – requires aircraft maintenance certifications and Certificates of Release to Service to be issued by authorised licence holders. These licence holders must have the relevant Type rating on their licence, demonstrating that they have an adequate understanding of the aircraft being maintained.

DASR 66 licences benchmark licence holders against international standards.

Implementing DASR 66 increases interoperability with coalition and regional partner states and permits the use of blended civilian / military maintenance workforces and lateral recruitment arrangements with civilian aviation.

Applying for a DASR Military Aircraft Maintenance Licence
A DASR Form 19 is used to apply for a Military Aircraft Maintenance Licence, or to apply for a change to such a licence.

All DASR Form 19 applications must be vetted by the applicant’s Quality Manager for accuracy and to validate the individual’s qualifications, training and experience. All supporting records must be retained by the applicant’s organisation.

If applicants are claiming recognition of other Aviation Maintenance Licenses, for example a Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) licence, then a certified true copy of the licence must be attached to the Military Aircraft Maintenance Licence application.

For applicants with a CASA-issued licence, your DASA licence will mirror your existing licence, but with Defence-centric exclusions.
- ADF technicians will be automatically issued with their initial licence, once eligible. Thereafter, any changes are to be requested by submission of a DASR Form 19, endorsed by the DASR 145 maintenance organisation.
- Civilian contractor staff will need to submit the DASR Form 19 to the Defence Safety Aviation Authority through their DASR 145 maintenance organisation.

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