
New Airbus Helicopters Training Academy in the UK

Farnborough, United Kingdom, 24 July 2026 – Airbus Helicopters has launched a dedicated training academy in the UK to provide a one-stop-shop for rotary wing technical training, with more than 400 pilots, engineering technicians and aerospace leaders expected to go through the academy on an annual basis.

The launch directly addresses an urgent industry challenge by providing a resilient, highly skilled pipeline of aviation professionals at a time of critical global demand. Spanning nearly 12,000 square metres, the training academy brings together under a single offering all of Airbus Helicopters' advanced engineering type-training, pilot training, and executive leadership management modules.

In addition, the training academy is fully aligned with the UK Government's domestic Skills Agenda, and offers comprehensive, levy-funded Level 3, 4, 5 and 6 Apprenticeship pathways in Engineering and support functions. By bridging the gap between foundational education and highly complex, regulated aerospace careers, the academy provides direct regional socio-economic benefits while establishing long-term STEM pathways.

"We are seeing a shortage of technical rotary wing specialists in the UK, further impacted by the added workload to industry and the lack of mutual recognition between CAA and EASA. The launch of this training academy is part of a long-term vision to ensure critical services to support the UK's rotary wing fleet and will help improve the UK's competitiveness and strengthen the UK's role as a centre of excellence for rotary wing pilot, engineering and early careers training," said Richard Attack, Managing Director Airbus Helicopters in the UK.

The high-tier technical instruction provided by the Academy directly supports organisations vital to national resilience, including the UK Ministry of Defence's Military Flying Training System (MFTS) at RAF Shawbury and RAF Valley, the National Police Air Service (NPAS), and nearly two-thirds of the UK's air ambulance (HEMS) providers.

Operating under rigorous UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and EASA frameworks, the Academy holds the distinction of being the only organisation in the country to deliver a Part 147-approved Airbus Helicopters B2 type course, drawing civil and military students from both domestic markets and international fleets.

Rolling enrollment cycles are now active at the academy for engineering certifications, pilot type-ratings, and leadership management.

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Practical training area at Airbus Helicopters' Training Academy in the UK

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