

Andrew McKechnie

Aircraft Commander and Flight Operations Expert



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Pilot Licences	CAA (UK) ATPL GBR.FCL.AT.204736E.A IAA (EASA) ATPL IE.FCL.279371
Type Ratings	Challenger 350/3500 (CL35) valid to 28 February 2027 B737-300/900 and MAX valid to 31 July 2026 Previously type rated on B757/767, B777/787, B-ATP
Instructor/Examiner	I held TRI and TRE certificates for B737 from 2001 to 2020

Pilot Experience

Total Flight Time	10,600 hours
Pilot in Command	7,800 hours
Time on types	CL35 70 hours; B737: 5,250 hours; B757/767: 2,280 hours; B777: 1,389 hours; B-ATP: 1,351 hours.

Work History

March 2015 -
Present

Aviation Consultant, McKechnie Aviation LTD

www.mckechnie-aviation.com

Building on my regulatory experience at CAA and EASA, I provide consultancy to aviation authorities and air operators. Past projects have included:

- Consulting to international organisations including IATA, EASA and several national aviation authorities
- Expert witness for courts in UK and Ireland.
- Support to airline start-ups, including Interim Nominated Person Flight Operations (NPFO) for Norse Atlantic UK.
- Operations and management manuals, compliance monitoring and safety management programmes for airlines and business jet operators.

February 2026 -
Present

Commander Challenger 3500

Private Client

Corporate (non-commercial) operations within Europe and North Africa

January 2024 -
October 2025

Captain B737, Ascend Airways LTD

ascendairways.aero

Short/medium-haul ACMI operations.

June 2018 -
November 2020

Captain BBJ, Art Aviation Flugbetriebs GmbH

www.artaviation.com

Commander on a corporate Boeing 737-700IGW (BBJ) for a private client based in Moscow, Russia.

July 2016 -
December 2024

Flight Operations Inspector, San Marino Civil Aviation Authority

smar.aero

Certification and oversight of commercial business jet operators (contract position).

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January 2014 –
February 2015

Standardisation Team Leader, Air Operations, EASA

www.easa.europa.eu

Standardisation inspections of national aviation authorities, development of regulations and guidance material and technical assistance to non-European aviation authorities.

September 2011 –
December 2013

Chief Training Officer, Alpha Aviation Group

www.aag.aero

Nominated Post Holder (Head of Training) for a UK ATO. I was also responsible for training standards throughout the group and for content and regulatory compliance of all training courses (CPL/ATPL/MPL and type ratings).

January 2008 –
September 2011

Flight Operations/Training Inspector, UK Civil Aviation Authority

www.caa.co.uk

Certification and oversight of airlines and business aircraft operators, assessment of pilot instructors and examiners (TRI/TRE), evaluation of flight simulators.
I also operated as captain on B737 for British Airways.

September 1990 –
December 2007

Airline Pilot/Training Captain, British Airways plc

www.ba.com

March 2006 – December 2007: Captain B777;
January 2000 – March 2006: Training Captain B737;
December 1997 – December 1999: Captain B737;
February 1995 – December 1997: Captain B-ATP;
September 1990 – February 1995: First Officer /Senior First Officer B757/767.

Education and Training

September 2012–
August 2015

Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA), University of Sussex

www.sussex.ac.uk

June 1989 –
September 1990

Airline Pilot, British Aerospace Flying College

Theoretical and flight training for frozen ATPL sponsored by British Airways.

Additional Information

Computer Skills

Expert user of Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, Word.

Memberships

Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society (FRAeS).

Other appointments

2015-2020: EASA Independent external expert for Air Operations and Aircrew (personnel licensing).