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First New Zealand Woman Graduates from CTC's Airline Pilot Training Course

The first New Zealand woman to be accepted into CTC Aviation's airline pilot training course graduated on Friday night [NOTE: 21 August]. Jamie Bruce is originally from Onewhero in north Waikato and is one of only 13 New Zealanders to complete the *CTC Wings* Commercial Pilot Programme (CPP).

Launched in 2006, the *CTC Wings* CPP was specifically designed for New Zealanders. Today, nine Kiwis graduated from the programme at the company's Crew Training Centre-Hamilton.

Ms Bruce says her graduation is a big step forward in fulfilling her ultimate career goal. "Since day one at CTC I have aspired to become an airline pilot with Air New Zealand, my focus being command on one of their international fleets. Flying is my life's passion and I look forward to everything the future brings," says Jamie.

The daughter of an airline pilot for Indian airline, Kingfisher Airlines, Jamie grew up in a family of seven children. While her father pursued his airline career, she lived with her family in India where she completed her last year of school by correspondence. She says her father's career is what fired her interest in becoming an airline pilot.

"From my dad, I knew the lifestyle and satisfaction of being an airline pilot to be second-to-none and as a job, flying has an office like no other! Inspired by my father, I had always had the intention of gaining a private pilots licence from an early age. However, making it my career didn't cross my mind until my late teens.

"When I was 16 my parents bought me a trial flight at Ardmore as a birthday present. I fell in love with flying that very day. That one flight cemented my desire to become a pilot and now I'm making my passion my career and looking for aviation jobs in New Zealand and Australia," explains Jamie.

Eight other New Zealand airline pilots graduated today from the *CTC Wings* Commercial Pilot Programme – all of whom are men. Three graduates have been employed by CTC in its Operations team. While two other graduates have also been employed by CTC as instructors; they will work with the team of 60 instructors at CTC who train around 200 airline pilots each year.

One other graduate is working for Air New Zealand as a Flight Services Manager in charge of cabin crew. The remaining three graduates will pursue jobs in the New Zealand or Australian aviation industry.



CTC Wings is renowned in the international aviation industry as a programme that develops some of the highest quality airline pilots in the world. Most graduates go on to work with CTC's growing list of global airline partners, including: Eagle Airways, easyJet, Thomas Cook, Jet2.com, Thomson Airways, Monarch, British Airways, CityJet, DHL Air, Jetstar Pacific and easyJet Switzerland.

CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Limited Acting CEO, Ian Calvert says applications coming in from New Zealanders are running high ever since the company announced *CTC Wings* was open to Kiwis in 2006. He explains applicants recognise CTC Aviation is different from other aviation training organisations in the country because it has a sole focus on airline pilot training.

"CTC Aviation sets itself apart because we only train pilots for placement with airlines. For someone with no flying experience, it takes around fifteen months to complete our Commercial Pilot Programme.

"Because we have this sole airline focus, we are able to customise recruitment solutions for our airline partners around the globe. Additionally, our rigorous selection process ensures our partners are getting the very best airline pilots out there," he said.

CTC offers a range of training programmes for people with no flying experience as well as for people with a current Commercial Pilot Licence.

Funding is available to assist successful candidates with training costs.

More information about CTC and its *CTC Wings* airline pilot training programmes can be found at www.ctcwings.com.

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CTC is one of the world's leading full-service airline training providers training over 1200 aircrew for more than 50 global airlines each year. Our UK and NZ based Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art Airbus and Boeing simulators, hi-tech Computer Based Training facilities and a fleet of the latest, modern technology training aircraft to support our ab-initio training programme – CTC Wings; all supported by one of the most experienced teams of Training Captains and Instructors worldwide.

Our corporate philosophy is based around *innovation, flexibility, expertise and quality*. We are renowned for developing innovative approaches to airline training and recruitment challenges.

Our portfolio spans the full spectrum of airline training and resourcing requirements; - pilots and cabin crew; basic licence and ATPL training through to TRE Standardisation; ground school, simulator provision and line training; management and consultancy support; start ups, conversions and recurrent. We have recently launched two new products –

- a range of Airline Software Solutions combining our airline knowledge with the technological skills of our Information Technology team.
- CTC FlexiCrew – an innovative, flexible approach to resolve airline resourcing needs around the world.

CTC Aviation Jet Services Limited provides executive jet management and operational support for both corporate and private clients.

Airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Eagle Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, NetJets, OpenSkies, Jetstar Pacific, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly, UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

CTC Wings is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The cadet route takes young people with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years. The *CTC Wings* ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training. The *CTC Wings ICP* and *CTC Wings CPP* routes provide CPL/IR training for aspiring pilots with differing entry criteria or aspirations outside of the airline world. *CTC Wings SIP* is a sponsored instructor programme offered to the New Zealand pilot community.

CTC FlexiCrew is an initiative to provide flexible yet quality resourcing solutions for both the airline industry and qualified pilots, including experienced instructors and examiners.

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