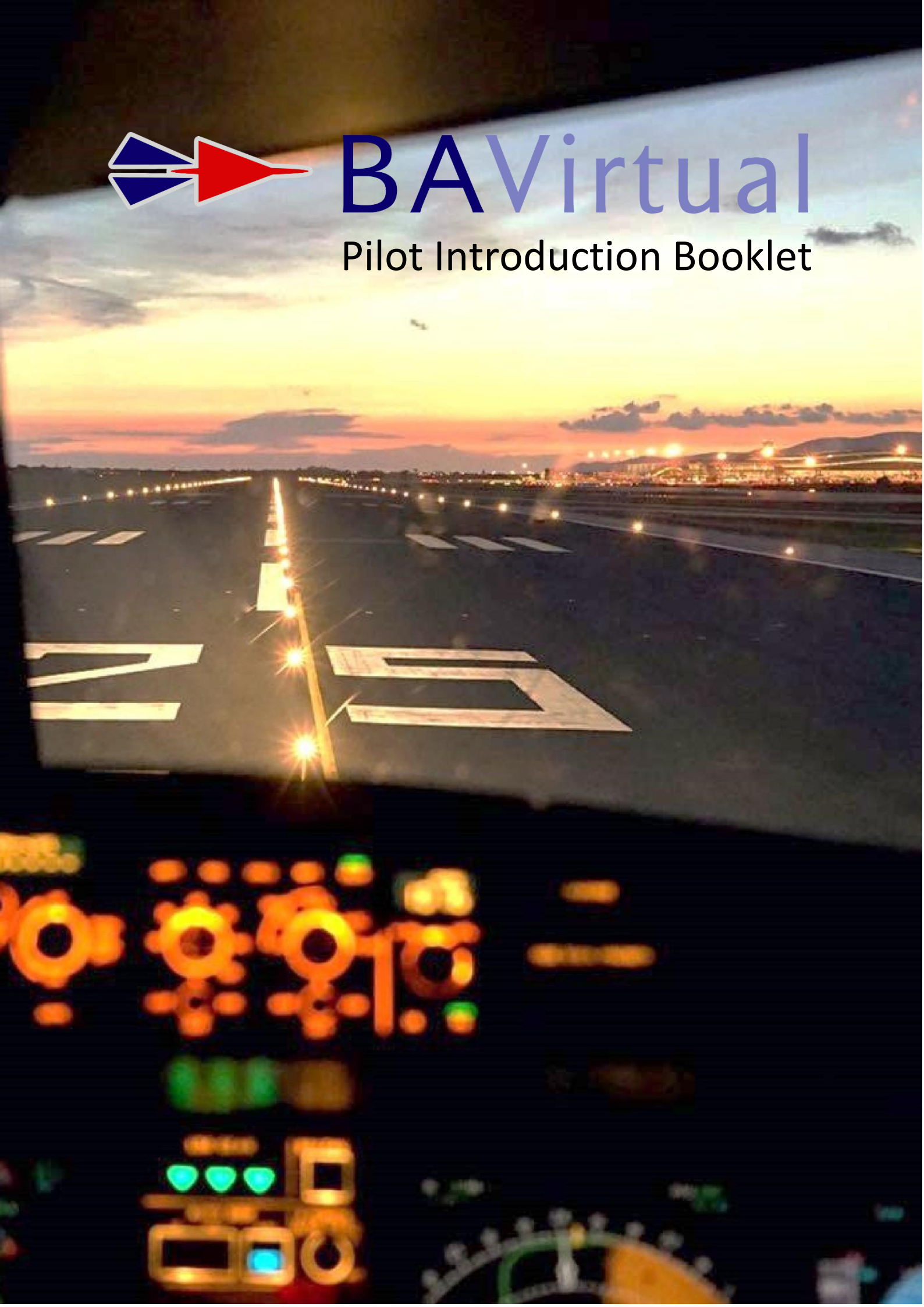




BAVirtual

Pilot Introduction Booklet



Welcome to BAVirtual

BAVirtual pilots fly passengers on real-world British Airways schedules, both domestically and internationally, for business, commercial and leisure purposes.

Our fleet is operated by our knowledgeable, dedicated and professional pilots in a safe and efficient manner.

Prior to flights, our pilots are meticulous in the preparation of the flight, from route planning to checking weather, and airport charts, and liaising with air traffic control on VATSIM.

Pilots at BAVirtual are employed in several different areas; scheduled passenger services, passenger charter services together with fly in events and even the VFR Flying Club.

Our knowledgeable staff provide a high standard of training and resources for the use of our pilots, which can be found on the forums and also on our various airframe's website area.

Pilots make full use of the services provided and they enjoy learning to fly at a professional level.

Work Activities

The job of a BAVirtual pilot comes with its own set of responsibilities and personal commitments. Being familiar with all our Policies and Regulations as well as seeking additional training when needed or desired will be required in order to maintain the relevant knowledge required for the role.

There is much more to be a pilot rather than just flying the aircraft. Tasks can include:

- Ensuring all necessary information is received prior to departure
- Ensuring the correct fuel is loaded onto the aircraft for the given route.
- Ensuring all systems are working correctly
- Briefing the crew
- Understanding and interpreting data.
- Communicating with Air Traffic Control
- Handling every situation as it comes

Offerings

- VATSIM affiliated ATO – We can train pilots in accordance with the VATSIM “P” ratings.
- Active Community spread across our membership forum and discord.
- A modern website built using the latest techniques, constantly evolving and adding new features to better the members
- Accurate and up to date fleet information and documentation based on real BA documents

Rank Structure

First Officer – 0 to 50 Hours

Senior First Officer – 50 to 100 Hours

Captain – 100 to 500 Hours

Senior Captain – 500+ Hours

Staff Structure

BAVirtual has the following structure to ensure a continuing running of the VA.

Directors

Simon Kelsey (CEO – Chief Executive Officer and Training Director)

Oversees the day to day running of the VA

Oversees all training and responsible for the training staff

Matt Bozwood-Davies (Assistant CEO and Technical Director)

Oversees the day to day running of the VA

Oversees all technical functions, including management of the technical team

Ant McGarr (HR Director)

Oversees all HR functions and pilot management

Callum McLoughlin (Events Director)

Oversees and manages the events team

Riyad McCollin (Marketing Director)

Manages all visual aspects of the VA, including but not limited to social media

Iain Sealey (Operations Director)

Oversees the scheduling team to ensure a weekly schedule update. Responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the fleet database.

Training Staff

Chief Pilots

Oversees the training for each individual mainline fleet and include former pilots, current pilots and aviation professionals.

Training Standards Captains

Provide training, advice and guidance to the line pilots for each individual mainline fleet. Report to the chief pilots and include former pilots, current pilots and aviation professionals.

Flight Managers Technical

Less hands on than the TSCs however have a more working knowledge of the aircraft so can provide guidance on documentation and operations.

The Next Step

After applying and completing the exam, you will be assigned a BAV number. This will allow you access to the BAV systems. Login to the forum, introduce yourself to the other members and have a browse.

Log in to the BAVMS and book a flight of your choice within the fleet allowances of your rank.

Download our Merlin ACARS client. Ensure you have read the manual. Fly the flight in accordance with regulations and have fun.

Congratulations! Your first flight has been completed!

FAQs

1) How many flights do I have to complete to retain my membership?

You must complete one flight, on a rolling 30-day basis.

2) Can I use the B737 on an A320 route?

No, you must fly the aircraft stated on the schedule. You can fly suitable substitutions as listed on the fleet page.

3) Is fuel planning done manually?

Yes, you as the pilot are responsible for the planning of the flight.

4) Do I have to fly online?

No. You can fly offline, but we do require a VATSIM ID to apply. Hours still count to your overall duty time.

5) Do I have to depart at the time stated on the schedule? No. We provide up to date mainline schedule times however the time you fly is up to you.