

Australia: GPS requirements relaxed

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The implementation day for Australia switching off Nav aids remains the same: **26MAY2016**, but the GPS requirements are relaxed – a little – especially for foreign private operators.

If you're Australia based:

- You'll have seen this coming and will already be RNP1/2 compliant. CASA has no exceptions.

If you're a Foreign Operator and have RNP1/2:

- After 26MAY2016, if you're RNP1/2 compliant, put it in the Flight Plan (read on), and that's about it.

If you're a Foreign Operator and you don't have RNP1/2:

- Australia has a **Two Year Transition** for Foreign Operators after 26MAY
- An "Acceptable Means of Compliance" is contained in CASA EX06/16
- Notify CASA in advance using Form "Notification to operate aircraft on RNP 2 routes and/or RNP 1 procedures using GNSS based RNAV 1 & RNAV 2"
- If you are a **non-commercial operator** – ie. operating a Private flight, then compliance is not mandatory. According to CASA, through a release to IBAC, "Only commercial operators that can comply with the requirements and want RNP 1 and RNP 2 traffic services are required to apply for an exemption. "

Flight Planning:

- If you have RNP2 – put **GRZ** in Field 10a and **NAV/RNP2** in Field 18.
- If you don't, then you must operate according to Australia's "Acceptable Means of Compliance" and put **RMK/CASA RNP AMC** in Field 18.
- If you don't, and you're a private operator, probably worth a RMK/NEG RNP PVT FLT or similar.
- Keep an eye on the charts – a bunch of new 5 letter waypoints are coming, to replace the VOR's and NDB's being switched off.

Reference:

- CASA General Guidance on transition