

NEW Zealand Report to CIMP – September 2007:

NZ has 4.2 million inhabitants. Considering the population of this country, aviation is very active. Here are some figures:

Aircraft Class	Number
Helicopter	641
Amateur built helicopter	15
Gyroplane	11
Aeroplane	1861
Amateur Built Aeroplane	247
Microlight Class 1	245
Microlight Class 2	641
Gliders	314
Powered gliders	44
Amateur built gliders	5
Ballon	

Recreational flying:

NZ CAA is currently involved in developing rules pertaining to:

- Light sport aircraft:
- Recreational pilot licence: The training syllabus will be essentially the same as the one for PPL. However a commercial driver medical certificate will enable this licence. The Notice of Preliminary Rule Making (NPRM) is out for submissions and can be seen on the NZ CAA website: www.caa.govt.nz → rules development.

Records:

Steve Fossett and New Zealander Terry Delore broke the gliding world record over 1250 km with an average speed of 149.23 km/h after 27 attempts and 18.000 km of flying.

The latest Pacific Wings magazine of August 2007 reported this incredible record, shortly before Steve Fosset's disappearance.