START HERE: Basic Business Aviation Terms

Many of these acronyms or terms may be used in various CFA-focused videos or in social media conversations. This brief list should help you to better understand some of the basic business aviation terminology.

A/C Aircraft

ABP Able-Bodied Passenger

Attestation (see page 2)

APU Auxiliary Power Unit

ATC Air Traffic Control

CAA Civil Aviation Administration

CFA Corporate Flight Attendant

CFR Code of Federal Aviation Regulations

CRM Crew Resource Management

EMK Emergency Medical Kit

ETA Estimated Time of Arrival

FA Flight Attendant

FAA Federal Aviation Administration

FAK First Aid Kit

FBO Fixed Base Operator (Private Aircraft Full-Service Terminals)

FCC Federal Communications Commission

FOM Flight Operations Manual

FSDO Flight Standards District Office (FAA)

GOM General Operations Manual

MEL Minimum Equipment List

NBAA National Business Aviation Association

NBAA BACE - Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (national convention)

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PAX Passenger (many refer to business aviation passengers as clients)

PBE Protective Breathing Equipment

PIC Pilot-In-Command

POB Portable Oxygen Bottle

PSI Pounds per Square Inch

SIC Second-In-Command

SOB Souls On Board

SOP Standard Operating Procedures

WCA Women in Corporate Aviation

Attestation

An attestation is not required in the United States.

The Cabin Crew Attestation (CCA) is a record of completion of Initial Safety Training to the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) regulations. The competent authority or the airline on the authority's behalf must issue each Cabin Crew member with a CCA once training is complete.

Which means, if wish to work as a cabin attendants in the European community, you are required to have attestation training before obtaining any corporate-specific training (if required) to be eligible to work as a corporate flight attendant/cabin attendant. This initial cabin safety training may be conducted by a commercial airline or by an approved attestation provider. Attestation includes practical examinations, which form part of the EASA CCA testing requirement. The course is extremely regulated and does require a high level of competence.