Training Course on Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) Implementation

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Aviation and Airport Management	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master the foundational concepts, definitions, and principles of the ICAO Performance-Based Navigation
2. Clearly distinguish between Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigation Performance (RNP) specifications and their operational implications.
3. Understand the various PBN navigation specifications and their applicability.
4. Explain the role of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), SBAS, and GBAS in PBN operations and their impact on accuracy and integrity.
5. Understand the criteria and methodologies for designing PBN Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs), Standard Instrument Arrivals (STARs), and Instrument Approach Procedures (IAPs).
6. Analyze the importance of Onboard Performance Monitoring and Alerting (OPMA) in RNP operations for ensuring navigation integrity.
7. Learn how PBN facilitates efficient airspace design, optimize flight paths, and enhance airspace capacity.
8. Identify key international and national regulatory requirements for PBN implementation and operational approval (e.g., ICAO, FAA, EASA).
9. Recognize common challenges in PBN implementation and develop strategies for effective risk management.
10. Understand how PBN contributes to reduced fuel burn, decreased emissions, and quieter airport operations.
11. Develop proficiency in PBN contingency procedures and alternative navigation strategies.
12. Learn to seamlessly integrate PBN procedures within existing Air Traffic Management (ATM) systems and operations.
13. Perform preliminary safety assessments for new or modified PBN procedures to ensure operational safety.

Organizational Benefits

- Optimized flight paths lead to reduced congestion, improved air traffic flow, and increased airspace capacity.
- Direct routings and optimized profiles translate into substantial fuel consumption reduction and lower operational costs.
- Lower fuel burn directly correlates with decreased greenhouse gas emissions and reduced noise pollution around airports.

- Enhanced navigation accuracy, integrity, and onboard monitoring capabilities contribute to a higher level of operational safety.
- PBN enables more reliable operations in adverse weather conditions, leading to fewer delays and diversions.
- Reduces reliance on costly ground-based navigation aids, leading to infrastructure cost savings.
- Adherence to ICAO PBN standards facilitates seamless operations across international boundaries.
- Early and effective PBN implementation positions organizations as leaders in aviation innovation and efficiency.

Target Audience

1. Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs) and Supervisors
2. Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) Management and Operational Personnel
3. Airline Flight Operations and Planning Managers
4. Aircraft Operators (Pilots, Dispatchers)
5. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Regulators and Inspectors
6. Aviation Safety Managers and Auditors
7. Aerodrome Operators and Airport Management
8. Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and Technicians

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to Performance-Based Navigation (PBN)

- Understanding the Evolution of Navigation: From ground-based aids to satellite-based systems.
- Defining PBN: Accuracy, integrity, availability, continuity, and functionality.
- Key Drivers for PBN Implementation: Capacity, efficiency, safety, and environmental benefits.
- ICAO PBN Concept (Doc 9613): Overview and global implementation roadmap.
- Case Study: The global push for PBN adoption and its impact on international air routes.

Module 2: RNAV and RNP Fundamentals

- Area Navigation (RNAV): Principles and capabilities.
- Required Navigation Performance (RNP): The concept of onboard performance monitoring and alerting.
- Differences and Similarities: Understanding the distinction between RNAV and RNP.
- Navigation Specifications: Detailed review of common RNAV and RNP specifications.
- Case Study: A comparison of RNAV 1 and RNP 0.3 operations in a congested terminal area.

Module 3: GNSS and Augmentation Systems

- Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS): GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, BeiDou.
- Satellite-Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS): WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS.
- Ground-Based Augmentation Systems (GBAS): Local Area Augmentation Systems (LAAS).
- GNSS Performance Parameters: Accuracy, integrity, availability, and continuity.
- Case Study: Impact of SBAS implementation on precision approach capabilities at regional airports.

Module 4: PBN Airspace Design Concepts

- Airspace Classification and Structure: How PBN influences airspace design.
- Optimized Profile Descents (OPDs) and Continuous Climb Operations (CCOs).
- Parallel Runways Operations: Enhanced capacity through PBN.
- Reduced Separation Minima: Leveraging PBN for closer route spacing.
- Case Study: Redesign of a major metropolitan area's airspace using PBN to alleviate congestion.

Module 5: PBN Instrument Procedure Design (SIDs/STARs)

- Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs): PBN-enabled departure procedures.
- Standard Instrument Arrivals (STARs): PBN-enabled arrival procedures.
- Procedure Design Criteria: Obstacle clearance, turn performance, and path terminators.
- Flight Path Constraints: Altitude, speed, and crossing restrictions.
- Case Study: Development and implementation of new PBN SIDs and STARs at a busy international airport to reduce noise impact.

Module 6: PBN Instrument Approach Procedures (IAPs)

- RNP APCH: LNAV, LNAV/VNAV, LP, and LPV minima.
- RNP AR (Authorization Required) Approaches: Complex terrain and obstacle considerations.
- Baro-VNAV Operations: Principles and limitations.
- Procedure Design Elements: Final approach segment, missed approach, holding.
- Case Study: Successful implementation of RNP AR approaches at an airport in a mountainous region, enabling operations previously impossible.

Module 7: Onboard Navigation Systems and Avionics

- Flight Management Systems (FMS): Role in PBN.
- Navigation Databases: Importance of accuracy and integrity.
- GNSS Receivers and RAIM: Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring.
- Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B): Integration with PBN.
- Case Study: Challenges and solutions in upgrading an airline fleet's avionics for PBN compliance.

Module 8: PBN Operational Approvals and Regulatory Aspects

- ICAO Annexes and Documents: PBN-relevant provisions.
- State Regulatory Responsibilities: Oversight and approval processes.
- Operator Approval Process: Aircraft capabilities and crew training.
- Maintenance Considerations: Ensuring PBN system integrity.
- Case Study: A national civil aviation authority's roadmap for PBN implementation and operator certification.

Module 9: Safety Management Systems (SMS) and PBN

- Safety Risk Assessment: Identifying and mitigating PBN-related hazards.
- Safety Performance Indicators (SPIs) for PBN operations.
- Human Factors in PBN: Crew workload, automation reliance.
- Change Management: Integrating PBN into existing SMS frameworks.
- Case Study: Analyzing a safety incident related to PBN and developing preventative measures.

Module 10: Environmental Benefits of PBN

- Fuel Efficiency and Carbon Emissions Reduction: Quantifying the impact.

- Noise Abatement Procedures: Leveraging PBN for quieter flight paths.
- Sustainable Aviation: PBN's contribution to environmental goals.
- Community Engagement: Communicating PBN benefits to affected communities.
- Case Study: An airport's initiative to reduce noise footprint using optimized PBN arrival procedures.

Module 11: PBN Implementation Planning and Strategy

- Stakeholder Collaboration: ANSPs, airlines, regulators, airports.
- Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis: Identifying PBN implementation requirements.
- Cost-Benefit Analysis: Justifying PBN investments.
- Phased Implementation Strategies: Short-term and long-term goals.
- Case Study: A regional PBN implementation plan, highlighting challenges and successes in coordination.

Module 12: Data Integrity and Quality Assurance

- Aeronautical Information Management (AIM): The critical role of accurate data.
- ARINC 424 Navigation Database Standards: Data coding and verification.
- Quality Management Systems (QMS) for PBN data.
- Data Validation and Integrity Checks: Ensuring accuracy throughout the data chain.
- Case Study: A data error in a PBN procedure and the subsequent investigation and mitigation.

Module 13: Contingency Operations and Abnormal Procedures

- Loss of Navigation Capability: PBN system failures and reversionary modes.
- GNSS Outage Scenarios: Planning for GPS jamming or spoofing.
- Non-PBN Compatible Aircraft: Managing mixed-equipage environments.
- Emergency Procedures: PBN considerations during abnormal operations.
- Case Study: An aircraft diversion due to a PBN system anomaly and lessons learned.

Module 14: Future Trends in PBN and Air Navigation

- Advanced RNP (A-RNP): Enhanced capabilities and flexibility.
- Trajectory-Based Operations (TBO): The next evolution of ATM.
- Digital Sky Initiatives: Integration of PBN with other digital platforms.
- Autonomous Navigation Systems: Emerging technologies.
- Case Study: Research and development efforts for integrating TBO with advanced PBN capabilities.

Module 15: PBN Implementation Case Studies and Best Practices

- Global PBN Success Stories: Learning from international experiences
- Challenges and Lessons Learned: Identifying common pitfalls and solutions.
- Stakeholder Perspectives: Insights from ANSPs, airlines, and regulators on their PBN journeys.
- Continuous ImprovementUpcoming Scheduled Sessions

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
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