

CTC to train Singapore airline pilots

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Hamilton-based global pilot training provider CTC Aviation Group has been approved to train Singapore airline pilots.

CTC is the first flight training organisation in New Zealand to gain the approval from the Singapore civil aviation authority, said chief executive Ian Calvert.

The company announced a partnership with Jetstar Asia in 2010 to train Singaporean nationals for jobs as first officers with the international airline. This partnership led CTC to start the process of gaining the authority's approval, Calvert said.

"CTC's international reputation as a safe, high quality flight training organisation played a major role in attaining this industry achievement."

CTC started recruiting in Singapore last year for the Jetstar programme and the first trainees arrived in Hamilton last month.

CTC has trained pilots for for Jetstar Pacific (Vietnam) for nearly four years and for Jetstar in Australia and New Zealand for nearly two years.

In securing the Jetstar Asia contract, CTC becomes the first flight training organisation to supply pilots for all three of the company's divisions.

This year CTC will train around 220 pilots at its Hamilton centre to supply its airline partners in the UK, Europe, Asia and Australia.

CTC has also trained 50 New Zealand airline pilots, Calvert said.