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Aviation Law Update

On the 21st July 2009, new legal directions were issued to pilots and Airservices Australia regarding General Aviation Aerodrome Procedures (GAAP).

The new directions are hoped to further minimize identified risk levels and reduce the number of aviation accidents.

The directions include:

- Placing a limit of six aeroplanes within one runway, controlled by the Air Traffic Controller. Any more than six planes will require an additional runway and controller.
- Making it compulsory for all aircraft to obtain an Air Traffic Control clearance to enter, cross or taxi along any runway.

Important new facts regarding GAAP:

1. Pilots are primarily responsible for separation in a GAAP control zone in visual meteorological conditions (VMC).
2. Clearance is required to land on a runway.
3. You must obtain a clearance to enter the GAAP control zone.
4. Do not overtake a slower aircraft in the circuit area.
5. Transiting within proximity of a GAAP aerodrome requires contact with ATC.
6. Do not turn early after take off.

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