



Executive Summary
Initial Licensure
Khalifa Bin Zayed Air College
November 17, 2017 and May 8, 2018

Khalifa Bin Zayed Air College (KBZAC) was visited by an External Review Team (ERT) on 17 November 2017 for review of its academic programs that are jointly offered with the Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT). A follow-up visit was made by the Commission for Academic Accreditation on May 8, 2018, to review compliance with some of institution-specific criteria of the Standards for Licensure and Accreditation-2011 (referred to herein as the *Standards*).

KBZAC is a fully functioning Air Force Base, with the full range of military units and organisations normally found at an operating military base. KBZAC is a division of the UAE Armed Forces and reports directly to the UAE Armed Forces General Headquarters (GHQ).

KBZAC was originally established to provide initial professional training to Armed Forces Pilots. In 2014 it entered into an enter into a partnership with HCT to jointly offer the two Bachelor program, whereby the HCT take the lead in the provision of academic services and output expected on the Bachelor Program, and KBZAC take the lead in the provision of resources and military training to prepare the junior pilots to take their place in the UAE Armed Forces.

KBZAC continue to provide essential military training alongside the Program and also provide the most applied courses of the Program (ie the Flying Training). As the employer of the Student Cadets, KBZAC also provide all accommodation, welfare, subsistence and other student support services.

Khalifa bin Zayed Air College has the potential to be the leading institution of aviation higher learning. The commitment of the College leadership was clearly evident and to be commended. By and large, KBZAC has satisfactorily met the requirements of institutional accreditation, leading to license as an independent institution of higher education. Few issues need further follow-up by the College, particularly the provision of more laboratory and training equipment and learning resources, which the College has already started assigning resources for, and the development of ranking system and policies for none military faculty. The CAA is confident that KBZAC will spare no effort in supporting its operation to achieve its goals of excellence in its programs.

The ERT makes its Requirements and offers its Suggestions in a spirit of constructive engagement, with the aim of ensuring that the Standards are met, and to aid KBZAC in making necessary improvements to receive Initial Licensure.