

PRESS RELEASE

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Berlin-based VPS flying school joins the Association of German Airline Pilot Schools (Verband Deutscher Verkehrsfliegerschulen)

15 flying schools coordinate their interests at 18 German locations

With effect from 1 December 2009, the **VPS Verkehrspilotenschule Berlin GmbH** has joined the Verband Deutscher Verkehrsfliegerschulen (VDV). By admitting the VPS, the VDV gains a member which is well established in the training market and expands its range of training offers for airline pilots at an attractive location in the eastern territories of the republic.

Association chairman Udo Harter is pleased that the increasing number of flying schools nationwide allows candidates to take up pilot training close to home. "Anyone training to be a pilot at one of our 15 locations will later be available for aviation at the right time", Harter continues. The cyclical developments in the commercial aviation market have shown that, in times of crisis, beginning a two-year pilot training can be an advantage.

The VDV has represented the interests of German flying schools since 1992, offering commercial flight training courses (ATPL). The VDV aims to ensure high-quality cockpit training in accordance with German aviation standards. The schools' teaching programs include theoretical lessons (also as distance leaning course), practical flight procedure, crew coordination training and, most recently, also MPL training. All 15 flying schools are JAR-FCL approved and comply with the EU-wide regulations and requirements for the training and licensing of pilots.

As before, most junior pilots complete their professional airline pilot's training at one of the VDV affiliated schools. For more information on pilot training, please go to www.verkehrsfliegerschulen.de.

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