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## Transport Canada on Wrong Course for Flight Training Schools

Transport Canada has been consulting with industry on the appropriateness of expanding the cap of 25% foreign ownership of Canadian FTUs. ATAC opposes this proposal to increase foreign ownership as it is not in the best interest of the Canadian public. In fact, allowing increased foreign ownership could limit the number of Canadian students at FTUs which is counterproductive to dealing with pilot shortages in Canada. ATAC implores the Federal Government to focus on real issues facing Canadian Flight Training, such as funding of Canadian students and recovery support of the industry from the pandemic.

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## ATAC Participates in National Supply Chain Summit

ATAC Chair Chris Avery, President and CEO of Canadian North, participated earlier this week on the National Supply Chain Summit chaired by Minister Alghabra. Chris spoke to the following key elements of the supply chain:

1. The need to help fund flight and aircraft maintenance training to overcome labour shortages.
2. Support critical infrastructure such as NAV CANADA in times of crisis to reduce the financial and operational impact to supply chain providers.
3. Invest in regional and remote airport infrastructure such as improved approach lighting at remote airports which will lead to lower approach minimums.
4. Improved airport infrastructure investments which will help airlines to deliver essential services more reliably.
5. Better coordination of the various future health/Covid directives around close contact, isolation periods and ability to return to work between Provinces, Territories, Municipalities and the Federal Government.

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## NAV CANADA Experience Reporting Tool from ATAC

ATAC has been collaborating with NAV CANADA in making the NAV CANADA Experience reporting tool available to the aviation community. We are reaching out to the industry once again to solicit more participation from all pilots to increase the data to identify systemic issues at various airports across Canada.

Visit our website <https://www.atac.ca/navcan-experience> to load the icon on your mobile device.

The ATAC team looks forward to your reports. All submissions are welcome.

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## ATAC has collaborated with Transport Canada in developing a Pilot Survey for Canada

This is an important survey to better understand the challenges and potential shortages that operators and flight training schools have in producing the appropriate number of pilots for the Canadian market.

The results will help the training industry plan on how to meet the demand for pilots for air operators as plans to activate fleets continue to be evaluated during the recovery phase of the pandemic.

We have extended the survey distribution to a larger group of operators with a new date for submissions of **February 14, 2022**.

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