

Trainee pilot makes emergency landing at Jandakot Airport after instructor blacks out



Photo: The Cessna aircraft landed safely at Jandakot Airport. (ABC News: Briana Shepherd)

A student pilot has made a dramatic emergency landing at Perth's Jandakot Airport during his first lesson in a two-seater aircraft after his instructor collapsed mid-flight.

The student, a man in his 30s, called air traffic control just over an hour into his lesson on Saturday afternoon after realising he was alone at the controls of the small Cessna.

"He's leaning over my shoulder, I'm trying to keep him up but he keeps falling down," the student can be heard telling the controller.

It was the man's first lesson in a two-seater as his wife and three children watched him from the ground.

The air traffic operator kept the trainee calm as he talked him through an emergency landing.

"Do you know how to operate the airplane?" the operator asks.

"This is my first lesson," the student tells him.



Photo: The air traffic controller was able to keep the novice pilot calm as he landed the plane. (ABC News: Briana Shepherd)

"We're tracking where you are at the moment," the operator says.

"You're doing a really great job. I know this is really stressful. But you're doing to do an amazing job and we're going to help you get down to the ground, OK?"

The student finally landed safely after 30 minutes.

His instructor is in a stable condition in hospital.

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