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ALABA GABRIEL IDOWU EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Alaba Gabriel Idowu has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Idowu's dream of becoming a pilot came true in 2004. He did not know how to achieve his goal financially, but his passion for the industry inspired him to secure admission into an aviation business school to study travel agency management/air ticketing and reservation. In 2005 his first step into an aviation career officially began after finishing classes at the international school of aviation (ISA) in Lagos, Nigeria.



He then worked for three travel agencies as a travel agency manager, and while working as a ticketing officer, Idowu pursued a National Diploma (ND) in computer science at Lagos State Polytechnic.

In 2010, Idowu moved to the United States to start a piloting career. In 2015 he obtained multi-engine CPL from Delta Qualiflight at Forth-Meacham, Texas and proceeded to enroll in Aviator College in Florida for CFI/CFII/MEI.

Idowu then worked with Hillsboro Aero Academy in Hillsboro, Oregon as a flight instructor and also a progress check instructor. He then also worked for Kansas State University as an advanced flight instructor.

Idowu currently holds a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) and is working towards a Master of Science in Aviation Safety from the same university.

*The **NAFI Master Flight Instructor Accreditation** is earned by aviation educators based upon a system of advanced professional standards and peer review. The accreditation identifies and publicly recognizes those teachers of flight who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community. The NAFI Master Instructor accreditation is for two years and may be used to renew an FAA flight instructor certificate. Applicants must have been a CFI for two years and have given 1,000 hours of flight instruction. In addition, candidates must meet and document activity in four NAFI Master Instructor categories (Instructor, Educator, Service to the Aviation Community, and Professional Activity).*

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