



Aircraft Operator Requirements

Certificate of Airworthiness	Standard Category Airworthiness Certificate			Special Category Airworthiness Certificate ⁵					Flight Permit (2-seat only)	Nil		Nil
Type of aircraft	Aeroplane/ Helicopter	Glider	Balloon	Experimental	Exhibition	Amateur-built	LSA	Limited	Microlight ¹	Parachute	Hang Glider/ Paraglider	RPAS
Description		Including amateur-built and microlight gliders		Aircraft undergoing test flying, flight evaluation, research, etc	Aircraft used mostly for airshows, aerobatic competitions, or the film industry	Aircraft built by their owners for sport and recreation purposes	Factory manufactured Light Sport Aircraft	Ex-military and vintage aircraft factory-built, – not type-certificated				Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (also known as drones, UAV, UAS)
Pilot requirement – minimum	Part 61 PPL or RPL refer rule 61.357 for limitations	Pilot Certificate ²	Nil (CPL required for hire and reward)	Part 61 PPL or RPL refer rule 61.357 for limitations ⁶					Pilot Certificate ²	Pilot Certificate ²		Part 101 under 15 kg Nil Part 102 – 15 to 25 kg approved person or organisation
Medical requirements	Part 67 – Class 2 or RPL – Driver Licence	Part 67 – Class 2 or GP declaration	Nil (Class 1 for CPL)	Part 67 – Class 2		Part 67 – Class 2 or RPL – Driver Licence		Part 67 – Class 2	GP declaration	Tandem Master, Part 67 – Class 2	Nil	Part 101 Nil Part 102 in accordance with operator exposition
Operating rules	Part 91 Part 119 Part 115	Part 91 Part 104 Part 115	Part 91 Part 115	Part 91 Refer rule 91.105 for specific limitations on each category. Exhibition and Limited category aircraft require an Operator Statement in accordance with rule 47.55(c) & (d). Part 115 refers only to LSA and Limited. Refer to the Part 115 Advisory Circulars.					Part 91 Part 103 Part 115	Part 91 Part 105 Part 115	Part 91 Part 106 Part 115	Part 101 Part 102
Types of operations	Day/Night VFR/IFR ³	Day only VFR/IMC	Day/Night VFR only	Day only VFR only	Day/Night VFR/IFR ³		Day/Night VFR only	Day/Night VFR/IFR ³	Day only VFR only refer rule 103.155	Day/Night VFR only refer rule 105.25	Day only VFR only refer rule 106.57	Part 101 Day VFR only Part 102 Day/Night VFR Other ops, refer AC102-1
Can be used for flight training	Yes			No except rating	No except rating	Available to builder/owner	Yes	No except rating	Yes	Yes		Yes (RPAS only)
Maintenance	Rule 91.605 programme	Part 104 programme	Manufacturer's schedule	Requires an approved programme in accordance with rule 91.607 and additional maintenance requirements of Part 43 Subpart F Additional maintenance programme requirements for Exhibition or Limited category aircraft are contained in rule 91.607(d)					Part 103	Part 105 Subpart C	Part 106 Warrant of Fitness	Manufacturer's recommendation
Maintenance to be performed by	LAME or authorised person	LAME or Part 149 Glider Engineer	LAME or authorised person	LAME or authorised person		LAME or Part 66 Maintenance Approval holder	LAME or authorised person		Condition Inspection by LAME or Part 149 authorised person	Part 149 authorised Parachute Technician	Warrant of Fitness by Part 149 authorised person	Part 102 in accordance with operator exposition
Modifications and repairs	CAA approval/ acceptance required Part 21 Subpart C	CAA approval/ acceptance required Part 21 Subpart C ⁴	CAA approval/ acceptance required Part 21 Subpart C	CAA acceptance required – see conditions on Airworthiness Certificate			Manufacturer's approval	CAA acceptance required – see conditions on Airworthiness Certificate	CAA or Part 149 Authorised Person refer rule 103.209	Parachute technician refer rule 105.107	Owner	Part 102 in accordance with operator exposition
Airworthiness Directives	Yes	Yes refer rule 104.103(2)	Yes	Yes Includes ADs for engines, propellers, and components regardless of aircraft type					Yes refer rule 103.217	Yes refer rule 105.103	No	No
Logbooks required	Yes refer rule 91.617			Yes refer rule 91.617					Yes refer rule 91.617	Permanent records refer 105.111	No	No
Registration required	Yes			Yes					Yes	No	No	Part 101 No Part 102 May be required, refer rule 102.13(b)(3) and AC102-1

¹ Microlight includes single and two-seat powered parachute, gyrocopters, gliders, helicopters and aeroplanes.

² Pilot Certificate issued by the appropriate Part 149 Organisation.

³ Dependent on the configuration of the aircraft – refer Part 91 Subpart F *Instrument and Equipment* for requirements to operate day or night, VFR or IFR.

⁴ See appropriate column if glider is an amateur-built or microlight.

⁵ Primary: FAR 21.24 Category originated by FAA – to allow for future imports.

⁶ LSA requirements may change with future changes to Part 61.

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