REQUIREMENTS FOR FLYING IN THE OPEN CATEGORY



Operation		UAS		UAS Operator	Remote pilot
Subcategory	Operating Area	Class	Mass/KE/Speed	Registration	Competency
All	 Max height 120m/400ft (see <u>UAS.OPEN.010</u> [3] & [4] for specific obstacle and sailplane limits) No dropping of articles No carriage of dangerous goods Visual line of sight, must be able to clearly see the unmanned aircraft at all times, in order to safely control it. Airspace restrictions. Avoid all applicable airspace restrictions can be viewed on <u>this chart</u>. Be aware of temporary restrictions. <u>Sign up</u> to airspace alerts on the Skywise system to be alerted. 			Minimum age 18	
A1	Fly over uninvolved people, but not over crowds	Privately built, or placed on the market before 01 Jan 2026.	Up to 250g flying weight	Only if 'camera' equipped (but not toys)	- Read user manual
	No intentional flight over uninvolved persons	A1 Transitional - Not after 01 Jan 2026	250g up to 500g flying weight	Yes	 Read user manual Online training Online (foundation) test Self-practical training A2 CofC Theoretical test
A2	No closer than 50m horizontally from uninvolved persons	A2 Transitional - Not after 01 Jan 2026	Up to 2kg flying weight	Yes	 Read user manual Online training Online (foundation) test Self-practical training A2 CofC Theoretical test
Α3	 No uninvolved people present within the area of flight. Maintain 50m separation from any uninvolved people No flight within 150m horizontally of residential, commercial, industrial or recreational areas 	Privately built, or placed on the market before 01 Jan 2026.	Up to 25kg flying weight	Yes	 Read user manual Online training Online (foundation) test

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You are responsible for each flight. Legal responsibility lies with you. The Police can track illegal drone flights and trace offenders. Failure to fly responsibly could result in criminal prosecution. To report drone misuse please call the Police on 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Do make sure you are adequately insured.