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## Notification of Amendment to the Requirements for the UK National Private Pilots Licence – NPPL(A) with a Microlight Aeroplane Class Rating

**This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.**

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<b>Applicability:</b>	
<b>Aerodromes:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Air Traffic:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Airspace:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Airworthiness:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Flight Operations:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:</b>	All Licence Holders, Student Pilots and Training Organisations for NPPL Microlights and NPPL Microlights – Powered Parachutes

### 1 Introduction

1.1 This Information Notice (IN) summarises an amendment to CAP 804, Part I, Section 5, Part A, Subpart 2, relating to UK National Private Pilots Licence – NPPL(A) with a Microlight Aeroplane Class Rating and Instructor Ratings or Certificates, pending its incorporation into CAP 804.

### 2 3.5.1 NPPL(A) Microlight – Restricted with Operational Limitations

2.1 Change to the time period in which application must be made:

- The minimum solo time must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.

2.2 Applicants must produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed a course of training to a syllabus recognised by the CAA and have passed a General Skills Test (GST) with an authorised examiner. The syllabus of training must provide for a minimum of:

- i) 15 hours training as pilot of a microlight aeroplane including,
  - ii) Seven hours as solo Pilot in Command (PIC) of a microlight aeroplane.
- *The minimum solo time must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.*

- The GST must have been completed within the nine months prior to application.
- The Flight Test time can be included in the minimum 15 hours of flight training, but cannot form part of the seven hours required as PIC.
- When an NPPL(A) Microlight is issued with operational limitations, it will impose the constraints as listed in Part II to CAP 804, Section 5, Part A, Subpart 2, 2.1, on the licence holder.

#### **On application to remove operational limitations from an existing licence**

- i) A minimum of 25 hours as pilot of a microlight aeroplane,
- ii) A minimum of 10 hours as solo Pilot in Command (PIC) of a microlight aeroplane,
- iii) A minimum total of five hours navigation flying training to include a minimum of three hours of solo navigation.

The navigation flight training must include two solo qualifying cross-country flights. Each solo qualifying cross country flight must have:

- A minimum total flight distance of 40 nautical miles;
- A landing at another site which is at least 15 nautical miles, measured in a straight line, from the take-off site at which the flight began.

The two solo qualifying cross-country flights must be flown over different routes and to different sites.

- *The minimum navigation training, including both solo qualifying cross country flights, must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.*

### **3 3.5.2 NPPL(A) Microlight – without Operational Limitations**

3.1 Applicants must produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed a course of training to a syllabus recognised by the CAA and have passed a General Skills Test (GST) with an authorised examiner. The syllabus of training must provide for a minimum of:

- i) 25 hours training as pilot of a microlight aeroplane,
- ii) 10 hours as solo Pilot in Command (PIC) of a microlight aeroplane,
- iii) A minimum total of five hours navigation flying training to include a minimum of three hours of solo navigation.

The navigation flight training must include two solo qualifying cross-country flights. Each solo qualifying cross country flight must have:

- A minimum total flight distance of 40 nautical miles;
- A landing at another site which is at least 15 nautical miles, measured in a straight line, from the take-off site at which the flight began.

The two solo qualifying cross-country flights must be flown over different routes and to different sites.

- *The minimum solo time must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.*
- *The minimum navigation training, including both solo qualifying cross country flights, must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.*
- The GST must have been completed within the nine months prior to application.
- The Flight Test time can be included in the minimum 25 hours of flight training, but cannot form part of the 10 hour required as PIC.

#### **4 3.6.2 NPPL(A) Microlight / Powered Parachute Restricted Licence with Operational Limitations Queries**

4.1 Applicants must produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed a course of training to a syllabus recognised by the CAA and have passed a General Skills Test (GST) with an authorised examiner. The syllabus of training must provide for a minimum of:

- i) Four hours training as pilot of a powered parachute including,
  - ii) One hour as solo Pilot in Command (PIC) of a powered parachute.
  - iii) Not less than 25 take-offs and full stop landings of which at least six must be as solo PIC.
- *The minimum solo time must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.*
  - The GST must have been completed within the nine months prior to application.
  - The Flight Test time can be included in the minimum four hours of flight training, but cannot form part of the one hour required as PIC.
  - When an NPPL(A) Microlight / Powered Parachute is issued with operational limitations, it will impose the constraints as listed in Part II to CAP 804, Section 5, Part A, Subpart 2, 2.1, on the licence holder.

##### **On application to remove operational limitations from an existing licence**

- i) A minimum of 15 hours as pilot of a powered parachute,
- ii) A minimum of six hours as solo Pilot in Command (PIC) of a powered parachute,
- iii) A minimum total of five hours navigation flying training to include a minimum of three hours of solo navigation.

The navigation flight training must include two solo qualifying cross-country flights. Each solo qualifying cross country flight must have:

- A minimum total flight distance of 25 nautical miles;
- A landing at another site which is at least 10 nautical miles, measured in a straight line, from the take-off site at which the flight began.

The two solo qualifying cross-country flights must be flown over different routes and to different sites.

- *The minimum navigation training, including both solo qualifying cross country flights, must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.*

#### **5 3.6.3 NPPL(A) Microlight / Powered Parachute Unrestricted Licence without Operational Limitations**

5.1 Applicants must produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed a course of training to a syllabus recognised by the CAA and have passed a General Skills Test (GST) with an authorised examiner. The syllabus of training must provide for a minimum of:

- i) 15 hours training as pilot of a powered parachute,
- ii) Six hours as solo Pilot in Command (PIC) of a powered parachute,
- iii) 25 take-offs and full stop landings of which, at least six take-offs and full stop landings must be as solo PIC,
- iv) A minimum total of five hours navigation flying training to include a minimum of three hours of solo navigation.

The navigation flight training must include two solo qualifying cross-country flights. Each solo qualifying cross country flight must have:

- A minimum total flight distance of 25 nautical miles;
- A landing at another site which is at least 10 nautical miles, measured in a straight line, from the take-off site at which the flight began.

The two solo qualifying cross-country flights must be flown over different routes and to different sites.

- *The minimum solo time must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.*
- *The minimum navigation training, including both solo qualifying cross country flights, must have been completed within the 24 months prior to application.*
- The GST must have been completed within the nine months prior to application.
- The Flight Test time can be included in the minimum 15 hours of flight training, but cannot form part of the six hours required as PIC.

## **6 3.1.4 Endorsement of Aeroplane Types**

- 6.1 An AFI Rating or FI Restricted Certificate holder wishing to instruct on an additional microlight type (i.e. weightshift, three axis or powered parachute) must have completed at least five hours as PIC on the type of control system concerned. He must also have passed a Flight Test and Ground Examination on the type conducted by a FIE (Microlight).

## **7 3.2.2 Rating Limitations**

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- i) As per 3.1.4.
  - ii) An FI Rating or FI Certificate holder wishing to instruct on an additional microlight type (i.e. weightshift, three axis or powered parachute) must have completed at least five hours as PIC on the type of control system concerned. He must also have passed a Flight Test and Ground Examination on the type conducted by a FIE (Microlight).

## **8 Amendment Indication**

- 8.1 All amendments are indicated by text in *italics*.

## **9 Queries**

- 9.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to the [ISPTechnicalSupportTeam@caa.co.uk](mailto:ISPTechnicalSupportTeam@caa.co.uk) e-mail address or the British Microlight Aircraft Association at [aaron.bliss@bmaa.org](mailto:aaron.bliss@bmaa.org) e-mail address.

## **10 Cancellation**

- 10.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until further notice.