

Radio Operators Certificate of Competence

Guidance to holders

The CAA plans to introduce a renewal process for the Radio Operators Certificate of Competence (ROCC) in August 2025, to align with the other certificate and licensing processes. This will include the addition of English Language proficiency (ELP) requirements, and the implementation of refresher training and assessment of competence (AoC) criteria at renewal. This will ensure standardisation throughout the role.

There will also be the introduction of a 'Senior ROCC Examiner panel', who will be specifically appointed by 'The Authority' to act on our behalf. This panel will conduct refresher training and AoC and also assist with the oversight of the ROCC function.

Further details of the proposed changes will be published in due course on the CAA website and notified via Skywise.

Previously issued ROCC certificates remain valid until 31 December 2025 unless revoked by the CAA.

The new ROCC will be initially re-issued and will then be signed off in the field by an approved ROCC Examiner or Senior examiner (as appropriate).

ROCC holders remain responsible for ensuring that their contact details remain up to date and are aware of any changes notified to the service. Applying for a renewal prior to expiry remains the responsibility of the certificate holder.

ROCC certificates are a UK issued certificate, issued in accordance with Article 202 and 203 of the ANO 2016 (as amended). ROCC Certificates issued to candidates are valid only in the United Kingdom and within the UK territorial waters or upon a UK registered merchant vessel or platform at sea, for the grant of an Aeronautical Radio Station Operator's Certificate of Competence.

ROCC certificates must be available for appropriate CAA inspections upon demand.