

# Supplementary Amendment CAP 452 Aeronautical Radio Station Operator's Guide



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## **Restricted ROCC - Flying Display Director (FDD)**

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Supplementary Amendment (SA) is the introduction of the requirement of the addition of the Restricted Radio Operators Certificate of Competence (ROCC) – Flying Display Director (FDD) issued by the UK CAA. This certificate is only valid in UK airspace.
- 1.2 This document supports Article 203 of the Air Navigation Order 2016, and the training/operational requirements for Restricted ROCC - FDD holders and events for which they are operating.
- 1.3 The requirements contained herein relate only to those operating as a restricted ROCC FDD operator within UK airspace.
- 1.4 The terms and abbreviations contained within this document are sourced, primarily, from Air Navigation Order 2016 (as amended) and CAP 413, with the specific FDD required phraseology detailed in CAP 403.

### **2 Background**

- 2.1 Supplementary Amendment (SA) No 01/2023 to Aeronautical Radio Station Operator's Guide (CAP 452) introduces the addition of the Restricted ROCC - FDD.
- 2.2 The restricted ROCC - FDD is designed for Flying Display Directors who do not hold an appropriate WTA licence that permits the use of a ground aeronautical radio station. It allows for the issue of standard calls as set out in CAP 403 and for the FDD to intervene in Flying Displays to pass safety critical messages to display aircraft in a timely manner.
- 2.3 Operators of restricted ROCC - FDD are reminded of the guidance contained within CAP 403 and must adhere to all elements contained within.

### **3 Amendment to CAP 452**

- 3.1 With effect from 6 April 2023, CAP 452 is amended as shown in Appendix D. This change will be incorporated into CAP 452 in due course.

## 4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or further guidance required on the content of this Supplementary Amendment (SA) should be addressed to:

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- 4.2 Any queries relating to the availability of this SA should be addressed to:

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## 5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This SA shall remain in force until incorporated into CAP 452 or it is cancelled, suspended or amended.

## CAP 452 Appendix D

*Editorial Note.* The text **below** is inserted as a new appendix D. Only main body text has been red underlined, not the headings, to aid readability.

### APPENDIX D

# Requirements for Restricted ROCC - Flying Display Director (FDD) Holders

## Introduction

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- 1.1 The purpose of the Restricted Radio Operators Certificate of Competence (ROCC) - Flying Display Director (FDD) is to allow safety critical messages to be passed by the FDD to display aircraft in a timely manner.

- 1.2 Only the phraseology contained in section 6 of CAP 403 – ‘Flying Displays and Special Events: Safety and Administrative Requirements and Guidance’ shall be passed by the Restricted ROCC - FDD operator.
- 1.3 The ROCC - FDD is a restricted certificate for use only at approved locations for flight displays. It must not be used to act as an Air Ground operator (AGCS), Offshore Communication Service (OCS), Clearance Delivery Officer (CDO), Parachutists Aeronautical Radio Station (PARA) or Operational Control Communications (OPC).

## **Wireless Telegraphy Act (WTA) Aeronautical licensee requirements**

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- 1.4 The WT Act (WTA) Licensee is responsible for ensuring that all individuals using the radio are in possession of an appropriate Licence or Radio Operator's Certificate of Competence (ROCC) prior to using the aeronautical radio equipment.

*Note: An appropriate licence would be Air Traffic Controller (ATCO) or Flight Information Service Officer (FISO) licence.*

- 1.5 In order for the Restricted ROCC - FDD certificate to be used for this purpose it must be authorised on the certificate by the WTA licensee.

## **General requirements**

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### **Provisions of Service**

- 1.6 Only those who have completed and passed an FDD accreditation course may act as an Restricted ROCC - FDD operator.
- 1.7 The FDD radio operator must operate in an environment which is free from distractions.
- 1.8 Only the phraseology contained in section 6 of CAP 403 – ‘Flying Displays and Special Events: Safety and Administrative Requirements and Guidance’ shall be passed by the Restricted ROCC - FDD operator.

## Administration

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### Application

- 1.9 All applicants for the restricted ROCC - FDD must contact the General Aviation Unit (GAU) to arrange attendance of an FDD accreditation course.
- 1.10 There are no exemptions/credits available towards the issue of a Restricted ROCC - FDD. No exemption/credits towards the requirements will be given to those who already hold another category of ROCC, or an Air Traffic Control Officer (ATCO)/Flight Information Service Officer (FISO) or Pilot's licence. Only those who have completed and passed the FDD accreditation course will be issued a restricted ROCC - FDD.
- 1.11 Approved UK CAA ROCC Examiners are not authorised to assess or approve FDD applications.
- 1.12 Applicants must complete SRG1413A for the issue of a Restricted ROCC - FDD. This must be approved by the GAU prior to submission.
- 1.13 A fee is payable to the CAA for the initial issue of a Restricted ROCC - FDD. [CAA Scheme of Charges \(Personnel Licensing\)](#)
- Note: The fee for a Restricted ROCC - FDD initial issue is the same as all other categories of ROCC but does not include the other privileges.*
- 1.14 The ROCC Air Ground Communication Service (AGCS), Offshore Communication Service (OCS), Clearance Delivery Officer (CDO), Parachutists Aeronautical Radio Station (PARA) and Operational Control Communications (OPC) do not allow the Restricted ROCC - FDD privileges to be exercised. All holders will be required to complete the full training (there are no credits) and FDD certificate issue requirements as above.

### Certificate holder requirements

- 1.15 Restricted ROCC - FDD holders are responsible for ensuring that their certificate contact details remain correct and up to date. Any changes are required to be notified to the CAA on form SRG 1411(E).