



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 6019

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## Maintenance of Microlight and SLMG Class Ratings issued prior to 1 February 2008

### Background

- 1) Under the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order'), microlight and SLMG class ratings (regardless of the licence they are included in) are required to be maintained on a 24-month validity period cycle, as set out in Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 8.
- 2) This exemption allows the specified licence holders to maintain a microlight or SLMG class rating in accordance with the previous arrangements set out in Section 1 of Part C of Schedule 7 of the Air Navigation Order 2009. This allows the use of the previous '5 flight hours in the preceding 13 months' flight experience and validity arrangement, or the option to obtain a 'certificate of test' with a 13-month validity period.
- 3) This exemption does not apply to any holder of a National Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes). They must comply with the relevant requirements in Part 3 of Schedule 8 to the Order.

### Exemption

- 4) The Civil Aviation Authority, in exercise of its powers under Article 266 of the Order, hereby exempts any of the specified licence holders, subject to the specified conditions, from the requirement at article 157, that to be able to exercise the privileges of a rating specified in Chapter 2 or 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 8, the licence must include a certificate of revalidation for that rating, which is appropriate, issued and valid in accordance with Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 8.
- 5) The specified licence holders are —
  - a) Any holder of a United Kingdom pilot's licence, valid under the Order, which includes the privileges of a United Kingdom Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) and for which is included in the licence a microlight or SLMG class rating.

- 6) The specified conditions are —
- a) the exemption only applies with regard to the validity of microlight or SLMG class ratings;
  - b) the rating was granted prior to 1 February 2008;
  - c) there is included in the licence holder's personal flying logbook a certificate of test or experience for the rating which complies with the Schedule to this exemption; and
  - d) the certificate is appropriate to the functions to be performed, issued and valid in accordance with the Schedule to this exemption.
- 7) For the purposes of this exemption the term 'United Kingdom Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes)' includes such a licence that is restricted to microlight aeroplanes only.
- 8) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No.1428 which is revoked.

**Date in Force**

- 9) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 30 September 2025, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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**Schedule to this exemption**

1) A certificate of experience pursuant to this exemption must be signed by a person authorised by the CAA to sign such a certificate and certify:

- a) the functions to which the certificate relates;
- b) that on the date on which the certificate was signed, the holder of the licence or personal flying log book of which it forms part:
  - (i) produced the personal flying log book to the person signing the certificate; and
  - (ii) satisfied the authorised person that the licence holder had appropriate experience in the capacity to which the licence relates within the period 13 months preceding the last day of the month in which the certificate was signed;
- c) The date on which it was signed.
- d) For the purposes of 1) b) (ii) 'appropriate experience' shall mean 5 flight hours in any capacity, pilot in command, pilot in command under supervision and/or pilot under training within the existing validity period of the certificate. The flight experience can be amassed in any aeroplane or motorglider with at least 1 hour in the class of aircraft to be revalidated.
- e) A certificate of experience is valid for 13 months after the last day of the month in which it was signed.

2) A certificate of test pursuant to this exemption must be signed by a person authorised by the CAA to sign such certificates of this kind and certify:

- a) The functions to which the certificate relates;
- b) That the person signing the certificate is satisfied that on a date specified in the certificate the holder of the licence or personal flying logbook of which the certificate forms a part passed an appropriate test of the holder's ability to perform the functions to which the certificate relates;
- c) The type of aircraft in which the test was conducted; and
- d) The date on which it was signed.
- e) For the purposes of b) 'appropriate test' shall mean a test of the pilot's competence to fly the aircraft as pilot in command.
- f) A certificate of test is valid for 13 months after the last day of the month in which the test was taken.

**Explanatory Note:**

- 1) The objective of the exemption is to allow the following licence holders issued in accordance with the Order.
  - a. ATPL(A)
  - b. CPL(A)
  - c. PPL(A)
  - d. PPL(A) restricted to Microlight aeroplanes.
- 2) Which has endorsed on the licence a valid Microlight or Self Launching Motorglider (SLMG) Class Rating issued before 1 February 2008, to revalidate this rating(s) using the previous '5 flight hours in the preceding 13 months' flight experience and validity arrangement, or the option to obtain a 'certificate of test' with a 13-month validity period.
- 3) 'Appropriate experience' shall mean 5 flight hours in any capacity, pilot in command, pilot in command under supervision and/or pilot under training within the existing validity period of the certificate.
- 4) 'Appropriate experience' means that the flight experience can be amassed in any aeroplane or motorglider with at least 1 flight hour in the class of aeroplane to be revalidated. For example, if a pilot amasses 4 flight hours in an aeroplane, then at least 1 flight hour in a microlight or motorglider, depending on which class rating is being revalidated, will be required.
- 5) This exemption is being reissued for a two-year period until 30 September 2025.
- 6) AAIB Safety Recommendation 2023-010 from the accident report into Flight Design CT2K G-CBDJ states:

**Safety Recommendation 2023-010**

It is recommended that the UK Civil Aviation Authority assesses the continued appropriateness for holders of UK PPLs with microlight class ratings issued before 1 February 2008 to revalidate that rating solely by providing evidence of experience.

The CAA is considering within the GA Pilot Licensing and Training Simplification review whether to renew this exemption and at this time there is a possibility that the CAA will be consulting on its withdrawal. Licence holders are therefore advised that this may be the last time this exemption is available.

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