



Miscellaneous

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Air Navigation Order 2016

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General Permission

Use of National Permit to Fly Aircraft for Flight Instruction and Self-Fly Hire

Background

- 1) The Air Navigation Order 2016 (Article 42, as amended) does not permit “Commercial Operations” on National Permit to Fly aircraft¹. This General Permission is therefore issued to enable certain types of flight instruction and examination, self-fly hire and Introductory Flights on the aircraft specified in paragraph 8 below.
- 2) This permission does not apply to:
 - Flight instruction or examination in any Ex-Military aircraft that are operated in accordance with CAP 632, since these are addressed by separate arrangements within CAP 632 and through the Aeronautical Information Circular W 055/2016.
 - Amateur-built helicopters.
 - Ab-initio training.
- 3) Flight instruction and examination utilising non-certificated aircraft, where the recipient does not hold a licence, is already permitted when the recipient is:
 - i) the registered owner or joint-owner, or
 - ii) a registered shareholder of the company of which owns the aircraft, or
 - iii) the spouse or child of a registered sole or joint owner.
- 4) Flight instruction, examination, self-fly hire and introductory flights on Type Approved microlights and gyroplanes are allowed under the permission contained within Official Record Series 4 No.1583.

¹ Other than commercial operation which consists of an aircraft flying for the purpose of a flying display, associated practice for a flying display, test and positioning flights or the exhibition or demonstration of the aircraft.

Interpretation

- 5) In this permission, references to EU regulations are to those regulations as retained and amended in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and are referenced hereafter as “UK Regulation (EU) year/number” or “UK Regulation (EU) No. number/year”.
- 6) The Air Navigation Order 2016 (as amended) is referred to as the “Order”.

Permission

- 7) The Civil Aviation Authority (‘the CAA’), pursuant to article 42 (1)(b)(i) and (iii) of the Order, permits a specified aircraft to fly on specified operations.
- 8) The specified aircraft is any aircraft that flies in accordance with a UK National Permit to Fly, issued in accordance with Article 40 of the Order, and which remains in force, except for:
 - a) Aircraft operated in accordance with CAP 632; and
 - b) Amateur-built Helicopters.
- 9) The specified operations are –
 - a) A commercial operation that consists of flight instruction and examination.
 - b) Self-fly Hire.
 - c) Introductory Flights in accordance with Article 15 of the Order.
- 10) The specified conditions are -
 - a) The pilot must already hold a pilot’s licence in the same aircraft category.
 - b) The aircraft has a current Certificate of Validity issued by the CAA or an organisation approved in accordance with BCAR A8-25 or A8-26; in which case, the aircraft will be operated in accordance with the technical leaflets issued by the approved organisation.
 - c) For Introductory Flights, the aircraft is either ‘Type Approved’ or a type formerly holding a UK Certificate of Airworthiness, in respect of which, there is a ‘Type Responsibility Agreement’ (TRA) with the CAA under BCAR A5-1, and the operator has entered into an agreement with the TRA holder for such operation.
- 11) In this permission –
 - a) ‘Pilot’s licence’ means a licence granted or rendered valid either under the Order or Annex I to UK Regulation (EU) No.1178/2011.
 - b) ‘Certificate of Validity’ has the meaning assigned to it by Article 41 of the Order.
 - c) ‘Commercial Operation’ has the same meaning as is defined at Article 7 of the Order².

² Any operation of an aircraft other than for public transport—

- (a) which is available to the public; or
- (b) which, when not made available to the public, is performed under a contract between an operator and a customer, where the latter has no control over the operator, in return for remuneration or other valuable consideration.

12) This Permission supersedes Official Record Series 4 No.1510, which is revoked.

Date in Force

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

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