

Subpart 61.G—Recreational pilot licences

Division 61.G.1—Privileges and grant of licences

61.460 Privileges of recreational pilot licences

Subject to Subpart 61.E and regulations 61.465 and 61.470, the holder of a recreational pilot licence is authorised to pilot a single-engine aircraft as pilot in command or co-pilot if:

- (a) the aircraft is certificated for single-pilot operation; and
- (b) the aircraft has a maximum certificated take-off weight of not more than 1 500 kg; and
- (c) the aircraft is not rocket-powered or turbine-powered; and
- (d) the flight is conducted by day under the VFR; and
- (e) either:
 - (i) the aircraft is engaged in a private operation; or
 - (ii) the holder is receiving flight training.

Note 1: Subpart 61.E sets out certain limitations that apply to all pilot licences, and ratings and endorsements on pilot licences.

Note 2: The holder of a recreational pilot licence is also authorised to taxi an aircraft in certain circumstances: see regulation 61.430.

Note 3: The holder of a recreational pilot licence is also authorised to transmit on a radio frequency of a kind used for the purpose of ensuring the safety of air navigation if the holder also holds a flight radio endorsement: see regulation 61.435.

61.465 Limitations on exercise of privileges of recreational pilot licences—general

- (1) The holder of a recreational pilot licence is authorised to pilot an aircraft in a Contracting State's airspace only if the holder has the permission (however described) of the Contracting State to do so.
- (2) The holder of a recreational pilot licence is authorised to pilot an aircraft carrying more than one passenger only if the holder:
 - (a) also holds a current class 1 or 2 medical certificate; or
 - (b) is accompanied by another pilot who:

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- (i) holds a current class 1 or 2 medical certificate; and
 - (ii) occupies a flight control seat in the aircraft; and
 - (iii) is authorised to pilot the aircraft.
- (3) The holder of a recreational pilot licence is authorised to pilot an aircraft above 10 000 ft above mean sea level only if the holder:
 - (a) also holds a current class 1 or 2 medical certificate; or
 - (b) is accompanied by another pilot who:
 - (i) holds a current class 1 or 2 medical certificate; and
 - (ii) occupies a flight control seat in the aircraft; and
 - (iii) is authorised to pilot the aircraft.

61.470 Limitations on exercise of privileges of recreational pilot licences—endorsements

- (1) The holder of a recreational pilot licence is authorised to pilot an aircraft outside the following areas only if the holder also holds a recreational navigation endorsement:
 - (a) the area within 25 nautical miles of the departure aerodrome;
 - (b) a flight training area;
 - (c) the area that is a direct route between the departure aerodrome and a flight training area.
- (2) The holder of a recreational pilot licence is authorised to pilot an aircraft in controlled airspace only if the holder also holds a controlled airspace endorsement.
- (3) The holder of a recreational pilot licence is authorised to pilot an aircraft at a controlled aerodrome only if the holder also holds a controlled aerodrome endorsement.

61.475 Requirements for grant of recreational pilot licences

- (1) An applicant for a recreational pilot licence must be at least 16.
- (2) Subject to regulation 61.480, the applicant must also have:
 - (a) passed the aeronautical knowledge examination for a recreational pilot licence and the associated aircraft category rating; and

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- (b) completed flight training for a recreational pilot licence and the associated aircraft category rating; and
- (c) passed the flight test mentioned in the Part 61 Manual of Standards for a recreational pilot licence and the associated aircraft category rating; and
- (d) completed at least 25 hours of flight time as pilot of an aircraft of the category for which the associated aircraft category rating is sought, including:
 - (i) at least 20 hours of dual flight; and
 - (ii) at least 5 hours of solo flight time.

Note 1: For paragraph (a), for the conduct of aeronautical knowledge examinations, see Division 61.B.3.

Note 2: For paragraph (b), for the requirements for flight training, see Division 61.B.2.

Note 3: For paragraph (c), for the conduct of flight tests, see Division 61.B.4.

Note 4: For paragraph (d), for the determination of a person's flight time and other aeronautical experience, see Division 61.A.2.

- (3) Despite paragraph 61.245(1)(a), the flight test must be conducted in an aircraft.
- (4) The applicant is taken to meet the requirements of subregulation (2) if the applicant holds a private pilot licence, commercial pilot licence or air transport pilot licence.

61.480 Grant of recreational pilot licences in recognition of pilot certificates granted by certain organisations

- (1) This regulation applies to an applicant for a recreational pilot licence if:
 - (a) the applicant holds a pilot certificate, granted by a recreational aviation administration organisation that administers activities involving aircraft of a particular category; and
 - (b) the certificate permits the holder to act as the pilot in command of an aircraft of that category.
- (2) For subregulation 61.475(2), the applicant is taken to have passed:
 - (a) the aeronautical knowledge examination; and

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- (b) the flight test;
for the licence and the associated aircraft category rating.
- (3) The applicant is also taken to have met the requirements for the grant of:
 - (a) the aircraft category rating for each category of aircraft in which the person is permitted by the certificate to act as pilot in command; and
 - (b) the aircraft class rating for each class of aircraft in which the person is permitted by the certificate to act as pilot in command; and
 - (c) the design feature endorsement for each design feature of an aircraft in which the applicant is permitted by the certificate to act as pilot in command.

Note: The holder of an aircraft class rating must successfully complete a flight review for the rating to be authorised to exercise the privileges of the rating, and is not taken to have met the flight review requirement on the basis of being taken to have met the requirements for the grant of the rating under subregulation (3): see subregulation 61.745(4).

Division 61.G.2—Recreational pilot licence endorsements

61.485 Kinds of recreational pilot licence endorsements

The following are recreational pilot licence endorsements:

- (a) a controlled aerodrome endorsement;
- (b) a controlled airspace endorsement;
- (c) a flight radio endorsement;
- (d) a recreational navigation endorsement.

61.490 Privileges of recreational pilot licence endorsements

- (1) Subject to Subpart 61.E, the holder of a recreational pilot licence with a controlled aerodrome endorsement is authorised to pilot an aircraft, as pilot in command, at a controlled aerodrome.
- (2) Subject to Subpart 61.E, the holder of a recreational pilot licence with a controlled airspace endorsement is authorised to pilot an aircraft, as pilot in command, in controlled airspace.
- (3) Subject to Subpart 61.E, the holder of a recreational pilot licence with a flight radio endorsement is authorised to operate an aircraft radio on the ground or in flight to transmit on a radio frequency of a kind used for the purpose of ensuring the safety of air navigation.
- (4) Subject to Subpart 61.E, the holder of a recreational pilot licence with a recreational navigation endorsement is authorised to pilot an aircraft, as pilot in command, on a cross-country flight.

Note: Subpart 61.E sets out certain limitations that apply to all pilot licences, and ratings and endorsements on pilot licences.

61.495 Requirements for grant of recreational pilot licence endorsements

- (1) This regulation applies to a person other than a person who is eligible to be granted a recreational pilot licence endorsement under regulation 61.500.
- (2) An applicant for a recreational pilot licence endorsement must:

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- (a) have passed the aeronautical knowledge examination for the endorsement; and
- (b) have completed flight training for the endorsement; and
- (c) if the endorsement is a recreational navigation endorsement—have completed, in addition to the flight time mentioned in paragraph 61.475(2)(d):
 - (i) at least 5 hours of solo cross-country flight time; and
 - (ii) at least 2 hours of dual instrument time, 1 hour of which is conducted during dual instrument flight time; and
- (d) if the endorsement is a flight radio endorsement—have a current aviation English language proficiency assessment.

Note 1: For paragraph (a), for the conduct of aeronautical knowledge examinations, see Division 61.B.3.

Note 2: For paragraph (b), for the requirements for flight training, see Division 61.B.2.

- (3) The cross-country flight time required by paragraph (2)(c) must include a flight of at least 100 nautical miles, during which a full-stop landing is made at each of 2 aerodromes or landing areas, other than the one from which the flight began.

61.500 Grant of endorsement in recognition of other qualifications

- (1) An applicant for a recreational pilot licence endorsement is eligible to be granted the endorsement if the applicant:
 - (a) holds a recreational pilot licence; and
 - (b) holds another flight crew licence that authorises the exercise of the privileges of the endorsement.
- (2) An applicant for a controlled aerodrome endorsement is eligible to be granted the endorsement if:
 - (a) regulation 61.480 applies to the applicant; and
 - (b) the applicant holds an approval from the recreational aviation administration organisation to pilot an aircraft at a controlled aerodrome.
- (3) An applicant for a controlled airspace endorsement is eligible to be granted the endorsement if:
 - (a) regulation 61.480 applies to the applicant; and

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- (b) the applicant holds an approval from the recreational aviation administration organisation to pilot an aircraft in controlled airspace.
- (4) An applicant for a flight radio endorsement is eligible to be granted the endorsement if:
 - (a) regulation 61.480 applies to the applicant; and
 - (b) the applicant holds an approval from the recreational aviation administration organisation to operate an aircraft radio; and
 - (c) the applicant has a current aviation English language proficiency assessment.
- (5) An applicant for a recreational navigation endorsement is eligible to be granted the endorsement if:
 - (a) regulation 61.480 applies to the applicant; and
 - (b) the applicant holds a cross-country navigation approval from the recreational aviation administration organisation; and
 - (c) the applicant has completed the following flight time that complies with subregulation 61.495(3):
 - (i) at least 5 hours of solo cross-country flight time;
 - (ii) at least 2 hours of dual instrument time, 1 hour of which is conducted during dual instrument flight time.