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Experience with Electrically Powered Aircraft inTraining



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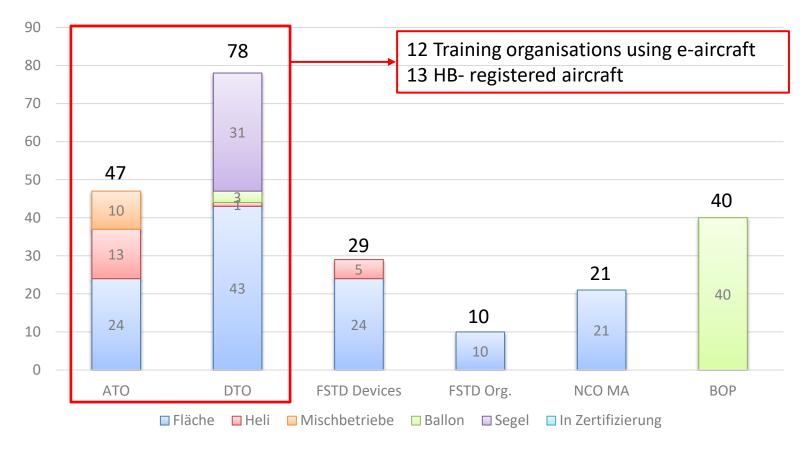
«Training Organisations and Light Aircraft Operations»

- This section certifies and licenses:
 - training organisations (ATO) for complex and non-complex aircraft;
 - Flight simulation training devices; and
 - \max air operations (NCO).
- This section is responsible for the supervision of light aircraft operations in Switzerland; and
- In addition, its supervisory duties encompass gliders, as well as hang-gliders, DTOs, balloons and parachute jumps.



Organisations and FTSDs

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Total 226 certificates and declarations
535 Training course syllabi in ATOs und 405 in DTOs

Legal basis

▶ Based on an exemption EASA ref.number 711/20/1062



Area of operation



Basic Training – LAPL / PPL
Airwork,
Aerodrome circuits
Landing training

Advantages - disadvantages





Advantages:

- 👟 Reduced emissions
- 🔭 Fuel
- 💌 Noise
- 👟 Lower costs
- Marketing potential

Disadvantages/challenges:

- Endurance
- Performance
- 💌 Flight planning
- Battery charging (especially in cold temperatures)
- Limited area of operation
- Only suitable for 5-40% LAPL/PPL sessions

Differences e-aircraft vs conventional aircraft





- Smother control reactions
- Easier system- and checklist handling
- Simpler procedures
- 👟 Better glide ratio
- Slowing down of aircraft is totally different compared to conventional SEP
- Lack of endurance/performance must be compensated with additional forward planning compared to conventional SEP
- Lessons with e-aircraft must be well timed and organised



- Participants using e-aircraft have mainly positive experiences, even though some difficulties and challenges exist;
- The majority of participants rate the potential as promising as soon as the endurance will increase to 2-3 hours.





