European Union Aviation Safety Agency

Registration requirements

Do I need to register my drone?

Answer

Unless they are certified, drones do not need to be registered, but**you, as drone operator/owner, must register yourself**. You do so with the National Aviation Authority **of the EU country you residence in**. (https://www.easa.europa.eu/domains/civil-drones/naa)

You register once, independently of how many drones you have operating in the 'open' or the 'specific' category. Your registration will be valid for a period defined by your National Aviation Authority, after which you need to renew it.

However, you **do not need to register yourself** if your drone(s):

1. weighs less than 250g and has no camera or other sensor able to detect personal data; or
2. even with a camera or other sensor, weighs less than 250g, but is a toy (this means that its documentation shows that it complies with 'toy' Directive 2009/48/EC);

A drone is certified when it has a certificate of airworthiness (or a restricted certificate of airworthiness) issued by the National Aviation Authority. In this case, it requires a registration. A certified drone is needed only when the risk of the operation requires it. So certification is never needed for drones operated in the 'open' category.

Relevant regulation: article 21 of EU regulation 2019/947.

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What happens once I register?

Answer

Once registered, you receive a '**drone operator registration number**' that needs to be **displayed** with a sticker **on all the drones you own, including those privately built** You must also, **upload it** into the 'Drone's **remote identification system**'.

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Will my registration as drone operator be recognised throughout Europe?

Answer

Yes, you as drone operator, will receive a unique registration number and this will be valid in all other EASA member State. You cannot register twice.

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