European Union Aviation Safety Agency

Other requirements

Is there a minimum age to fly a drone?

Answer

The general rule mandates that the minimum age for remote pilots of drones in the ‘open’ and ’specific’ categories is 16 years old. However, there are exceptions. There is no minimum age for remote-pilot requirements:

1. for flying in Subcategory A1 with a Class 0 drone;
2. for flying with a privately-built drone weighing below 250 g; or
3. for flying under the direct supervision of a remote pilot that has met the competency requirements — see the following link for more details on training: Open Category - Low Risk - Civil Drones | EASA (europa.eu).

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Do I need insurance?

Answer

You, as drone operator, are always required to have an insurance for your drone if you are using a drone with a weight above 20kg. However most of EASA Member States mandate a third party insurance also if you are operating a lighter drone. So please consult the national regulation.

Regulatory reference: Article 14 (2) (d) of EU regulation 2019/947.

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Are there any Brexit related regulations?

Answer

For Brexit related questions please consult our Brexit FAQs under Aircraft Operations.

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