

Training requirements in the 'open' category

Who issues the remote pilot competency certificate for the 'open' category and how long is it valid for?

Answer

For the 'open' category or standard scenarios, the National Aviation Authority is responsible for issuing the certificates. A certificate for Remote Pilot competency **is valid for 5 years**. If the revalidation is conducted before the certificate expires, the remote pilot may attend a seminar provided by the National Aviation Authority or by an entity recognised by it, otherwise competencies need to be re-demonstrated.

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Will the competency certificate for the 'open' category be recognised throughout Europe?

Answer

Yes, training conducted in one EASA member state will be recognised in all others.

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Which training I need to fly my drone in the open category?

Answer

The type of training required depends on the type of drone you use.

A transitional period **until December 31, 2023** applies, and each EASA Member State may define the appropriate remote pilot training requirements according to **the following table**:

WHAT TYPE OF DRONE CAN I FLY?

Applicable until 01 of January 2014

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Operation		Drone Operator / pilot					
Max Take off mass	Subcategory	Operatio restricti		Drone Operator registra	tion?	Remote pilot qualifications	Remote pilot minimum age
<250g	A1 Not over assemblies of people			Yes No if toy or not fitte with camera/sensor	r	Read user's manual	No minimum age (certain conditions apply)
<500g	(can also fly in subcategory A3)	restriction	Operational restrictions on the drone's use				
<2kg	A2 Fly close to people (can also fly in subcategory A3)	apply (follow the QR code below)		Yes		Check out the QR code below for the necessary qualifications to fly these drones	16
<25kg	A3 Fly far from people						
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Remote pilot training as from 1 January 2024

The training requirements applicable as from January 1, 2024 are described below. However, most of the EASA Member States already offer the training listed below. In this way, you can already today receive a certificate according to the EU regulation. So, if you receive from an NAA of an EASA Member State one of the certificate of training with the EASA logo as shown below, you may already use it to operate your drone in the 'open' category in all EASA Member States. The training and exams can be conducted in an EASA Member State of your choice.

WHAT TYPE OF DRONE CAN I FLY?

	Operation			Drone Oper	ator / pilot	
C-Class	Max Take off mass	Subcategory	Operational restrictions	Drone Operator registration?	Remote pilot qualifications	Remote pilot minimum age
Privately build	<250g	A1		Yes No if toy or not fitted with camera/sensor	Read user's	No minimum age
CO		Not over assemblies of people (can also fly in subcategory A3) A2 Fly close to people (can also fly in subcategory A3) A3 Fly far from people			manual	(certain conditions apply)
C1	<900g		Operational restrictions on the drone's		Check out	
C2	<4kg		use apply (follow the QR code below)	Yes	the QR code below for the necessary qualifications to fly these	16
C3 C4 Privately build	<25kg				drones	
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Please pay attention: we are made aware that some illegal websites are selling fake certificates of training. Please trust only the providers of training and exams that are listed in a NAA website!

How to operate drones in the open category from 01/01/2024 (These provisions already apply to drones with C-class marks)

• Privately built and drones placed on the market before 01/01/2024 (under 250 gramm)

Subcategory	A1 (can also fly in subcategory A3)
Operational restrictions	 May fly over uninvolved people (should be avoided when possible) No flight over assemblies of people
Drone operator registration	No, unless camera / sensor on board and a drone is not a toy
Remote pilot competence	No training required
Remote pilot minimum age	No minimum age

• C0 (under 250 gramm)

Subcategory	A1 (can also fly in subcategory A3)
Operational restrictions	No flight over assemblies of people;Maintain flight altitude below 120m above ground level.
Drone operator registration	No, unless camera / sensor on board and a drone is not a toy
Remote pilot competence	Read carefully the user manual
Remote pilot minimum age	16*, no minimum age if drone is a toy

• C1 (under 900 gramm)

Subcategory	A1 (can also fly in subcategory A3)		
Operational restrictions	 No flight expected over uninvolved people (if it happens, overflight should be minimised); No flight over assemblies of people; Maintain flight altitude below 120m above ground level. 		
Drone operator registration	Yes		
Remote pilot competence	 Read carefully the user manual Obtain a 'Proof of completion for online training' for A1/A3 'open' subcategory by: Completing the online training Passing the online theoretical exam 		
Remote pilot minimum age	16*		

• C2 (under 4 kg)

Subcategory	A2 (can also fly in subcategory A3)		
Operational restrictions	 Must not overfly uninvolved people; Maintain a horizontal distance of 30 m from uninvolved people (car be reduced to 5 m if the low-speed function is activated); Maintain flight altitude below 120m above ground level. 		
Drone operator registration	Yes		
Remote pilot competence	Read carefully the user manual Obtain a 'Remote pilot certificate of competency' for A2 'open' subcategory by: Having a 'Proof of completion for online training' for A1/A3 'open subcategory Conducting and declare a practical self- training Passing an additional theoretical exam at the NAA or proctored online		
Remote pilot minimum age	16*		

• C3 (under 25 kg)

Subcategory	A3
Operational restrictions	Must not overfly uninvolved people;
	 Maintain a horizontal distance of 150 m from uninvolved people and
	urban areas;
	Maintain flight altitude below 120m above ground level.
Drone operator registration	Yes
Remote pilot competence	Read carefully the user manual
	 Obtain a 'Proof of completion for online training' for A1/A3 'open'
	subcategory by:
	Completing the online training
	 Passing the online theoretical exam
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Remote pilot minimum age	16*

• C4 (under 25 kg)

Subcategory	A3
Operational restrictions	 Must not overfly uninvolved people; Maintain a horizontal distance of 150 m from uninvolved people and urban areas;
Drone operator registration	Maintain flight altitude below 120m above ground level. Yes
Remote pilot competence	 Read carefully the user manual Obtain a 'Proof of completion for online training' for A1/A3 'open' subcategory by: Completing the online training Passing the online theoretical exam
Remote pilot minimum age	16*

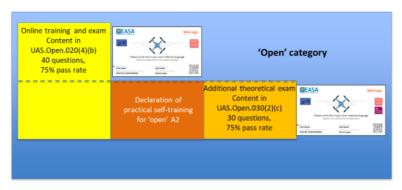
• Privately built and drones placed on the market before 01/01/2024 (under 25 kg)

Subcategory	A3
	Must not overfly uninvolved people;
Operational restrictions	Maintain a horizontal distance of 150 m from uninvolved people and
Operational restrictions	urban areas;
	Maintain flight altitude below 120m above ground level.
Drone operator registration	Yes
	Read carefully the user manual
	 Obtain a 'Proof of completion for online training' for A1/A3 'open'
Remote pilot competence	subcategory by:
	Completing the online training
	 Passing the online theoretical exam
Remote pilot minimum age	16*

Note that an NAA may designate an entity that may conduct the online training and provide the online exam or the exam for the A2 subcategory. Please refer to the NAA's website for additional information.

Summary

'Open' category: remote pilot competency



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