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**Question:**

**What is the difference between the EASA TCO Authorisation and an operating permit issued by an EASA member State?**

**Answer:**

The TCO Authorisation is a safety authorisation issued by EASA following a technical assessment. This technical authorisation issued by EASA is a mandatory prerequisite when applying with any EASA Member State for commercial traffic rights (operating permits), which continue to be issued directly by Member States.

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