

## FAQ n.116457

### FAQs:

Training requirements in the 'open' category , Open category, Drones (UAS), Regulations

### Question:

**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, 2022** applies, and each EASA Member State may define the appropriate remote pilot training requirements according to the following table:


| UAS                     |         | Operation                        |  | Drone Operator/pilot   |   |                                  |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Class                   | MTOM    | Subcategory                      | Operational restrictions   | Drone Operator registration                                  | Remote pilot competence   | Remote pilot minimum age         |
| Privately built         | < 250 g | A1                               | - may fly over uninvolved people (should be avoided when possible)   | No, unless camera / sensor on board and a drone is not a toy | - no training needed  | No minimum age                   |
| 0                       |         | (can also fly in subcategory A3) | - no flying over assemblies of people  |  | - read user's manual  | 16*                              |
| Legacy drones (Art. 20) |         |                                  |  |  |   | no minimum age if drone is a toy |
| 1                       | < 900 g |                                  | - No flying expected over uninvolved people (if it happens, should be minimised)<br>- no flying over assemblies of people  | Yes  | - read user's manual<br>- complete online training<br>- pass online theoretical exam                          | 16*                              |
| 2                       | < 4 kg  | A2                               | - no flying over uninvolved people<br>- keep horizontal distance of 30 m from uninvolved people<br>(this can be reduced to 5 m if low speed function is activated) | Yes  | - read user's manual<br>- complete online training<br>- pass online theoretical exam                          | 16*                              |
|                         |         | (can also fly in subcategory A3) |  |  | - conduct and declare a self-practical training<br>- pass a written exam at the NAA (or at recognized entity) |                                  |
| 3                       | < 25 kg | A3                               | - do not fly near people   | Yes  | - read user's manual  | 16*                              |
| 4                       |         |                                  | - fly outside of urban areas (150 m distance)  |  | - complete online training  |                                  |
| Privately built         |         |                                  |  |  | - pass online theoretical exam  |                                  |
| Legacy drones (art. 20) |         |                                  |  |  |   |                                  |

## Remote pilot training as from 1 January 2023

The training requirements applicable as from January 1, 2023 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 a EASA member states of your choice.

***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!***

**No training** is required if the drone you use:

- has a C0 class identification label 
- is built by yourself (privately built) and has a maximum weight of less than 250 g
- is purchased before 31 December 2022, without a class identification label, and with a maximum weight of less than 250 g

However, you need to familiarise yourself with the manufacturer's instructions.

**Proof of completion for online training for A1/A3 'open' subcategory**

If your drone meets one of the following conditions:

- has one of the following class identification labels:



- or is purchased before 31 December 2022, without a class identification label, and with a maximum weight of less than 25 kg,

then, after familiarising yourself with the manufacturer's instructions, you need to undertake an online training and take an exam for the A1/A3 category. Please check the NAA's website to find out how to receive this training and exam. **You may undertake the training and take the exam in any EASA Member State.**

After answering 40 questions, with at least a 75 % pass rate, you will receive the following certificate:



## Remote pilot certificate of competency for A2 'open' subcategory



If your drone has a C2 class identification label , you need to:

- familiarise yourself with the manufacturer's instructions;
- complete the online training and pass the online exam as defined for drones with a C1, C3 or C4 class identification label;
- identify a safe area that meets the requirements for subcategory A3 (an area where no uninvolved persons are present in the range of the drone, at least 150 m away from residential, industrial or commercial areas) and conduct a practical self-training.

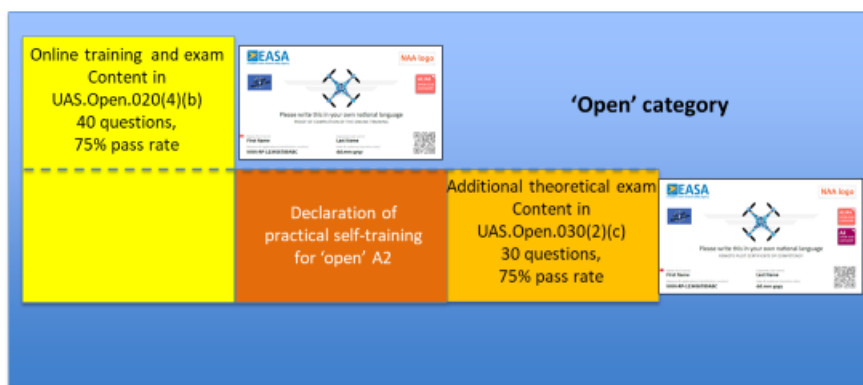
Now you can contact an NAA to take an additional theoretical exam. Before taking the exam, you must declare the successful completion of the practical training. The exam may be either administered in a classroom or online; in the latter case, a system provided by the respective NAA for the identification of your identity (e.g. an online proctoring system) is required. After answering 30 questions with a 75 % pass rate, you will receive the following certificate:



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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