**FAQs:**
Part-M: General, Part-M, Continuing Airworthiness, Regulations

**Question:**
What are the responsibilities relevant to pre-flight inspection?

**Answer:**
The pre-flight inspection forms part of the essential requirements for air operation, as required in Annex V (point 6.2) of the ‘Basic Regulation’ (Regulation (EU) 2018/1139). Being relevant to the aircraft’s fitness for the intended flight, this essential requirement is implemented by the Commission Regulation (EU) 1321/2014 for continuing airworthiness in the following way:

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<td>M.A.201(d)</td>
<td>Carry out pre-flight inspection satisfactorily</td>
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<td>M.A.301(a)/ML.A.301(a)</td>
<td>Ensure pre-flight inspection is carried out</td>
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Ensure pre-flight inspection includes the actions necessary to ensure that the aircraft is fit to carry out the intended flight.

**AMC M.A.301(a) points (1) and (2) elaborates those actions**

If a/c managed by Owner or CA(M)O (according to M.A.201/ML.A.201):

Pre-flight inspection training described in the CAME part 1.11 or CAE part D.6

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If a/c managed by CA(M)O:

Pre-flight inspection is carried out adequately [AMC M.A.301(a) point (3)]

This is important because the pre-flight inspection contributes in feeding the process of aircraft continuing airworthiness

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**Note:**

As per the definition of ‘maintenance’ in article 2 (h) of Commission Regulation (EU) 1321/2014, ‘pre-flight inspection’ (as defined in article 2(j)) is not considered maintenance. Therefore, it does not require a certificate of release to service [M.A.201(d)/ML.A.201(d)].

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