



# CHAPTER 15

## RECOGNITION OF PILOT CERTIFICATES GRANTED BY SPORT AVIATION BODIES



## 15.1 Overview

This chapter details how pilot certificates and endorsements granted by sports aviation bodies may be recognised for the issue of an aeroplane recreational pilot licence or associated endorsement.

## 15.2 Pilot certificates are deemed equivalent to an RPL

**(CASR 61.480 and FCLM 5.3)**

If you hold a pilot certificate granted by a sports aviation body in the aeroplane category, you may be granted a recreational pilot licence (aeroplane) i.e. RPL(A).

## 15.3 Flight review requirements

**(CASR 61.480, FCLM 5.1 and 5.3)**

You must successfully complete a flight review in order to exercise the privileges of the RPL(A).



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## 15.4 Endorsements on pilot certificates may be added to an RPL

**(FCLM 5.4)**

The following endorsements are recognised. They will be granted with the issue of your RPL(A) if the endorsement has been issued by a sports aircraft body as part of your pilot certificate:

- › a recreational navigation endorsement
- › controlled airspace endorsement
- › controlled aerodrome endorsement
- › design feature endorsement
- › a flight radio endorsement.

**Notes:** Additional requirements may apply. To be issued:

- › a recreational navigational endorsement: you must also have completed at least 5 hours of solo cross-country flight time
- › a flight radio endorsement: you must also have approval from a sports aviation body to operate an aircraft radio and have a current aviation English language proficiency assessment.

## 15.5 Flight activity endorsements on pilot certificates may not be added to an RPL

Flight activity endorsements (for example, formation flying and aerobatics) are not recognised and are therefore not transferable from a sports aviation pilot certificate to an RPL.

## 15.6 Recognition of hours flown in sports aircraft

Hours flown as 'pilot flying' are recognised for the issue of both a PPL(A) and CPL(A) if your training is undertaken in a non-integrated training program. Aeronautical experience accumulated in non-registered and non-recognised aircraft cannot contribute to the aeronautical experience required within an integrated training program for the issue of a PPL(A) and CPL(A). See chapter 4 of this guide.