





9.1 Overview

This chapter details the specific requirements for obtaining a flight activity endorsement.

Flight activity endorsements encompass:

- > aerobatic flight
- formation flying
- > spinning flight
- > formation aerobatic flight.

You may hold more than one flight activity endorsement.

These endorsements require additional knowledge and skills training. For example, if you want to conduct aerobatic flight, you must first complete a spinning flight activity endorsement followed by aerobatic flight training and be assessed as competent to conduct aerobatic flight safely.

Training for a flight activity endorsement must be delivered by a qualified flight instructor who holds the particular flight activity endorsement and the relevant training endorsement on their flight instructor rating. Training for a flight activity endorsement does not have to be undertaken at a Part 141 or Part 142 operator as the flight instructor may deliver the training independently.



9.2 Kinds of flight activity endorsements

(61.1145)

The variety of flight activity endorsements, their authorised activities and requirements are detailed in table 31.

Table 31: Kinds of flight activity endorsements

	The activity you wish to conduct	Endorsement required	Requirements to be issued the endorsement
Aerobatics	aerobatic manoeuvres above 3,000 ft AGL	aerobatics flight activity endorsement	aeroplane category ratingspinning flight activity endorsement
	aerobatic manoeuvres above 1,500 ft AGL	aerobatics (1,500) flight activity endorsement	aeroplane category ratingaerobatics flight activity endorsement
	aerobatic manoeuvres above 1,000 ft AGL	aerobatics (1,000) flight activity endorsement	 aeroplane category rating aerobatics (1,500) flight activity endorsement
	aerobatic manoeuvres above 500 ft AGL	aerobatics (500) flight activity endorsement	aeroplane category ratingaerobatics (1,000) flight activity endorsement
	aerobatic manoeuvres at any height	aerobatics (unlimited) flight activity endorsement	aeroplane category ratingaerobatics (500) flight activity endorsement
Formation	formation flying	formation flying flight activity endorsement	› aeroplane category rating
	aerobatic manoeuvres while flying in formation	formation aerobatics flight activity endorsement	 aeroplane category rating aerobatics flight activity endorsement formation flying flight activity endorsement
Spinning	spinning (intentional upright spinning manoeuvres above 300 ft AGL)	spinning flight activity endorsement	› aeroplane category rating

Note: The aircraft intended to be used for the spinning activity must be certified or approved for intentional spinning, i.e. tested to recover from a 6-turn spin within 1.5 turns of recovery inputs.



Advisory Circular 61–16 Spin avoidance and stall recovery training should be reviewed before delivering or undertaking spin training.

9.3 Requirements for the grant of a flight activity endorsement

(61.1160)

To obtain a flight activity endorsement, you must have:

- > the applicable prerequisite rating or endorsement
- > completed the required flight training for the endorsement.

9.4 Limitations of a flight activity endorsement (61.1155)

You can only conduct an aerobatic or spinning manoeuvre if either you:

- > hold a current Class 1 or 2 medical certificate
- > are accompanied by another pilot who:
 - » holds a current Class 1 or 2 medical certificate
 - » occupies the flight control seat in the aircraft
 - » is authorised to conduct the manoeuvre.

