

Quick guide



Chapter 1 Understanding the purposes, functions and key concepts of licensing

Includes the purpose of the licensing system, the related function of various bodies and agencies and key concepts in the licensing process (e.g. applying for an ARN, identity checks and logbook requirements).



Chapter 2 General requirements for gaining a pilot licence, rating or endorsement

Includes the legislative requirements for obtaining a pilot licence (aeroplane) and associated ratings or endorsements. It details, for example, English language proficiency requirements, medical requirements and recognition of hours.



Chapter 3 Student pilots

Describes administrative matters, medical requirements, recency and authorisations for student pilots.



Chapter 4 Pilot licences and required ratings and endorsements

Details the requirements to gain a pilot licence and your obligations, privileges and limitations once you have achieved your licence and any required ratings and endorsements. The licences detailed in this chapter are:

- › recreational pilot licence (RPL)
- › private pilot licence (PPL)
- › commercial pilot licence (CPL)
- › air transport pilot licence (ATPL)
- › multi-crew pilot licence (MPL).



Chapter 5 Aircraft category, class and type ratings

Details the difference between, and how to gain, an aircraft category rating, class rating and type rating (if required).



Chapter 6 Design feature endorsements

Details the requirement for obtaining a design feature endorsement, for example, tailwheel undercarriage, gas turbine engine and floatplane design feature endorsements.



Chapter 7 Low-level rating and associated endorsements

Details the requirements for obtaining a low-level endorsement and mustering endorsement including alternative pathways and the conduct of air displays.



Chapter 8 Aerial application rating and associated endorsements

Details the requirements of an aerial application rating which is required to conduct aerial application flight operations (below 500 ft AGL) and includes firefighting endorsements.



Chapter 9 Flight activity endorsements

Details the specific requirements for obtaining a flight activity endorsement which include aerobatic flight, formation flying, spinning flight and formation aerobatic flight.



Chapter 10 Instrument ratings

Details the requirements to gain an instrument rating and your obligations, privileges and limitations once you have achieved your instrument rating. The instrument ratings detailed in this chapter are:

- › instrument rating (other than private)
- › private instrument rating
- › night rating.



Chapter 11 Pilot instructor ratings

Details how you obtain and maintain an instructor rating and any associated endorsement. It also details your obligations as they relate to training and supervising students. The pilot instructor rating allows for the grant of both:

- › a flight instructor rating
- › a simulator instructor rating.



Chapter 12 Flight examiner rating and associated endorsements

Details the specific requirements for obtaining a flight examiner rating, associated endorsements and proficiency checks. It also details the privileges and limitations of the flight examiner rating and how you may apply for the rating.



Chapter 13 Transitioning a Part 5 of CAR licence

Details the requirements for holders of a Part 5 of CAR licence (you can no longer exercise the privileges of your Part 5 of CAR licence).



Chapter 14 Converting a helicopter category licence to an aeroplane category licence

Details the specific requirements for holders of an Australian helicopter pilot licence wishing to obtain an Australian aeroplane category licence.



Chapter 15 Recognition of pilot certificates granted by sport aviation bodies

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.



Chapter 16 Recognition of overseas authorisations, licences and proficiency checks

Details the specific requirements for recognising foreign flight crew licences, type ratings, operational ratings and endorsements.



Chapter 17 Bilateral agreements

Details how CASA may grant a licence, rating or endorsement to you in accordance with a bilateral agreement between Australia and the contracting state who granted your licence. For example, holders of New Zealand professional flight crew licences (CPL and ATPL) may apply for the equivalent qualifications in Australia.



Chapter 18 Recognition of Australian Defence Force qualifications

Details how you may be able to obtain a flight crew licence, rating, or endorsement if you hold, or have held, a flight crew qualification granted by the ADF equivalent to a CASA licence, rating or endorsement.



Appendices