

21.1 Overview of Agricultural Ratings

This section describes how to record successful tests for an Agricultural Rating and issue the Rating. It also provides guidelines for conducting the test. The procedures for Night Agricultural Ratings are included in [Chapter 18 Night VFR Ratings](#).

21.2 Who May Conduct the Theory Examination?

Only persons appointed by CASA as COs for the Agricultural Rating examination may conduct the theory examination.

A CO may nominate another person to supervise the exam, but is responsible for overall security of the examination.

The exam will be transferred in the future to ASL Pty Ltd as a CyberExam.

21.2 Who May Conduct the Flight Test?

[CAR 5.19](#) Only persons who hold a delegation under [CAR 5.19](#) to conduct agricultural flight tests for an Agricultural Rating.

21.3 Who May Issue an Agricultural Rating?

[CAR 5.14\(2\)](#) Only persons who hold a delegation under [CAR 5.14\(2\)](#) may issue an Agricultural Rating.

21.4 Controls

- CARs [5.04](#), [5.07](#), [5.14\(2\)](#), [5.19](#), [5.42\(2\)](#), and [CAO 40.6](#). See also section [11.4 Legislative References](#).
- [Agricultural Pilot Flight Test Application](#) (Form 212).

21.5 Flight Test Notes

CAO 40.6 The requirements for the issue of an Agricultural Rating are set out in CAO 40.6.

ATOs must complete all sections of the [Agricultural Rating Flight Test Report](#) (back of Form 212) applicable to the flight test being conducted. The aim of the test is to show that the applicant has the ability to:

- CAO 40.6
- Safely control the aircraft while performing the manoeuvres set out in Appendix II or III of CAO 40.6, as appropriate to aeroplanes or helicopters
 - Plan and conduct an agricultural flight.

The test comprises:

- A dual flight test in a dual-equipped agricultural aircraft carrying a representative load
- A solo flight test in a single-place agricultural aircraft (aeroplane rating only)
- An oral test covering regulatory and safety requirements.

The solo segment of a Class 1 rating flight test should, wherever possible, be an actual agricultural operation.

No single item, if improperly carried out, need cause the applicant to fail the test, with the exception of:

- Failure to jettison on simulated engine failure
- Inadequate treatment area inspection, and failure to locate and check wires
- Failure to carry out the extra hazard check prior to commencing clean-up runs.

The ATO may discontinue the test at any point where an overall fail assessment is made. In this event, at the discretion of the ATO, the applicant may be credited with a pass assessment in those test items successfully completed. These items need not be re-tested if the applicant passes all other items within 28 days.

Otherwise, the ATO must consider the applicant's performance overall in determining whether a pass grade is given or whether a specified number of extra hours training is necessary to achieve a pass grade.

21.6 Granting an Agricultural Rating—Procedure

Use the procedure described below to grant an Agricultural Rating. The checklist for the rating is included in *Flight Crew Licensing Procedures Checklist* ([Form 1057](#)).

21.6.1 Before the Test

Approved Pilot/Chief Flying Instructor

7. Confirm the identity of the applicant and that the applicant:
 - o Possesses the required aeronautical experience for the rating
 - o Holds a credit for the agricultural theory examination

CAO 40.6 Meets the training requirements of CAO 40.6

- o Holds one of the following licences as required:
 - o CP(A)L or ATP(A)L
 - or
 - o CP(H)L or ATP(H)L

Note: 1. A CV¹ is not able to be used, refer to CAO 40.6.

2. A SPECPL issued to overseas licence holders is not acceptable as it is limited to private operations.

- o If applying for a Grade 1 rating, holds, or has held, a Grade 2 rating.

8. Recommend the applicant for the flight test.

Approved Test Officer

CAO 5.42 3. Notify your local CASA Regional Office of your intention to conduct the test, and obtain a test number. (This must be done at least 24 hours before the test.)

CAO 40.6 4. Check whether the aircraft is suitable for the test.
Refer CAO 40.6 subsection 10.

CAO 5.04 5. Check that the applicant holds a current medical certificate appropriate to the licence held [refer CAR 5.04(1)], and that the medical certificate permits the pilot to engage in agricultural flying.

6. Conduct the flight test.



¹ A CV is a temporary “permit to fly”, designed to enable the holder of an overseas licence to fly an Australian registered aircraft for a particular purpose and for a specified period.

21.6.2 After the Test

Approved Test Officer

- CAR 5.14(2) 7. Complete the Agricultural Rating Flight Test Report (verso of Form 212) Flight applicable to the flight test being conducted. If you do not hold the delegation to issue the rating, pass the test report to a CAR 5.14(2) delegate.

CAR 5.14(2) Delegate

8. Make sure that the applicant completes the top section of the Log Book Certification Form and signs it. Alternatively, make sure the applicant signs the Flight Test Report.
9. Complete the Delegate Certification section of the same form including the “sticky strip signature”. (You must sign the strip before removal.) **Use your own ARN.**
10. Complete the Flight Crew Ratings record page of the pilot’s Log Book (a sample of which is provided in section 4.6.2).

The forms of entry in the Log Book are:

| <i>Aeroplanes</i> | <i>Helicopters</i> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| AG 1 (A) | AG 1 (H) |
| AG 2 (A) | AG 2 (H). |

11. Affix the signature strip from the Log Book Certification Form in the top half of the box next to the Log Book endorsement that you have just entered. Print your name and ARN underneath.
12. Tear out the top (original) copy of the certification form from the pad and send it, together with the Flight Test Report and any “fail” Flight Test Reports to the CASA CLARC Office within 14 days of the test.

If the “fail” flight tests were conducted by another ATO and you do not have the reports in your possession, send the “pass” Flight Test Report and certification to CASA with a covering note.

13. Keep the carbon (second) copy of the certification in the pad as your record. (This copy will be referred to when CASA audits your system.)

Keep a copy of the Flight Test Report with your copy of the certification or your company’s training records.

The applicant may exercise the privileges of the rating immediately. The Rating remains in force while the holder’s CPL, SCPL or ATPL remains in force.

21.7 Recognising an Overseas Agricultural Rating

CAO 40.6 A person who holds, or has held, an Agricultural Rating issued by an ICAO Contracting State may be issued with the equivalent Australian civilian rating on passing the theory exam and flight test for the rating. The person is not required to complete the course of training specified in CAO 40.6 provided he or she can produce evidence of having undertaken equivalent training overseas.

21.7.1 Procedure

Same as for *Granting an Agricultural Rating*: see section 21.6 above.

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