APPLICATION FOR REMOTE PILOT CERTIFICATE/UAV CONTROLLER CERTIFICATE

Aviation Reference Number

Prior to making any application with CASA, you will be required to obtain an Aviation Reference Number (ARN). This is CASA's system of maintaining and tracking all correspondence related to you and your operation. The link to this CASA form 1162 is: http://www.casa.gov.au/wcmswr/_assets/main/manuals/regulate/fcl/form1162.pdf

CASA Remote Pilot/ UAV Controller Qualifications

To fly a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) /Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) for commercial work either a Remote Pilot Certificate or a UAV Controllers Certificate is required. These certificates apply to the individual who would be employed by a UAS Operator Certificate holder for commercial work operations.

The two options available to obtain a certificate to fly a RPA/UAV are as follows:

OPTION 1 - Remote Pilot Certificate

The option enables people with no aviation experience through to experienced aviators the option of gaining a Certificate that is focused entirely on the operation of a remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS).

The RPAS training course is provided by CASA approved training organisations that have basic RPAS Training on their Operators Certificate.

The course is competency based and comprises of a combination of theory and practical training. Upon successful completion of the course, the provider will apply to CASA on behalf of the trainee for a Remote Pilot Certificate.

UOC holders who have basic RPAS Training approval can be identified on the CASA website or through the following link:

http://www.casa.gov.au/scripts/nc.dll?WCMS:STANDARD::pc=PC_100959

Please contact these organisations for more details.

OPTION 2 – UAV Controllers Certificate

The minimum requirements required for a UAV Controllers Certificate are:

a. Aircraft Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (AROCoP);
b. pass in an aviation licence theory exam – ie Private Pilot Licence (PPL) theory for either Aeroplane or Helicopter (Aeroplane applies to both fixed wing and multi rotor, and Helicopter exam pass to remotely piloted helicopters);
c. Instrument Rating Exam(IREX) pass, or an exemption from CASA;
d. Manufacturers type training of a UAV platform; and
e. 5 hours of flight time on the UAV platform for which the type training was received.

A person who holds or has held:

f. a flight crew licence with a command instrument rating; or

g. a military qualification equivalent to a licence and rating mentioned in paragraph (a); or
h. an air traffic control licence, or a military qualification equivalent to an air traffic control licence;

is taken to satisfy the condition in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)

Before undertaking the UAV Controllers Certificate program, specifically relating to sub-para c. above, you are recommended to get a 'Letter of Introduction' from CASA that advises the training provider and/or exam centre that you do not require the pre-requisites that apply to the private pilot licence (PPL) theory course and exam. Please contact uas@casa.gov.au with your full name, address and ARN so we can provide you the letter of introduction to the school; this will assist with your access.

As mentioned in point (c) above, if you are planning to operate visual line of sight (VLOS), day visual meteorological conditions (VMC) , you can seek an exemption to the requirement of the Regulation to pass an instrument rating exam. Please make your request for exemption via uas@casa.gov.au

A link to the Controller Certificate Application Form can be found at http://www.casa.gov.au/manuals/regulate/fcl/form1087.pdf Please forward your completed application to uas@casa.gov.au