



REGULATION REFORM

A guide to helicopter type ratings



Learn about the Part 61 helicopter type rating rules, which have been in effect from 1 September 2014.

The full rules are contained in Part 61 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations

Who should read this information sheet?

- › Pilots.
- › Flight engineers.
- › Operators.
- › Flying training organisations.

Which helicopters have type ratings?

The following helicopters have type ratings:

- › all multi-crew certificated helicopters
- › all multi-engine helicopters
- › specified single-pilot certificated helicopters that have performance, complexity or handling characteristics that warrant pilots completing a type-specific training course.

The official type-ratings list is a legislative instrument that will be updated when new types are introduced, changes are made or ratings are no longer required. The current instrument is published on the ComLaw website. You can find a link to the instrument on the CASA website at www.casa.gov.au/licensingregs

Some type ratings cover several models (variants), so the list includes requirements for differences training. See below for information on how to determine which type rating is required and whether differences training is needed to operate a different model.

Flight crew type ratings

Specific type ratings apply to flight crew operating particular aircraft. For example, a captain or co-pilot on an S61 must hold a pilot licence and an S61 type rating.



How to use this guide

Use this guide in conjunction with the Prescription of aircraft and ratings legislative instrument. The tables below are extracts from Schedule 3 of the instrument.

1. What type rating do you need?

Find the type and model of helicopter you want to fly by looking at the first two columns in the table. The type rating you need to fly that model of helicopter is listed in the last column.

Example 1

Type certificate holder	Helicopter models and variants	Differences training required?	Type rating required
Bell	Bell 427		BH427
Helicopters	Bell 429		BH429



2. Do you need to complete differences training?

Some models covered by a type rating require differences training (specified in column three using the abbreviation 'DTR'). To fly a model that is listed in a different cell to a model that you were trained on for the grant of the type rating, you will need to undertake differences training if differences training is specified in column three.

Differences-training courses must be approved by CASA and conducted by a Part 142 operator.





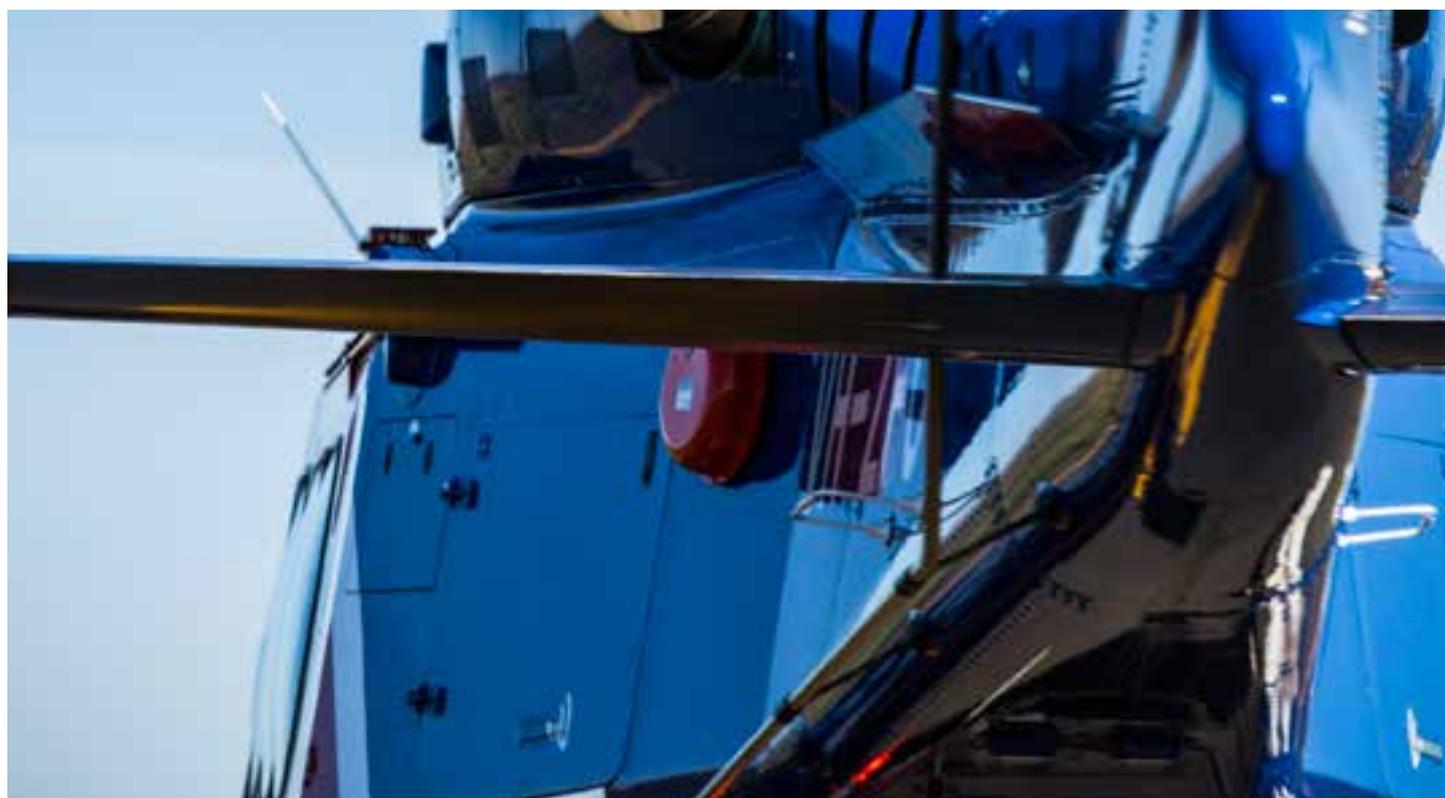
Example 2

The AS332 type rating covers the following models: AS332L, AS332 L2 and the EC225.

In column three, the abbreviation 'DTR' is listed.

If you have completed your type-rating training on an AS332L, you are authorised to operate that model of helicopter, however, to operate one of the models included in the AS332 type rating (for example the EC225), you need to undertake differences training. Differences training is required because the abbreviation 'DTR' is in column three. The differences training must be done in the EC225.

Type certificate holder	Helicopter models and variants	Differences training required?	Type rating required
Airbus Helicopters	AS332L	DTR	AS332
	AS332 L2		
Aerospatale Eurocopter or EADs	EC225		





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The new rules relating to type-rated helicopters are contained in Part 61 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations:

- › **Regulation 61.055** – prescription of type ratings and variants – multi-crew aircraft
- › **Regulation 61.060** – prescription of type ratings – single-pilot aircraft
- › **Regulation 61.200** – differences training requirements
- › **Regulation 61.205** – when training must not be conducted in aircraft
- › **Division 61.L.5** – pilot type ratings
- › **Paragraph 142.015(2)(d)** – Part 142 flight training (definition).



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