

Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E6437

Revalidation of Microlight and SLMG Class Ratings issued prior to 1 February 2008

Background

- 1) In accordance with the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order'), microlight and SLMG class ratings (regardless of the licence they are included in) are required to be maintained on a 24-month validity period cycle, as set out in Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 8.
- 2) This exemption allows the specified licence holders to revalidate a microlight or SLMG class rating in accordance with the previous arrangements set out in Section 1 of Part C of Schedule 7 of the Air Navigation Order 2009.
- 3) These previous arrangements allowed the revalidation of a microlight or SLMG class rating by showing logbook evidence of at least 5 hours of flight experience in any capacity in the preceding 13 months.
- 4) This exemption does not apply to any holder of a National Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes). They must comply with the relevant requirements in Part 3 of Schedule 8 to the Order.

Exemption

- 5) The Civil Aviation Authority, in exercise of its powers under Article 266 of the Order, hereby exempts the licence holders specified in paragraph 6 of this exemption, subject to the conditions in paragraph 7 of this exemption, from the requirement at Article 157 of the Order, that to be able to exercise the privileges of a rating specified in Chapter 2 or 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 8, the licence must include a certificate of revalidation for that rating, which is appropriate, issued and valid in accordance with Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 8.
- 6) The specified licence holders are —
 - a) Any holder of a United Kingdom pilot's licence, valid under the Order, which includes the privileges of a United Kingdom Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) and for which is included in the licence a microlight or SLMG class rating.

- 7) The specified conditions are —
- a) the exemption only applies with regard to the revalidation of a microlight or SLMG class rating(s);
 - b) the rating was initially granted prior to 1 February 2008 and has since been revalidated in accordance with this or previous exemptions;
 - c) At the next anniversary date of the revalidation of the microlight or SLMG class rating(s), the person authorised in accordance with the Schedule to this exemption, must ensure that the pilot, whose rating is due for revalidation complies with the revalidation arrangements in paragraph 3 of this exemption and must then issue a Certificate of Revalidation as detailed in paragraph 5 of this exemption, for the specific class rating for a period of 24 months to the end of the calendar month of the existing validity period.
- 8) For the purposes of this exemption the term 'United Kingdom Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes)' includes such a licence that is restricted to microlight aeroplanes only.
- 9) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No.1582 which is revoked.

Date in Force

- 10) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 31 October 2026, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Schedule to this exemption

- 1) Requirement for a Certificate of Revalidation to maintain the validity of, or renew, a rating specified in Chapter 2 or 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 8 of the Order.
 - a. A certificate of revalidation required by Article 157 for a microlight class rating or a SLMG (TMG) class rating must be signed by a person authorised by the CAA to sign certificates of this kind and certify—
 - i. the rating to which the certificate relates;
 - ii. that on a specified date the holder has satisfied the relevant requirements for issue in accordance with Table A of Part 2, Schedule 8 of the Order;
 - iii. the specified date; and
 - iv. the date on which the period of validity of the certificate expires in accordance with sub-paragraph (3).
 - b. The experience requirements for the issue of a certificate of revalidation for a class rating in accordance with paragraph 2(b) of Table A are that the holder has, as a pilot in aeroplanes for which there is a class rating included in the licence and within the period of validity of the current certificate of revalidation for the rating—
 - i. flown at least 12 hours which includes at least 6 hours as pilot in command;
 - ii. completed at least 12 take-offs and at least 12 landings;
 - iii. flown at least six hours in the 12 months preceding the expiry date of the rating;
 - iv. undertaken at least one hour of flying training in an aeroplane with an instructor entitled to give instructions on aeroplanes of that class.

Explanatory Note:

- 1) This explanatory note does not form part of the exemption.
- 2) The objective of the exemption is to allow the following licence holders issued in accordance with the Order.
 - a. ATPL(A)
 - b. CPL(A)
 - c. PPL(A)
 - d. PPL(A) restricted to Microlight aeroplanes.
- 3) Which has endorsed on the licence a valid Microlight or Self Launching Motorglider (SLMG) Class Rating issued before 1 February 2008, to revalidate this rating(s) using the previous '5 flight hours in the preceding 13 months' flight experience and validity arrangement.
- 4) 'Appropriate experience' shall mean 5 flight hours in any capacity, pilot in command, pilot in command under supervision and/or pilot under training within the existing validity period of the certificate.
- 5) 'Appropriate experience' means that the flight experience can be amassed in any aeroplane or motorglider with at least 1 flight hour in the class of aeroplane to be revalidated. For example, if a pilot amasses 4 flight hours in an aeroplane, then at least 1 flight hour in a microlight or motorglider, depending on which class rating is being revalidated, will be required.
- 6) This exemption is being reissued for a 13 month period until 31 October 2026.
- 7) When the pilot who is seeking revalidation of their class ratings, presents their logbook to the Examiner (authorised person), they will need to show evidence of meeting the revalidation arrangements as per paragraph 3 of this exemption.
- 8) The authorised person will then issue a separate Certificate of Revalidation, for 24 months to the end of the calendar month of the existing validity period.
- 9) For example, if the pilot's Microlight class rating expires on the 30 November 2025, the Examiner will check the pilot's logbook to ensure that they have the necessary flight experience as per paragraph 3 of this exemption.
- 10) The Examiner will then issue a new separate page Certificate of Revalidation, for the Microlight Class Rating, for a period of 24 months until 30 November 2027.
- 11) The Examiner should inform the pilot that they now need to comply with the revalidation requirements in the Order, which are detailed in paragraph b) in the Schedule to this exemption.
- 12) The Examiner should then complete the form SRG3108, notifying CAA that the class rating has been revalidated.
- 13) Certificate of Revalidation cards are available to Examiners from either the CAA by emailing fclweb@caa.co.uk or from the British Microlight Aircraft Association.
- 14) This exemption will not be renewed.