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CAA Scheme of Charges
Aerial Application Certificates

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The Civil Aviation Authority (the CAA), pursuant to Section 11 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and after consulting the persons who, in its opinion, are likely to be affected by the Scheme or such of those persons as it thinks fit, and after consulting with the Secretary of State, makes this Scheme for determining the charges to be paid to the CAA in connection with the performance by the CAA of certain of the functions conferred on it, by or under the Order, with respect to the grant of aerial application certificates, and under the UK (EU) Air Operations Regulation, with respect to an application to review an alternative means of compliance (AltMOC).

Excess Hour Charges

The CAA has identified within this Scheme those charges which are subject to excess hour charges at the point that the initial charge no longer covers the costs incurred in the carrying out the specified activity. In order to determine the equivalent number of hours of CAA time for which the initial charge covers, and where not already otherwise stated, the charge should be divided by the appropriate hourly rate quoted. Where the CAA is required to engage third-party services to fulfil its regulatory obligations due to limitations in internal capacity or capability, the associated costs may be charged to the applicant, subject to prior agreement. These charges will be in addition to any standard fees listed in this Scheme of Charges.

1 REVOCATION

- 1.1 The Scheme of Charges published by the CAA on 12 March 2025 determining the charges to be paid to the CAA in connection with the performance by the CAA of the aforesaid functions is hereby revoked.
- 1.2 Section 16(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978 (which relates to the effect of repeals) applies to this Scheme as if this Scheme were an enactment and as if the Scheme of 12 March 2025 revoked by paragraph 1.1 was an enactment thereby repealed.

2 CHARGES

Charges are payable to the CAA as follows:

2.1 Grant or renewal of an aerial application certificate

Upon making application for the grant or renewal of an aerial application certificate, the applicant shall pay:

- a) a charge of £3,165; and
- b) a charge of £445 in respect of each aircraft specified in the certificate.

2.2 Variation application charges

Upon making an application for the variation of an aerial application certificate to specify an additional aircraft in the certificate, the applicant shall pay a charge of £445 in respect of each additional aircraft to be specified.

2.3 Alternative means of compliance

When making an application for the CAA to review an alternative means of compliance (AltMOC) for an organisation or person under ARO.GEN.120 (d) of Annex II and ORO.GEN.120 of Annex III of the UK (EU) Air Operations Regulation that would allow the establishment of compliance with implementing rules made under the Basic UK (EU) Regulation, the applicant shall pay to the CAA a charge of £694. Should the CAA review exceed three hours, the applicant shall pay to the CAA additional charges of £247 per hour for each of the excess hours expended by the CAA or part thereof. These additional charges shall be determined and invoiced by the CAA having regard to the expense thereby incurred, but not exceeding £14,437 in any year or part of a year in which the investigations are carried out. The charge is payable on demand.

2.4 Copies of documents

Upon making an application for the issue by the CAA of a copy or replacement of any document referred to in this Scheme of Charges, the applicant shall pay a charge of £42.

2.5 Additional charge where functions are performed outside of the United Kingdom

An additional charge will be payable where, in connection with any function in respect of which a charge is specified in this Scheme, the CAA deems it necessary for a Member or employee of the CAA or any other person appointed to act on behalf of the CAA to travel outside the country in which such person is normally stationed.

The applicant or holder shall pay the CAA on demand, in addition to the appropriate charge specified in this Scheme, a charge of such amount as may be decided and invoiced by the CAA having regard to the expense thereby incurred by it.

The additional charge shall not exceed, for each employee of the CAA or each person appointed to act on behalf of the CAA, a maximum of £73,082 per function in respect of which a charge is specified in this Scheme, during which each such Member or employee or any other person appointed to act on behalf of the CAA is absent from the country in which he is normally stationed. The charge is payable on demand.

For the purpose of this section the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands shall be treated as one country.

NOTE 1: This additional charge shall include overseas travel time for which the appropriate rates can be found on the [CAA UK Official Record Series 5 web page](#).

2.6 CAA invoice payment terms

All CAA invoices raised under this Scheme are payable on demand.

2.7 Recovery of third-party costs

Where the CAA is required to engage third-party services to fulfil its regulatory obligations due to limitations in internal capacity or capability, the associated costs may be charged to the applicant, subject to prior agreement. These charges will be in

addition to any standard fees listed in this Scheme of Charges.

3 DEFINITIONS

3.1 For the purposes of this Scheme:

- a) 'Aerial application certificate' means a certificate granted pursuant to Article 131 of the Order.
- b) 'CAA' means the Civil Aviation Authority.
- c) 'Complex motor-powered aircraft' has the same meaning as in Article 140(2)(b) of the Basic EASA Regulationⁱ¹ as retained (and amended) in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.
- d) 'UK (EU) Air Operations Regulation' means Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139 on common rules in the field of civil aviation as amended from time to time and as retained (and amended) in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.
- e) 'The Basic UK (EU) Regulation' means Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 as amended from time to time and as retained (and amended) in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.
- f) 'The Order' means the Air Navigation Order 2016 as amended from time to time and any reference to an Article or Part of that Order shall, if that Order be amended or revoked, be taken to be a reference to the corresponding provisions of the Air Navigation Order for the time being in force.

3.2 All other expressions used in this Scheme shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same respective meanings as in the Order or the UK (EU) Air Operations Regulation, as appropriate and as retained (and amended in UK domestic law) under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, and as may be amended by regulations made under sections 8(1), 9(1) and 23(1) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to that Act.

ⁱ¹ Article 140(2)(b) provides that "'complex motor-powered aircraft' shall be understood as a reference to point (i) of Article 3 of Regulation UK (EC) No 216/2008".

(This note is not part of the Scheme.)

Reference to the CAA Refund Policy may be made at www.caa.co.uk/ors5

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