

This notice is intended to inform pilots holding a sub-ICAO microlight pilot licence wishing to fly a Malta registered microlight on the requirements for the issue and re-issue of the certificate of validation.

1 Applicable regulation

Air Navigation Order Article 20

2 Requirements for the first issue of a certificate of validation

The pilot must:

Hold a valid Private Pilot Aeroplanes (Microlight) licence or a National Private Pilot Licence with a Microlight aircraft rating acceptable to the Director of Civil Aviation.

Hold a Flight Radiotelephony Operator's licence.

Hold a Part-MED Class 1, Class 2 or LAPL medical certificate issued by an AME (Aero-Medical Examiner) or by an AeMC (Aero-medical Centre)

Have completed 5 hours of flight time in Malta with a flight instructor authorised by Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate.

Complete successfully an air law examination.

Demonstrate knowledge of flight radiotelephony and local procedures.

Demonstrate knowledge of English to at least ICAO Level 4. The English Language Proficiency assessment has to be conducted by language raters authorised by Transport Malta.

Pass an initial flight test by an examiner authorised by Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate.

The Certificate of Validation will be issued for a maximum period of 12 months from the date of the last successfully completed proficiency check with a Malta authorised examiner.

3 Reissue of a certificate of validation

All applicants for a reissue of a certificate of validation will be required to meet the following requirements:

Must have completed in the 12 month period preceding the application, on the type of microlight requested in the application, i.e 3 axis, weight shift or sea-plane,

- (a) at least 6 hours flight time including not less than 4 hours as pilot in command and have completed an instructional flight in Malta of at least 1 hour; or
- (b) have passed a proficiency check with an examiner authorised by Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate.

Must hold a valid Part-MED medical certificate issued by an AME/AeMC, a valid Flight Radiotelephony Operator's licence and a valid English Language Proficiency endorsement.

The Certificate of Validation will be issued for a maximum period of 12 months.

4 Conditions on a Certificate of Validation for microlight pilots

For the purpose of the issue of the certificate of validation, the holder:

- a) shall not fly unless he/she has completed in the 12 month period preceding the flight on the type of microlight to be flown, i.e. 3 axis, weight shift or sea-plane,
 - (i) at least 6 hours flight time including not less than 4 hours as pilot-in-command and have completed an instructional flight of at least 1 hour with an instructor authorised by Civil Aviation Directorate; or
 - (ii) have undertaken and passed a Skill Test with an Examiner authorised by the Civil Aviation Directorate;
- b) shall not fly for the purpose of public transport;
- c) shall not fly for the purpose of aerial work; except that if the holder also holds a flight instructor rating for microlights issued or validated under the Malta Air Navigation Order he/she may give flight instruction if so authorised in writing by Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate.
- d) shall not fly in a flight visibility of less than 10 km;
- e) shall not fly out of sight of the surface;
- f) shall not fly at night;
- g) shall not fly in circumstances which require compliance with the Instrument Flight Rules;
- h) shall not carry passengers until he/she has logged at least 25 hours flight time on a microlight aeroplane, of which at least 10 hours must have been as pilot in command and his/her logbook has been endorsed by an examiner to verify those hours;
- i) shall not fly as pilot in command carrying passengers unless within the preceding 90 days he/she has made three take-offs and three landings as the sole manipulator of the controls of a microlight of the same type;
- j) shall not fly as pilot in command of such a microlight aeroplane where:
 - (i) the aeroplane has 3 axis controls and his/her previous training and experience has only been in an aeroplane with flexwing controls; or
 - (ii) the aeroplane has flexwing controls and his/her previous training and experience has only been in an aeroplane with 3 axis controls;
 unless appropriate differences training has been completed and recorded in his/her personal flying logbook;
- k) shall comply with ATC clearance;
- l) shall comply with the low flying regulations;
- m) shall not fly unless his/her Part-Med medical certificate issued by an AME (Authorised Medical Examiner) or an AeMC (Aero-Medical Centre) is valid;

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- n) shall not fly unless he/she holds a valid flight radiotelephony operator's licence authorising him/her to operate R/T equipment on board aircraft **in English** and holds a valid certificate for Language Proficiency in English to at least ICAO Level 4 issued by Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate;
- o) shall not fly unless the original licence on which this validation is based is valid and current;
- p) **shall not exceed any conditions or limitations in the original licence on which this validation is based;**
- q) shall comply with any other conditions issued by the Director of Civil Aviation and obtain any permits requested from any other Authority;
- s) shall only land and take-off from sites notified and accepted by the Director of Civil Aviation and where applicable Transport Malta.

5 Flights outside Malta

The Certificate of Validation authorises the holder to fly in Malta registered microlights on or over Maltese territory.

The holder shall not act as a member of the flight crew of a microlight registered in Malta on or over the territory of a Contracting State other than Malta except in accordance with the written prior permission granted by the competent authority for that Contracting State.

Personnel Licensing Section