

UK-EU: Aviation safety



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Introduction

The **UK-EU trade and co-operation agreement** means that direct air connectivity between the UK and the EU will be maintained and provides for some reduction in regulatory duplication compared with what would have been the case in a 'no deal' outcome.

This document is a short summary of the regulatory arrangements that came into effect at **23.00 GMT on 31 December 2020** when the UK left the EASA system and reflects what the UK CAA and UK Government have

put in place to **maximise stability for passengers and the aviation and aerospace sectors**. Each business and individual potentially affected by the changes should consider the implications for themselves and take actions accordingly.

The latest detail is always available at our microsite <https://info.caa.co.uk/uk-eu-transition/>

What happens now the UK has left the EASA system?



Aviation is a worldwide industry globally overseen by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, ICAO.

Independent of EASA, the CAA and the UK Government remain committed to maintaining ICAO's global safety standards.



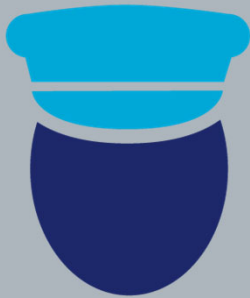
Though the existing EASA regulatory framework ceases to apply, **all substantive EU requirements current and valid on 31 December 2020 have been retained in UK domestic regulation.**

All EASA certificates, approvals and licences in effect on 31 December 2020 for use in the UK aviation system and on UK-registered aircraft will be recognised by the CAA for up to two years.

This provides stability for passengers and businesses while ensuring **UK aviation remains as safe as ever.**



Impact for UK commercial pilots



For most commercial pilots with UK-issued licences, there is little impact.



ICAO's global aviation rules mean that UK-issued pilot licences are **valid for use on UK-registered aircraft.**



UK-issued licences are no longer valid for use on EU-registered aircraft. UK licence holders wishing to fly EU-registered aircraft will need to apply for a validation from the relevant EU National Aviation Authority.