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Overview

On 26 April 2019, we set out a consultation for our proposed registration charge for the new UK Drone and Model Aircraft Registration and Education Scheme that becomes law on 30 November 2019 ([CAP1775](#) consultation document).

The key proposals under this consultation were:

- A charge of £16.50 for small unmanned aircraft¹ operators to register online through the drone registration system on an annual basis.
- The income from this fee would be used to cover the CAA's costs to deliver the following:
 - A registration service for all operators who are responsible for drones or model aircraft, and who fly drones or model aircraft or both;
 - A knowledge base of content to support those who fly drones or model aircraft. This product will contain the rules and guidance that users need to know in order to pass the CAA test and to fly safely and legally;
 - A service that allows flyers of drones or model aircraft to undertake a CAA knowledge test that demonstrates a minimum level of understanding to fly safely and legally; and
 - A service that enables operators, once registered, to operate multiple drones (marked with a single operator number that will be generated as part of the registration process).

The CAA's principles for setting the drone registration charge are:

- To set a charge at the lowest possible level, in particular, to avoid the charge being set at a level that would act as a deterrent for operators to register;
- To set a charge at a level that enables the CAA to recover the costs of running the service and to improve the service based on user feedback; and
- To avoid unacceptable aggregate financial risk to the CAA given the uncertainty about the number of drone operators who should and will register.

¹ This refers to drones and model aircraft between the weight of 250g and 20kg, under the Air Navigation Order called "Small Unmanned Aircraft".