

CAA Scheme of Charges
(General Aviation)

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The Civil Aviation Authority, 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, hereby makes a Scheme for determining the charges to be paid to the CAA in connection with the performance by the CAA of the following functions conferred on it by or under the Order and under the UK (EU) Air Operations Regulation, with respect to declarations for non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered aircraft and for specialised operations:

- i) the granting of permissions and exemptions for the organisation of flying displays;
- ii) the granting of display authorisations;
- iii) the granting of model aircraft public display permissions;
- iv) the registration of all SUA operators under the UK Drone and Model Aircraft Registration and Education Scheme
- v) the granting of exemptions to fly a model aircraft >25 kg MTOM;
- vi) the granting of exemptions relating to the dropping of articles;
- vii) the granting of exemptions and permissions in specified circumstances in relation to low flying;
- viii) the granting of exemptions in relation to overtaking and landing whilst the runway is occupied;
- ix) the granting of exemptions and permissions in relation to speed limitation;
- x) the granting of permissions and exemptions for the commercial operation of small rockets;
- xi) the granting of exemptions and permissions in relation to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), small unmanned aircraft (SUA) and special UAS projects;
- xii) the granting of appointment of UK National Qualified Entities to undertake pilot competency assessments of operators of small unmanned aircraft;
- xiii) the granting of parachuting permissions;
- xiv) the granting of exemptions relating to the conduct of parachuting operations;
- xv) the approval of persons for the purpose of submitting reports in respect of the granting of parachuting permissions;
- xvi) the submission of a declaration for non-commercial operations with complex motor-powered aircraft (Part-NCC) or specialised operations (Part-SPO);
- xvii) the granting of approvals for flight in specified weather conditions and in airspace in which specified navigation or height keeping performance is required;
- xviii) the granting of approvals for flights in poor visibility and in specified airspace;
- xix) the granting of navigation performance authorisations for required approach or performance approvals
- xx) the approval of operational procedures to conduct steep approaches;

- xxi) the granting of safety standards acknowledgement & consent (SSAC) approvals;
- xxii) the granting of helicopter offshore operations (HOFO) (Part-SPA) approvals;
- xxiii) the granting or permissions in relation to Minimum Equipment Requirements;
- xxiv) the granting of CAP632 Ex-military aircraft approvals
- xxiv) the granting of ex-military aircraft type rating exemptions;
- xxv) the submission and review of 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.

1 REVOCATION

- 1.1 The Scheme of Charges published by the CAA on 15 March 2021 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) shall apply to this Scheme as if this Scheme were an enactment and as if the Scheme of 15 March 2021 revoked by paragraph 1.1 above was an enactment thereby repealed.

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3 CHARGES

3.1 Flying displays

On making an application for the grant of a permission to organise a flying display under Article 86 of the Order ("Flying Display Permission") or permission to fly in accordance with SERA.5005(f)(2), the applicant shall pay to the CAA, a basic application charge of the amount specified in column 3 of table 1 according to the number of display items applied for as set out in column 1 of table 1. Following the conclusion of the event, which may be over more than one consecutive days, the applicant for the permission shall pay the CAA a post event charge, as set out in table 2, where the number of display items at the flying display event that took place on any display day exceeds 6 display items.

Table 1 – Basic application charge:

Number of Display Items	TDA Pilot additional slots	Full Charge	Discounted Charge (1 – 15 Days)	Discounted Charge (16 – 30 Days)
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
1	0	£100	£25	£50
2	0	£158	£40	£79
3	0	£247	£62	£123
4 – 6	1	£984	£246	£492
7 – 12	2	£1,482	£370	£741
13 – 18	2	£2,221	£555	£1,110
19 – 24	2	£3,285	£821	£1,642
25 – 30	0	£4,433	£1,108	£2,216
31 or more	0	£5,914	£1,478	£2,957

Provided that:

- a) Where an application is made by the same event organiser for a permission or permissions in respect of more than one flying display event in a flying display season which is to take place at the same location, the applicant shall pay to the CAA:
 - i) in respect of each application, the charge specified in table 1 column 3 will relate to the display date, within that application, that attracts the highest number of display items in column 1. Where there is more than one display date attracting the same highest number of display items, then the charge specified in table 1 column 3 will apply to the earliest display date – this will be referred to as the 'first full charge date';
 - ii) in respect of the other display dates for which a permission is applied for on the same or a related application, the applicant shall pay a charge which will be subject to discount charges. Firstly, and for charging purposes only, the number of display items for the 'first full charge date' will be swapped with the number of display items quoted for the first date on the application.
 - iii) thereafter, the charge specified in column 4 of table 1 will apply if the display date is to take place within fifteen days of the previous display date; or
 - iv) the charge specified in column 5 of table 1 will apply if the display date is to take place within thirty days of the previous display date; or
 - v) if the display date is to take place more than 30 days after the previous display date quoted in the application, then the display date will attract a column 3 charge.

- b) All subsequent applications received for the same display season from the same event organiser for the same location will be assessed and charged on the basis of a) above.
- c) In addition, a further 10% discount will apply to all display charges determined in a) above with the exception of the 'first full charge date' per application which will not attract any discounts.
- d) **TDA slots:** A display pilot operating within the first 25 months from initial evaluation for the grant of a Display Authorisation is called a Tyro Display Authorised (TDA) pilot. To help facilitate the opportunity for newly qualified TDAs to gain experience and exposure within the flying display community, Flying Display Directors (FDDs) may offer TDA slots (see table 1 column 2) per flying display day to TDAs. For the date where a display has already reached the maximum number of display items for a particular charge band as shown in table 1 column 1, then table 1 column 2 may be used for the additional number of TDA slots quoted relating to that specific charge band without extra charge. However, should the total number of display items (including the number of TDA slots) applied for exceed the number specified for that charge band, then the charge for the next highest charge band will be applied.

The event organiser shall pay to the CAA a charge in accordance with table 2 as invoiced by the CAA and payable on demand.

Table 2 – Post event charge per day:

Number of display Items	Charge
Column 1	Column 2
1 – 3	N/A
4 – 6	N/A
7 – 12	£542
13 – 18	£976
19 – 24	£4,336
25 – 30	£10,840
31 or more	£16,260

Provided that:

- e) In respect of each day that a flying display took place under a Flying Display, the event organiser must declare to the CAA within 10 days of that event the actual number of flying display items that took place.
- f) If a declaration has not been received within 10 working days of the event taking place, the CAA will invoice the event organiser the appropriate post event charge on the basis of the details contained within the Flying Display permission that relates to that event date.
- g) Where an air display is held for charitable purposes that meets the following criteria, the event organiser will pay one Post Event Charge, regardless of the number of other display dates held for charitable purposes quoted on the application form, based on the display date held for charitable purposes which attracted the highest number of display items. The charity event criteria are:
 - i) the event organiser has declared on the application form that the air display event will be held in respect of a charity or charities – the charity name(s) to be quoted on the application form together with the UK Registered Charity number(s);
 - ii) the event organiser has declared on the application form that at least 50% of the income derived from ticket sales and/or from Council funding, plus at

least 80% of donations received, will be given to the named charity or charities;

- iii) proof of such donations given to the named charity or charities must be independently audited by a qualified auditor and given to the CAA within three months of the date of the charitable event;
 - iv) if the audited proof of monies given to the named charity or charities does not satisfy the criteria g) i) – iii) above, then the Post Event Charge will immediately revert to become liable for each display date stated in the application provided the number of actual display items in respect of a display date exceeded 6.
- h) Where a UK Registered Charity submits an air display application, the event organiser will pay to the CAA one Post Event Charge which is based on the display date quoted within that application that attracted the highest number of display items.

3.2 Pilot display authorisations

On making an application for:

- a) the grant of a pilot display authorisation issued under Article 86 of the Order, the applicant shall pay to the CAA a charge of £326;
- b) the grant of a variation to an existing pilot display authorisation, the applicant shall pay to the CAA a charge of £142;
- c) the renewal to an existing pilot display authorisation, the applicant shall pay to the CAA a charge of £36; and
- d) the grant of an exemption from the need to hold a pilot display authorisation, the applicant shall pay to the CAA a charge of £246.
- e) the replacement or copy of a pilot display authorisation or exemption, the applicant shall pay to the CAA a charge of £26.

NOTE 1: Sub-paragraphs 3.2 a) – e) above are applicable to an individual pilot.

3.3 Exemptions in relation to dropping of articles

- a) Subject to sub-paragraph b), on making an application for an exemption from Article 89 of the Order, the charges referred to in table 3 shall be payable to the CAA.

Table 3:

Ref	Type of Exemption		Charge
1	Dropping of articles as part of an aircraft race or contest	In respect of each application for a single event (regardless of the number of aircraft involved)	£124
		In respect of each application for a single flight attending more than one event	£248
2	Dropping of balloon competition markers		£124
3	Towing, picking up, raising and lowering or dropping of articles by helicopters in an aircraft race or contest, a flying display or other special event.		£124

- b) Where application is made for an exemption for the purpose of dropping flower petals at a remembrance ceremony only, or for the scattering of ashes, no charge shall be payable to the CAA by virtue of this sub-paragraph