

Pilot Licences and Ratings – Glider Tow Rating

General

Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Advisory Circulars (ACs) contain information about standards, practices, and procedures that the Director has found to be an **acceptable means of compliance** with the associated rule.

Consideration will be given to other methods of compliance that are presented to the Director. When new standards, practices, or procedures are found to be acceptable they will be added to the appropriate AC.

Purpose

This AC describes an acceptable means of compliance with the rule requirements for the issue of a Glider Tow Rating.

Related Rules

This AC relates to Civil Aviation Rule Part 61, Subpart M, *Glider Tow Rating*, specifically rule 61.601, *Eligibility requirements*, and rule 61.603, *Issue*.

Change Notice

Revision 4 of this AC makes some formatting and stylistic updates.

Version History

The record of revision(s) to this AC is outlined below:

Revision No.	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
AC61-1.13, Rev 0	6 October 1998	The initial issue of this AC.
AC61-1.3, Rev 1	11 May 2006	Included amendments related to reissue of Part 61 in regard to logbook entries for issue of a Glider Tow rating and removal of the outdated transition provision.
AC61-13, Rev 2	9 May 2007	Re-numbered this AC from AC 61-1.13 to AC 61-13 as part of project to standardise numbering of ACs.
AC61-13, Rev 3	23 April 2021	Updated information on contacting Gliding New Zealand.
AC61-13, Rev 4	5 April 2025	Makes some formatting and stylistic updates.

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Rule 61.601 Eligibility requirements

Glider towing course

Rule 61.601(a)(2) requires an applicant for a glider tow rating to have satisfactorily completed a course in towing gliders. The course must be conducted by a gliding organisation whose Part 149 certificate authorises the holder to conduct a glider towing course.

Competency demonstration

Rule 61.601(a)(3) requires an applicant to have demonstrated their competency in the towing of gliders to an authorised person within a gliding organisation. The demonstration of competence must be conducted by a gliding organisation whose Part 149 certificate authorises the holder to conduct assessment for a glider towing rating.

Gliding New Zealand is a gliding organisation holding a Part 149 certificate that authorises it to conduct courses and competency assessments for glider tow ratings.

Gliding New Zealand has a comprehensive syllabus and procedures for glider tow pilot training. Please check their website at <http://gliding.co.nz/> for more information.

Rule 61.603 Issue

Logbook endorsement

Rule 61.603 states the requirements for the issue of a glider tow rating. The authorised person operating under the authority of the Part 149-certified glider organisation must be satisfied that the eligibility requirements of rule 61.601 have been met before issuing the glider tow rating.

All relevant details must have been instructed, completed, and checked either orally, or in writing, or in practice to the satisfaction of the certifying person. The entry in the logbook must be made in accordance with rule 61.29(a)(3), *Pilot logbooks – general requirements*, including:

- (i) the purpose of the flight, and
- (ii) the date of the flight, and
- (iii) the expiry date of the flight test, flight review, competency demonstration or check, and
- (iv) the name, client number, and signature of the person conducting the flight test, flight review, competency demonstration, or check.