



Civil Aviation Rules

Part 102, Amendment 1

Unmanned Aircraft Operator Certification

These rules are made by the Associate Minister of Transport under Section 52 of the Civil Aviation Act 2023, after –

- (a) being satisfied of the matters specified in section 61(2)(a) and (b) of that Act; and
- (b) having regard to the criteria specified in section 72 in accordance with section 61(2)(c) of that Act.

Made at Wellington on

This 13 day of November 2025

by Hon James Meager
Associate Minister of Transport

Docket 25/CAR/02

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Rule objective

The objective of amendment 1 to Part 102 is to ensure that operations conducted by a holder of a Part 102 certificate in the name of the holder of the Part 102 certificate remain in compliance with all the operational requirements of the Part 102 certificate, without restricting the operator from operating under Part 101 when appropriate.

Extent of consultation

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, NPRM25-02 containing the proposal **Advanced Aviation Reform: Shifting low-risk operations** was issued for public consultation under Docket 25/CAR/02 on 23rd June 2025 to 27 July 2025.

The NPRM was published on the CAA web site and mailed to identified stakeholders including representative organisations who were considered likely to have an interest in the proposal.

A period of 35 days was allowed for comment on the proposed rule.

Summary of submissions

75 written submissions were received on the NPRM. A summary of submissions for this NPRM is available on the CAA website. These submissions and comments have been considered and as a result no change is made to draft rule 102.17.

Examination of submissions

Submissions may be examined by application to the Docket Clerk at the Civil Aviation Authority between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays, except statutory holidays.

Insertion of Amendments

The amendments to the rules in this Part are reflected by revoking and replacing rule 102.17.

Effective date of rule

Amendment 1 to Part 102 comes into force on 22 December 2025.

Administering Agency

The administering agency responsible for administering these rules is the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand.

Availability of rules

Civil Aviation Rules are available from—

CAA web site: <http://www.aviation.govt.nz/>

Freephone: 0800 GET RULES (0800 438 785)

Part 102 Unmanned Aircraft Operator Certification

Rule 102.17 is revoked and replaced by the following rule:

102.17 Privileges of certificate holder

- (a) The holder of an unmanned aircraft operator certificate is authorised to perform the operations specified in the accompanying operations specification.
- (b) Unless the exposition required by rule 102.11 specifies otherwise the holder of an unmanned aircraft operator certificate is not required to comply with Civil Aviation Rules Parts 12, 19, 21, 26, 39, 43, 47, 61, 63, 66, 67, 91, 92, 93, 95, 115, 119, 129, 133, and 137.
- (c) The holder of an unmanned aircraft operator certificate who exercises a privilege which applies to both Civil Aviation Rule Parts 101 and 102 is deemed to have exercised the privilege under the authority of the certificate under Part 102.