CASR - Subpart 64.B - Transmission on aeronautical radio frequencies

64.015 Eligibility for aeronautical radio operator certificate

Person trained and assessed against Part 61 Manual of Standards

(1) A person is eligible for the grant of an aeronautical radio operator certificate if the person:

(a) is at least 17; and

(b) has received the training mentioned in subregulation (2) from a person or body mentioned in subregulation (3); and

(c) has been assessed by a person mentioned in subregulation (4) as meeting the competency standards specified in the Part 61 Manual of Standards for the operation of an aeronautical radio; and

(d) has a current aviation English language proficiency assessment.

(2) For paragraph (1)(b), the training is training in the operation of an aeronautical radio to the standards specified in the Part 61 Manual of Standards for the operation of an aeronautical radio.

(3) For paragraph (1)(b), the persons and bodies are the following:

(a) a pilot instructor who holds a training endorsement that authorises the instructor to conduct flight training for a pilot licence or flight crew rating;

(b) a registered training organisation whose scope of registration covers the training mentioned in subregulation (2);

(c) the holder of an approval under regulation 64.012 for this paragraph.

(4) For paragraph (1)(c), the persons are the following:

(a) CASA;

(b) a flight examiner;

(c) a pilot instructor who holds a training endorsement that authorises the instructor to conduct flight training for a pilot licence or flight crew rating;

(d) the holder of an approval under regulation 64.012 for this paragraph.

Holder of equivalent foreign qualification

(5) A person is eligible for the grant of an aeronautical radio operator certificate if:

(a) the person is at least 17; and

(b) the person holds a foreign qualification that is equivalent to:

(i) a private pilot licence, commercial pilot licence, multi‑crew pilot licence, air transport pilot licence or flight engineer licence; or

(ii) a recreational pilot licence with a flight radio endorsement; or

(iii) an aeronautical radio operator certificate; and

(c) either:

(i) the qualification includes a statement to the effect that the person meets an ICAO English language proficiency standard equivalent to the ICAO level 4, 5 or 6 aviation English language proficiency standard specified in the Part 61 Manual of Standards; or

(ii) the person has a current aviation English language proficiency assessment.

64.020 Obligation of assessor to ensure training is completed

(1) This regulation applies to a flight examiner, pilot instructor or approval holder (the ***assessor***) who conducts an assessment of a person for paragraph 64.015(1)(c).

(2) The assessor commits an offence if the assessor is not satisfied, before conducting the assessment, that the person has completed the training mentioned in subregulation 64.015(2).

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

64.025 Applying for aeronautical radio operator certificate

(1) A person may apply, in writing, to CASA for the grant of an aeronautical radio operator certificate.

(2) If the applicant is relying on the training and assessment mentioned in subregulation 64.015(1), the application must be accompanied by evidence of the applicant’s aviation English language proficiency assessment.

(3) If the applicant is relying on a foreign qualification, the application must be accompanied by:

(a) a certified true copy of the qualification; and

(b) unless the qualification includes a statement to the effect that the person meets the ICAO level 4, 5 or 6 aviation English language proficiency standard—evidence of the applicant’s ICAO English language proficiency assessment.

64.030 Grant of aeronautical radio operator certificate

Subject to regulation 11.055, CASA must grant the certificate if satisfied that the applicant is eligible for the grant of the certificate.

64.035 Holder of aeronautical radio operator certificate may operate radio

(1) The holder of an aeronautical radio operator certificate is authorised to transmit on a radio frequency of a kind used for the purpose of ensuring the safety of air navigation.

(2) However, the holder is authorised to make the transmission only if the holder has a current aviation English language proficiency assessment.

(3) Subregulation (2) does not apply to the holder of a certificate that was granted on the basis of regulation 202.304.

64.040 Person undergoing training or assessment may operate radio

A person who does not hold an aeronautical radio operator certificate is authorised to transmit on a radio frequency of a kind used for the purpose of ensuring the safety of air navigation if the transmission is made:

(a) for the purpose of receiving training or assessment in the use of an aeronautical radio; and

(b) under the direct supervision of a person mentioned in subregulation 64.015(3) or (4).