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Subject: Authorisation of Glider Instructors and Examiners on Glider/Motor Glider

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to standardize the glider training activities, this Civil Aviation Requirement lays down the minimum requirements for issue of authorization for Glider Instructors and Glider Examiners on Gliders/Motor gliders

This CAR is issued under Rule 133A, 133B, 41A and Sub Rule 2(a) of Rule 38A and clause (e) of Para 2 of Section A of Schedule II of the Aircraft Rules 1937.

2. APPLICABILITY

This CAR is applicable to all glider pilots and organizations involved in operation of gliders and or conduct of glider training.

3. GLIDER INSTRUCTOR AUTHORISATION

Glider Instructor Authorization may be granted to a person who holds a valid 'Pilot Licence (Glider)' issued by DGCA, for the purpose of giving instructions in piloting the glider.

3.1 Requirements – The applicant shall satisfy the following requirements:

(a) **Age**— he or she shall be not less than eighteen years of age on the date of application.

(b) **Knowledge**— He or she shall pass an oral examination relevant to the glider pilot, in (i) Air Regulations, Human Performance, Operational Procedures, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology, Aircraft and Instruments, Flight Performance, Planning and Loading, Principles of Flight, in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the DGCA for PL(G), with not less than 70% marks by a board approved by DGCA. (ii) Methods and Techniques for Flight and Ground Instructions in Gliders.

(c) **Experience**— He or she shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a pilot of a glider—

(i) not less than fifty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command including not less than two hundred fifty take-offs and landings, provided that a person who has satisfactorily completed not less than two hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command on an aeroplane, micro-lights and LSA shall be required to complete on a glider not less than twenty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command including not less than one hundred take-offs and landings.

(ii) not less than two solo flights in a glider of not less than two hours duration each.

(iii) one solo cross-country flight of not less than thirty nautical miles distance in a glider, if required to impart instruction on cross country soaring in a glider.

Note:- 30 Nm cross-country in one direction may be changed with an triangular cross country of not less than 10Nm leg each for the completion of Glider Training course

(iv) Satisfactorily completed a Glider Instructor's Course approved by DGCA (Appendix I).

Note: In case the requirement laid in Para 3.1(c)(ii) and para 3.1(c) (iii) is to be complied on a motor glider, then its engine shall be shut down. A system/procedure acceptable to DGCA shall be followed to prove that the engine was shut down.

(d) **Skill**— He or she shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of a Glider Examiner his competency as glider pilot instructor to perform the procedures and maneuvers prescribed in the syllabus within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application. (Appendix III)

3.2. **Validity**— The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue of the authorisation certificate.

*Note: A holder of Flight Instructors Rating (Gliders) (valid/expired), shall be granted Glider Instructor Authorisation, after the applicant has satisfactorily completed the requirements as per para 3.3 *provided the application for Authorisation as Glider Instructor on basis of FIR(G) is submitted not later than 31st December 2026.*

3.3. **Recency**— (a) The holder of Glider Instructor Authorisation shall only exercise the privileges if the person holding it has:

(i), within preceding 36 months carried out not less than 30 hours or 60 flights as an instructor of a glider/motor glider, and undergone a Gliding Instructor

refresher course to the satisfaction of Glider Examiner, and

(iii) Within preceding ten years has carried out demonstration of Competence as per appendix III.

(b) To resume the exercise of the privileges of the Glider Instructor Authorization, the holder who does not comply with all the requirements in paragraph 3.3 (a) shall successfully complete a Flight Instructor Refresher course (Appendix II) and the competency check (Appendix III) to the satisfaction of Glider Examiner.

3.4. Glider Instructor/Examiner Authorization may also be granted to a person who holds a valid Pilot's Licence (Gliders) issued by DGCA, based on qualifications/licence/certificate/experience gained in an ICAO contracting state provided the applicant meets the experience laid down in para 3.1(c)(i), 3.1(c)(ii) and 3.1(c)(iii) above and undergoes a skill test laid down in para 3.1(d) above.

3.5. **Privileges**— Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the Pilot's Licence (Gliders), the privileges of the holder of a Glider Instructor Authorisation shall be: —

(a) to impart flying instructions on all gliders entered in the aircraft rating of his Pilot's Licence (Gliders),

(b) to impart instructions for carrying out aero-tow provided he or she holds an Aero- tow rating and has logged not less than 20 aero-tows as Pilot-in-command.

(c) to impart instructions on motor gliders provided he or she holds a motor-glider rating and has logged not less than 30 hours on motor-gliders as Pilot-in-command.

(d) to impart instructions on winch launch glider provided has logged not less than 50 winch-launches as Pilot-in-command.

(e) to supervise and authorise solo flights by Student Glider Pilots.

(f) to conduct skill tests for issues and renewal of PL(G) and extension of aircraft rating on PL(G) provided he or she has more than 50 hours of instructional experience on gliders and not less than 10 hours of flight time as PIC on gliders within preceding 12 months.

4. AUTHORISATION OF GLIDER EXAMINER

4.1. **Requirements**: — An applicant for a Glider Examiner Authorisation shall satisfy the following requirements: —

(a) **Pre-qualification**-- The person shall hold a Glider Instructor Authorisation.

(b) **Experience**— He or she shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed, not less than 250 hours as Pilot-in-Command on a glider, including at least 200 hours of instructional flying, of which no less than 10 hours of instructional flying must have been completed within the preceding 12 months.

- (c) **Competency Check:** The applicant shall demonstrate competency to the satisfaction of a Glider Examiner nominated by the DGCA for this purpose.

4.2. **Validity**— The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue of Glider Examiner authorisation. The authorisation shall be valid for a period not exceeding five years.

4.3. **Standardization Check-** The holder of a Glider Examiner Authorisation are required to undergo Standardization Check with a DGCA nominated Glider Examiner at least once in two years as per Appendix III.

4.4. **Renewal**— Subject to compliance with the recency requirements of the Glider Instructor Authorisation the Glider Examiner authorisation may be renewed on receipt of evidence of the applicant having satisfactorily completed on a glider not less than 10 hours of flight time as an instructor/examiner within preceding 12 months, or in lieu thereof, pass the Competency Check laid down in para 4.1(c) (Appendix III).

4.5. **Privileges**— Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the Pilot's Licence (Glanders) of the holder, the privileges of a Glider Examiner shall be: —

- (a) All privileges of Glider Instructor
- (b) Conduct glider instructor courses for issue of Glider Instructor Authorisation
- (c) Conduct refresher courses for Gliding Instructors
- (d) Carry out Competency Check for issue/renewal of Glider Instructor Authorisation and Glider Examiner Authorisation
- (e) To conduct oral examination for issue/renewal of Glider Instructor authorisations.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF INSTRUCTOR/EXMAINER PRIVILEGES

The DGCA may withdraw Glider Instructor/Glider Examiner authorisation if evidence shows that an Instructor/Examiner:

- At any time, acts in a manner which is in contravention of the guidelines contained in this CAR;
- Failed to follow the applicable instructions to maintain the required standards, or to follow proper procedures;
- Fraudulently misused Instructor/Examiner authority, or acted in any other way that would discredit the DGCA;
- Breached the DGCA Civil Aviation Rules and Regulations; or
- During the course of a Skill Test, Competency Check, or Standardization Check failed to meet the required DGCA Standards.

Except where there is an immediate threat to safety, the DGCA, prior to making a final decision in the matter of withdrawal of an Instructor/Examiner's authority, shall ensure the matter has been investigated thoroughly; and the Instructor/Examiner and, where applicable, the concerned Operator, have been given a formal opportunity to respond to the allegations, either verbally or in writing.

Appendix I

Glider Instructor's Course

The glider instructor course shall comprise of Classroom and flight training. The following components shall be

Structured Class-room Training: (40 hours)

1. Human Behaviour (6 Hours)
 - a. Needs and motivation
 - b. Human factors that inhibit learning
 - c. Student emotional reactions – Anxiety, normal and non-normal reactions to stress
 - d. Teaching the adult student
2. Learning Process (6 Hours)
 - a. Learning theory – Behaviourism, Cognitive theory, constructivism
 - b. Perceptions and insight
 - c. Laws of learning – readiness, effect, exercise, primacy, intensity & recency
 - d. Domains of learning – cognitive, affective and psychomotor
 - e. Characteristics of learning and learning styles
 - f. Stages of skill acquisition – Cognitive, associative and automatic response
 - g. Types of practice – deliberate, blocked and random practice
 - h. Multitasking – distractions & interruptions, fixation & inattention
 - i. Scenario based training
 - j. Kinds of errors – Slip and mistake
 - k. Reducing errors, error recovery and learning from errors
 - l. Motivation and maintaining motivation
 - m. Memory - retention of learning and transfer of learning
3. Teaching Process (6 Hours)
 - a. Instructor code of conduct
 - b. Preparation and presentation of a lesson
 - c. Training delivery methods – lecture, guided discussion, problem based learning, e-learning, co-operative group learning, and drill & practice
 - d. Instructional aids and teaching technologies
4. Assessment (6 Hours)
 - a. Characteristics of effective assessment
 - b. Traditional assessment – written and oral
 - c. authentic assessment – collaborative, maneuver/procedure grades, Single Pilot Resource Management (SRM)
5. Instructor responsibilities and professionalism (4 Hours)

6. Techniques of flight instruction (6 Hours)
 - a. Demonstration-performance training delivery method
 - b. Integrated flight instruction
 - c. Assessment of piloting ability
 - d. Aeronautical decision making
7. Risk management (6 Hours)
 - a. Risk management process
 - b. Assessment and mitigation of risk
 - c. Threat and Error Management

Practical Training Exercises:

1. Ground Briefings (16 hours ground)
 - a. Method and techniques of flight and ground Instruction
 - b. Ground briefing
 - c. How to read a logbook
 - d. Checklists
 - e. Lookout
 - f. Airmanship
 - g. First solo
 - h. Solo supervision
 - i. Type conversion and single seater gliders
 - j. Teaching thermalling techniques and centring
 - k. Meteorology and instructing
 - l. Conduct of joy-rides
 - m. Rigging, de-rigging and daily inspection
2. Teaching Techniques (8 hrs ground + 1 hr flt time/10 launches)
 - a. Effects of control
 - b. Use of trimmer
 - c. The straight glide
 - d. Turning
 - e. Airbrakes and spoilers
 - f. Approach control
 - g. Landing
 - h. Circuit planning
 - i. Winch/aerotow/self-launch (as applicable)
 - j. Stalls and recovery
 - k. Spins, spiral dives and recovery
3. Patter exercises for (3 hrs flight time/30 launches)
 - a. Look-out
 - b. Effect of controls
 - c. Adverse yaw
 - d. Airspeed monitoring
 - e. Trimming

- f. Straight glide
- g. Turning and look-out
- h. Stalling and recovery
- i. Spins and recovery
- 4. Fault finding and remedial training techniques (1 hr flight time/10 launches)
- 5. Aerobatics (as applicable) (as needed)

Note:

1. The times mentioned for Practical Training Exercises are indicative and if required the candidates should be given more ground/air time to become proficient.
2. Patter, though very important, is only a small part of repertoire of skills and techniques available to an instructor. It should be seen as an important supplement to the techniques covered under serial no. 2.

Appendix II

Glider Instructor's Refresher Course

The glider instructor refresher course shall comprise of the following components:

Structured Class-room Training: (16 hours)

1. Instructor responsibilities and professionalism
2. New advances in gliders, techniques and instrumentation
3. Revisions/changes to DGCA rules relevant to gliding and gliding training
4. FAI Sporting Code and certification of flight records
5. Techniques of flight instruction
 - a. Demonstration-performance training delivery method
 - b. Integrated flight instruction
 - c. Assessment of piloting ability
 - d. Aeronautical decision making
6. Assessment
 - a. Characteristics of effective assessment
 - b. Traditional assessment – written and oral
 - c. authentic assessment – collaborative, manoeuvre/procedure grades, Single Pilot Resource Management (SRM)
7. Risk management
 - a. Risk management process
 - b. Assessment and mitigation of risk
8. Feedback on new insights and felt need for change in gliding instruction

Appendix III

Glider Instructor/ Glider Examiner Competency Check (Consolidated)

Name of the Organisation: _____

Date of check: _____ Time: from _____ to _____ No. of Landings: _____

Glider Registration: VT-_____ Glider Type: _____

Name of pilot under check:	Name of the Examiner:
Licence No:	Licence No:
Medical Validity:	Authorisation No:

S.No.	Instructor/Examiner Capability on the following exercises	Assessment	Remarks
1	PREPARATION FOR FLIGHT:		
1.1	Weather suitability (B)		
1.2	Glider documents check (B)		
1.3	Weight, balance and performance calculations (B)		
1.4	Pre-flight inspection (B)		
1.5	Pre-flight briefing (B)		
2	STARTING, TAXYING & POWER CHECKS:		
2.1	Pre & post start checks (MG)		
2.2	Taxying technique (MG)		
2.3	Power checks (MG)		
3	TAKE-OFF: (Self Launch/Winch/Aerotow as applicable)		
3.1	Pre-takeoff checks (B)		
3.2	Assessment of cross wind component (B)		
3.3	Checks during and after takeoff (B)		
3.4	Normal take-off (B)		
3.5	Cross-wind take-off (B)		
4	GENERAL FLYING:		
4.1	Climbing (MG)		
4.2	Straight & Level (MG)/Straight Glide (G)		
4.3	Descending with power (MG)		
4.4	Level turns (MG)/ Normal Turns (G)		
4.5	Climbing turns (MG)		
4.6	Descending turns (B)		
4.7	Steep turns (B)		
4.8	Soaring (B)		
5	STALLING/UNUSUAL ATTITUDES:		

5.1	Knowledge of aircraft manoeuvre limitations & Speed limitations (B)		
5.2	Checks before stalling (B)		
5.3	Flight at 1g clean stall speed +5 kts and flight at 1g Airbrake deployed stall speed +5kts – level, climbing, descending and turning (B)		
5.4	Recognition of and recovery from stall:		
5.4.1	Stall in straight flight (B)		
5.4.2	Stall in Turning flight (B)		
5.4.3	Stall in approach configuration (B)		
5.4.4	Stall in gliding flight (B)		
5.4.5	Stall with climb power (MG)		
5.5	Recognition of and recovery from Incipient Spin		
5.6.1	During Gliding flight (B)		
5.6.2	At climb power (MG)		
5.6.3	In approach configuration at safe height (B)		
6	FORCED LANDINGS WITHOUT POWER:		
6.1	Checks (B)		
6.2	Procedures (B)		
6.3	Judgment (B)		
7	NAVIGATION AND ORIENTATION:		
7.1	Recognition of features (MG)		
7.2	Assessment of heading (MG)		
8	AIRFIELD APPROACH PROCEDURES:		
8.1	CIRCUIT PROCEDURE: (B)		
8.1.1	Powered circuit (MG)		
8.1.2	Gliding Circuit (B)		
8.1.3	Bad weather circuit (B)		
9	APPROACH & LANDING:		
9.1	Pre-landing checks (B)		
9.2	Powered approach (MG)		
9.3	Glide approach (B)		
9.4	Flapless approach (where applicable)		
9.5	Short-field landing (B)		
9.6	Crosswind landing (B)		
9.7	Assessment of crosswind component (B)		
9.8	Missed approach procedure (MG)		
9.9	Checks after landing (B)		
10	STARTING/STOPPING ENGINE IN FLIGHT (MG)		

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Appendix-IV

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION OF GLIDING INSTRUCTOR/GLIDING EXAMINER

1	Name of the applicant					For Office Use
	Age (on date of application)					
	Correspondence address					
	e-mail					
	Mobile phone number					
2	Licence		Number	Issued on	Validity	
	PL(G)					
	Open rating (upto 600 kg)		N/A		N/A	
	Aero-tow Rating		N/A		N/A	
	Motor Glider Rating		N/A		N/A	
	FIR(G)/Authorisation				N/A	
	Medical					
3	Gliding Instructor Qualification/licence issued by DGCA/ICAO contracting state					
	Licence/ Rating	Issuing authority	Number	Date of Issue	Valid (Yes/No)	
	FIR(G)	DGCA India			N/A	
	Competency check					
4	Experience requirements for gliding instructor/examiner authorisation					
	Experience		Min. Requirement		Available	
			Instructor*	Examiner		
	Hours (PIC)		50 Hrs	250 Hrs		
	launches (PIC)		250			
	PIC flights (> 2 hours)		2			
	PIC cross-country (>30 nm)		1			
	Instructional hours		N/A	200		

*required if the applicant has NOT held FIR(G) issued by DGCA

5	Any other information: Please include details of any other gliding qualifications

Note: Please provide self-attested copies wherever required

(Signature of applicant)

(Place and Date)