



Operations Directive

No. 02/22

Local Independent Operations

Background

In accordance with GFA Operational Regulation 3.3.4, a pilot may be authorised by logbook endorsement to fly a sailplane without being supervised by a Level 2 or higher rated Instructor. This endorsement is achieved upon completion of the Glider Pilot Certificate (GPC) training syllabus and being issued with a GPC.

It has been identified that not all pilots aspire to hold a GPC and exercise cross-country privileges. These pilots are content to operate in the vicinity of their club aerodrome, but there is currently no provision for them to do so without being supervised by a Level 2 Instructor despite them being otherwise capable of operating independently.

Changed Requirements

This Operations Directive introduces a 'Local Independent Operator' endorsement for issue to suitably trained and qualified pilots who do not hold a GPC, that authorises them to fly locally without the supervision of a Level 2 Instructor. It is expected that pilots conducting Independent Operations apply Threat and Error Management (TEM) in relation to their proposed operations.

Requirements for initial issue

- The pilot must have achieved competency in GPC Units 1 to 32 and 34 to 36.
- Approval shall be by Logbook endorsement issued by the CFI.
- Club Committee approval is required *[The Club of a person exercising Local Independent Operator privileges is responsible for that person's operations when the person is operating independently]*.

Limitations

- Local Independent Operations must be conducted within gliding range¹ and within visual distance of the aerodrome, and no further than 25 NMs of the aerodrome reference point.

¹ TMGs may be operated engine-on beyond gliding range providing there is sufficient fuel reserves to return to the aerodrome under power.

- Before operating independently, a Local Independent Operator must inform their CFI (or delegate) and comply with any directions, privileges and limitations set by the CFI (or delegate).
- Independent Private Passenger flights may only be conducted on a given day with CFI consent. Private passenger recency requirements at paragraph 10.5.3 of MOSP2 apply.
- Local Independent Operator privileges do not apply if a Level 2 Instructor is supervising operations at the site.

Revalidation

- The local independent operator endorsement shall be revalidated during the pilot's periodic flight review.

Logbook Sticker

- The logbook sticker template can be downloaded from the GFA Forms Library at [THIS LINK](#).

Duration

This Directive:

- (a) commences on 1 September 2022; and
- (b) expires upon CASA's approval of the GFA's Part 149 Exposition.



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