



Members

4th of August, 2016

Hi All,

As of Wednesday 20th July 2016, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority has approved an Operations Manual update.

The new Operations Manual is now available for all, via the HGFA website.
PLEASE READ IT.

AFTER YOU HAVE READ IT..., if you have any queries, send an email to:

ops_query@hgfa.asn.au

Weight-shift Microlighting & Powered Paragliding:

Update includes the "Airframe & Engine Maintenance" endorsement and the "Aircraft Inspector" rating.

Hang Gliding:

No changes.

Paragliding:

We have updated the certification names and added a new certification level, so as to bring our training closer to international standards.
Changes are as follows:

PG1 = A Student Pilot.

PG2 = The old "Supervised" certificate.

PG3 = The new certification level.

PG4 = The old "Intermediate" certificate.

PG5 = The old "Advanced" certificate.

All requirements for PG1 & PG2 remain exactly as they were, under their previous name.

The PG4 & PG5 certificates have minor practical requirement changes, bringing them in-line with international standards.

THE NEW PG3

Once a **PG2** pilot has a minimum of, **15 hours** **airtime** logged in their Supervised Pilot Log Book and within their accumulated airtime, they have achieved the following;

- (i) flights from a minimum of 5 different sites, 3 of which are inland, and
- (ii) a minimum of 3 soaring flights, and
- (iii) a minimum of 2 hours flown in thermic lift, and then

they have demonstrated to a HGFA PG CFI or FI that he or she has reached the level of competency required for a PG3 Pilot Certificate, an application for the PG3 certificate can be signed and submitted to the HGFA office, by the assessing CFI or FI.

The new PG3 certificate allows **the same flight operation requirements as the PG2 certificate**, however **the pilot can operate autonomously and will not require supervision** by an Instructor, Safety Officer or Duty Pilot.

These changes will:

- * Provide for easier recognition of HGFA PG pilot qualifications, when flying over seas.
- * Address the issue of new/student pilot, skill level retention.
- * Lessen the flight logging burden for PG2 pilots, whilst encouraging thermic flight skills development.
- * Increase pilot contact with FTF's for the achievement of the "PG3" rating.
- * Provide opportunities for instructors to offer "PG3 Skills Clinics".
- * Provide an overall increased focus on thermic flying skills.
- * The PG4 certificate requirements include minimums of 5 hours of thermic flying and 5 hours of ridge soaring, thereby encouraging coastal & inland skills development.
- * The PG5 certificate now requires 5 cross country thermic flights of at least 20 KM each. (No ridge soaring flights.)
- * Plus many more benefits.... ;-)

All PG endorsement requirements will remain as they currently are.

Clubs will need to reassess their sites and update their site guides accordingly.

The link below is to a document containing PG certification comparisons and the PG3 OP's Manual section.

[PG3-Airwaves-Extra \(PDF\)](#)

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Thank you.

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Regards,

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