

Revision 3

### Pilot Licences and Ratings – Parachute Drop Rating

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#### General

Civil Aviation Authority advisory circulars (ACs) contain information about standards, practices, and procedures that the Director has found to be an **acceptable means of compliance** with the associated rule.

Consideration will be given to other methods of compliance that may be presented to the Director. When new standards, practices, or procedures are found to be acceptable they will be added to the appropriate AC.

#### Purpose

This AC describes an acceptable means of compliance for meeting the Civil Aviation Rule requirements for the issue of a parachute drop rating.

#### Related Rules

This AC relates specifically to Civil Aviation Rule Part 61 Subpart N, *Parachute Drop Rating*.

#### Change Notice

Revision 3 makes minor stylistic changes to align with current AC format.

#### Version History

History Log

Revision No.	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
AC61-14, Rev 0	6 Oct 1998	Initial issue of this AC.
AC61-14, Rev 1	11 May 2006	Included amendments to the logbook entries for issue of a parachute drop rating, related to the reissue of Part 61. The

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		outdated transition provision was removed.
AC61-14, Rev 2	9 May 2007	<p>Re-numbered this AC from AC61-1.14 to AC61-14 as part of a project to standardise the numbering of all ACs.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>Over March 2022, this AC was reviewed by a subject matter expert and found to be still current. On 31 March 2022, CAA made minor formatting changes and added a Version History to this AC in line with other ACs.</i></p>
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## Rule 61.651 Eligibility requirements

### Parachute drop course

**Rule 61.651(a)(3)** requires an applicant for a parachute drop rating to have satisfactorily completed a course in the dropping of parachutists. The course must be conducted by a parachute organisation whose Part 149 certificate authorises the holder to conduct a course in the dropping of parachutists.

The ground course would normally include a briefing by a jumpmaster on:

- the use of parachutes, and parachuting operational and emergency procedures, and
- key aspects of Part 105, *Parachute Operating Rules*, and in Part 91, rule 91.705, *Parachute-drop operations*, and rule 91.707, *Emergency parachute assemblies*.

### Competency demonstration

**Rule 61.651(a)(4)** requires an applicant to have demonstrated their competency in the dropping of parachutists to an authorised person in an appropriately authorised parachute organisation. The demonstration of competence must be conducted by a parachute organisation whose Part 149 certificate authorises the holder to conduct assessment for a parachute drop rating.

## Rule 61.653 Issue

### Logbook endorsement

**Rule 61.653** states the requirements for the issue of a parachute drop rating. The authorised person operating under the authority of the authorised Part 149 parachute organisation must be satisfied that the requirements of rule 61.651 have been met before issuing the parachute drop rating.

All relevant details must have been instructed, completed, and checked either orally, or in writing, or in practice to the satisfaction of the certifying person. The entry in the logbook must be made in accordance with rule 61.29(a)(3), *Pilot logbooks – general requirements*, including:

- (i) the purpose of the flight
- (ii) the date of the flight
- (iii) the expiry date of the flight test, flight review, competency demonstration or check, and
- (iv) the name, client number, and signature of the person conducting the flight test, flight review, competency demonstration, or check.

A person seeking more information on the parachute drop rating should contact a parachuting organisation certificated under Part 149.