



## INSTRUCTOR AND EXAMINER BULLETIN 02-2017

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TO INSTRUCTORS AND EXAMINERS

Please find below information on the CAA's 'SkyWay Code' and 'SkyWise' free subscription service, clarification on bad practice 'ghosting' students and a reminder to Examiners the new Air Law exam papers have been issued.

### **SkyWay Code**

The SkyWay Code is now available for download from the CAA. I am sure it will be welcomed by all of us as a good reference document.

To quote 'it is designed to provide private pilots with easy, quick access to the key information they need and includes: pilot responsibilities, pre-flight checks and flight planning, airspace rules and regulations, using aerodromes, risks and emergencies, flying outside the UK, links to useful safety and regulatory resources. As well as covering the regulations it includes examples of radio phraseology, tables to work out crosswind components and ground marshalling signals.'

<http://www.caa.co.uk/CAP1535S>

### **SkyWise**

If you are not already subscribed to SkyWise, I urge you to do so. The CAA is moving more and more towards electronic communications. Providing you have ticked the appropriate categories on the subscription request it will keep you up to date with information including safety alerts, consultations, rule changes and airspace amendments.

You can [register online for email alerts](#) or download the app (available for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices). You can also check for the latest updates on the [SkyWise website](#) without needing to subscribe.

### **'Ghosting' Students on Q X/Cs**

Dual navigation training flights are conducted with an Instructor prior to the student flying the solo navigational requirements for the NPPL (A) M.

It has been brought to the Panel's attention that there may have been instances of Instructors accompanying students on the Qualifying Cross Country flights in order for the student to obtain the navigational requirements for the NPPL (A) Microlight, with the student logging the flight as 'Pilot in Command' (PIC) when the Instructor was in the aircraft.



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For the avoidance of doubt, this is absolutely not an acceptable practice and does not comply with the training requirements for the NPPL (A) M nor will it teach students confidence and captaincy skills for their future flying.

Whenever an instructor is in the aircraft with a student undertaking flying training the student is a 'Pilot under Training' (PUT) and can only log it as such in their logbook.

### **New Air Law Exams**

Examiners should by now have received the new Air Law exams. The old ones are no longer valid. Substitute exams questions were submitted to the CAA to replace incorrect ones, however the CAA modified several questions in addition to our requested replacements. One or two of these are not as clear as they could be. One particular question in Paper 17C is ambiguous. Until such time as this can be fixed, I personally am not setting this paper.

Hope you all enjoy good flying this summer

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