

Microlight Instructors

FI (R) - Restricted Flying Instructor.

Qualifying requirements are:

- Must hold a licence that includes a valid Microlight Class rating. The microlight rating must be "Without Operational Limitations".
- Must have held a valid PPL with a SEP or Microlights rating for a minimum period of eight months before starting the AFI course.
- Must have 100hrs as pilot in command (PIC) of which 40hrs is in microlights and must include at least 5hrs as PIC on type to be used on the course. (Type refers to weightshift, three axis or powered parachute controls system and not to particular aircraft model).
- Must pass a pre-entry written examination and a flight test conducted by a Microlight Flying Instructor Examiner (FIE) or Flying Instructor Course instructor (FIC) in the 6 months immediately preceding the course commencement date.

Course requirements are:

- The minimum training requirement comprises of not less than 40hrs ground school and 15hrs flight training conducted by a microlight FIC instructor at an approved Flying Training Organisation.
- On completion of training the Candidate must pass an FI (R) Rating Flight Test and Ground Examination conducted by an FIE.

FI - Flying Instructor.

- Colloquially known as QFI - Qualified Flying Instructor.
- Must have not less than 250 hrs experience as PIC of which 200 must be on Microlights.
- Must have held an FI (R) Rating for at least 10 months and have a minimum of 100 hrs experience instructing on microlights.
- Must have passed a Flight Test and Ground Exam conducted by an FIE.

FIC Instructor - Flying Instructor Course Instructor.

- Must have an FIC recommendation on last Instructor Test.
- Should have 600 instructional hours of which 400 must be on microlights, additionally should have held a Flying Instructor rating for 3 years.
- Candidate will then be called to BMAA for an interview, and if successful will then have to pass an FIC Instructor Flight Test with an FIE.
- If successful the Civil Aviation Authority will issue a letter of Approval.

Microlight Examiners

'R' Examiner.

- 'R' Examiners can sign Certificates of Experience to maintain a pilot's rating privileges.
- Must show that there is a need for such appointment.
- Normal minimum requirement is for the Candidate to be a Pilot.
- On recommendation from the BMAA the CAA will issue Approval.

'GR' Examiner.

- 'GR' Examiners can sign Certificates of Experience to maintain a pilot's rating privileges and in addition holds the Ground Examination papers for the grant of the NPPL Microlights.
- Must show that there is a need for such appointment.
- Normal minimum requirement is for the Candidate to be a Flying Instructor.
- On recommendation from the BMAA the CAA will issue Approval.

'FE' Flight Examiner.

- An 'FE' can sign Certificates of Experience to maintain a pilot's rating privileges and holds the Ground Examination papers for the grant of the NPPL Microlights. In addition they can conduct the General Skills Tests for the grant and revalidation of a Microlight PPL.
- Must show that there is a need for such appointment.
- Minimum requirements are that the Candidate must have been a Flying Instructor for 2 years, have 300 Instructional hours of which 200 should be on microlights.
- Must have been assessed as suitable at last Instructor Test.
- Candidates will then be called for interview and if successful, the BMAA will send recommendation to the CAA who will issue the approval.

FIE - Flying Instructor Examiner.

- An 'FE' can sign Certificates of Experience to maintain a pilot's rating privileges and holds the Ground Examination papers for the grant of the NPPL Microlights and conduct the General Skills Tests for the grant and revalidation of a Microlight PPL. In addition an FIE can conduct tests for the grant or renewal of a Microlight AFI or FI rating.
- This is an Authority issued by the CAA following successful interviews with the Microlight Panel of Examiners and the CAA.
- The Authority does not expire until revoked. FIEs also hold FIC Approval as part of their Authority.
- Qualifying requirements are 1000 Instructional Hours of which 600 should be on Microlights. The Candidate should also be an FIC Instructor.