

**SECTION 4. CROSS-CREDITING LICENCES AND RATINGS TO NPPL (MICROLIGHT)****4.1 Pilots with valid licences and ratings****4.1.1 UK Licence with SEP or SSEA rating to NPPL(A) (Microlight)**

The holder of a valid CAA-issued Pilot Licence (Aeroplanes) with SEP Class Rating or SSEA rating who wishes to obtain a Microlight Class Rating shall:

- a) produce the CAA-issued Pilot Licence (Aeroplanes);
- b) pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner. The examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly;
- c) hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-MED Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate;
- d) pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight.

**4.1.2 NPPL(A) (SLMG), UK PPL(A) SLMG to NPPL(A) (Microlight)**

The holder of a valid UK issued licence with SLMG rating who wishes to obtain a Microlight Class Rating shall:

- a) produce the licence with valid SLMG rating;
- b) pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner. The examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly;
- c) hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate;
- d) pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight.

**4.1.3 UK PPL (Gyroplane) to NPPL(A) (Microlight)**

The holder of a valid UK PPL(G) who wishes to obtain an NPPL(A) with Microlight Class Rating shall:

- a) produce the UK PPL(G);
- b) pass the Microlight theoretical examinations in Aircraft General (Part 1) and Aviation Law, Flight Rules and Procedures;
- c) pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner. The examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly;
- d) hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate;
- e) pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight.

**4.1.4 CAA-issued Helicopter licence to NPPL(A) (Microlight)**

The holder of a valid Helicopter licence who wishes to obtain an NPPL(A) with Microlight Class Rating shall:

- a) produce the CAA-issued Helicopter licence;
- b) pass the Microlight theoretical examinations in Aircraft General (Part 1) and Aviation Law, Flight Rules and Procedures;

- c) pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner. The examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly;
- d) hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate;
- e) pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight.

#### 4.1.5 **BGA Glider Pilots Licence to NPPL(A) (Microlight)**

The holder of a valid BGA Glider Pilots Licence who wishes to obtain a NPPL(A) with Microlight Class Rating shall:

- a) produce the BGA Glider Pilots Licence;
- b) produce log book evidence of 5 flights as PIC of gliders within the 9 months prior to licence application;
- c) produce log book evidence of having satisfactorily completed not less than 15 hours conversion training in microlight aircraft under the supervision of a Microlight FI, which must include:
  - i) not less than 6 hours supervised solo flight;
  - ii) not less than 5 hours navigation training, to include not less than 3 hours solo navigation including one qualifying cross-country flight as defined in the NPPL(A) (Microlight) syllabus
- d) pass the Microlight theoretical knowledge examinations;
- e) pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner. The examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly;
- f) hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate;
- g) pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight.

#### 4.1.6 **ATC Instructor's Qualification to NPPL(A) (Microlight)**

The holder of the ATC Instructor's qualification wishing to obtain an NPPL(A) with Microlight Class Rating shall:

- a) produce log book evidence of having satisfactorily completed not less than 15 hours conversion training in microlight aircraft under the supervision of a Microlight FI, which must include:
  - i) not less than 6 hours supervised solo flight;
  - ii) not less than 5 hours navigation training, to include not less than 3 hours solo navigation including one qualifying cross-country flight as defined in the NPPL(A) (Microlight) syllabus;
- b) pass the Microlight theoretical knowledge examinations;
- c) pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner. The examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly;
- d) hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate;
- e) pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight.

#### 4.1.7 **Military training towards NPPL(A) (Microlight)**

- 4.1.7.1 An applicant for the NPPL(A) with Microlight Class Rating shall be given appropriate accreditation for any theoretical and flying training and flying experience gained during military service. A Medical Officer in HM Forces who is included in the register of GPs maintained by the GMC may, in certain circumstances, countersign an NPPL Medical Declaration.
- 4.1.7.2 **Flying Training.** Any previous flying training on Single Engine Piston (Land) aeroplanes conducted by an FI(A) or current Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) may be counted towards the 25 hour minima of flying training and consolidation required before the applicant may take the GST required for the grant of an NPPL(A) with Microlight Class Rating. This may include:
- a) Service Flying Scholarship flying.
  - b) Elementary Flying Training (EFT) flying.
  - c) University Air Squadron (UAS) flying.
  - d) Service Pilots under training.
  - e) Service Pilots withdrawn from flying training.
- 4.1.7.3 All hours must be properly logged and certified by the Chief Flying Instructor or Commanding Officer as appropriate. Applicants must ensure that each individual exercise requirement is fully met. Military or ex-military pilots shall receive the following specific accreditation:
- a) A Qualified Service Pilot (QSP) who has been current on any military aircraft in the 5 year period preceding the date of application for licence issue shall pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight. The applicant shall also pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by the authorised examiner as part of the GST; this examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly.
  - b) A QSP who has not been current on any military aircraft in the 5 year period preceding the date of application for licence issue shall undergo a course of training on microlight aircraft as specified by a Microlight FI before passing the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight. The applicant shall also pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by the authorised examiner as part of the GST; this examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly.
- 4.1.7.4 **Theoretical Knowledge**
- Qualified Service Aircrew in current flying practice, defined as a minimum of 12 hours flying experience as a pilot in military or civil aeroplanes (or combination of both) in the 24 months preceding the date of application for licence issue, shall receive the following specific accreditation:
- a) A current 'experienced QSP' who meets the joint MoD/CAA Working Group requirements specified in CAP 804, Section 4, Part M (when agreed) shall be credited all theoretical examination requirements with the exception of the Microlight theoretical knowledge examination in Aviation Law, Flight Rules and Procedures and the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination.
  - b) A current fixed-wing QSP shall be credited the Microlight theoretical examinations in Navigation, Meteorology and Aircraft General (Part 1).

- c) A current rotary-wing QSP, current Qualified Service Navigator or Observer shall be credited the Microlight theoretical examinations in Navigation and Meteorology.
- d) A current Qualified Service Air Engineer shall be credited the Microlight theoretical examination in Aircraft General (Part 1).
- e) All current Qualified Service Pilots, Navigators, Observers and Air Engineers who have completed the appropriate single-service Aviation Medicine and Crew Resource Management courses will be credited the Microlight theoretical examination in Human Performance and Limitations.
- f) All current Qualified Service Pilots and those current Qualified Service Navigators or Observers who are qualified as normal flight crew members of single pilot aircraft shall be credited the RTF Practical Test. In order to add FRTOL privileges to an NPPL(A), unless they meet the joint MoD/CAA Working Group requirements specified in CAP 804, Section 4, Part M (when agreed), they will be required to pass the Part-FCL Communications (PPL) theoretical examination.

#### 4.1.75 **Elementary Flying Training School Graduates**

Pilots who have graduated from Service EFTS courses shall receive the following accreditation towards the issue of a NPPL(A) with Microlight Class Rating:

- a) EFTS Graduates presented with a full accreditation course completion certificate (annotated with a Green Border) will be credited all the NPPL(A) flying training and theoretical knowledge requirements but shall produce logbook evidence of having satisfactorily completed conversion training with a Microlight FI on microlight aircraft before passing the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight. The applicant shall also pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by the authorised examiner as part of the GST; this examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly
- b) EFTS Graduates presented with a partial course completion certificate (annotated with a Yellow Border) will be credited only the elements completed during EFT training and will be required to complete the remaining elements to qualify for licence issue including conversion training with a Microlight FI on microlight aircraft before passing the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight. The applicant shall also pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by the authorised examiner as part of the GST; this examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly.
- c) All EFTS Graduates wishing to add FRTOL privileges to an NPPL(A) shall pass the Part-FCL Communications (PPL) Examination and the RTF Practical Test.

#### 4.1.76 **University Air Squadron Flying Training**

Pilots who have received formal flying training at a UAS shall receive full accreditation for such flying training. No accreditation will be given for 'air experience' flying conducted by pilots who are neither current QFIs nor holders of civil pilot licences containing valid FI(A) Ratings.

#### 4.1.8 **Powered Parachute, Powered Hang Glider, Hang Glider or Paraglider experience to NPPL(A) (Microlight)**

The holder of a PPL (Powered Parachute), a British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association 'Pilot' Rating (or higher), BMAA or BHPA 'Powered Hang Glider FLM' Rating who wishes to obtain an NPPL(A) (Microlight) shall:

- a) produce log book evidence of having completed 5 flights as PIC of a powered parachute, powered hang glider, hang glider or paraglider in the 9 months prior to licence application;

- b) for applicants for the NPPL(A) (Microlight) with operational limits, produce log book evidence of having satisfactorily completed flying training in microlight aircraft under the supervision of a Microlight FI including training exercises as defined in the NPPL(A) (Microlight) syllabus, which must include:
  - i) not less than 5 hours training, including:
  - ii) not less than 3 hours supervised solo flight in the 9 months prior to licence application;
- c) for applicants for the NPPL(A) (Microlight) without operational limits, produce log book evidence of having satisfactorily completed flying training in microlight aircraft under the supervision of a Microlight FI including training exercises as defined in the NPPL (Microlight) syllabus, which must include:
  - i) not less than 15 hours training, including:
    - (1) not less than 6 hours supervised solo flight in the 9 months prior to licence application;
    - (2) not less than 3 hours solo navigation in the 9 months prior to licence application including the qualifying cross-country flight as defined in the NPPL(A) (Microlight) syllabus;
- d) pass the following Microlight theoretical knowledge examinations:
  - i) Holders of UK PPL (Powered Parachute) shall pass the Microlight theoretical examination in Aircraft General (Part 1);
  - ii) Holders of British Hang Gliding and Paraglider Association or BMAA Powered Hang Glider FLM 'Pilot' ratings shall pass all Microlight theoretical examinations;
- e) pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner. The examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly;
- f) hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate;
- g) pass the NPPL(A) (Microlight) GST.

#### 4.1.9 **Self Propelled Hang Glider or Foot Launched Microlight experience to NPPL(A)(Microlight) (Powered Parachute)**

The holder of a BMAA or BHPA Self Propelled Hang Glider or Foot Launched Microlight Pilot Rating who wishes to obtain an NPPL(A) (Microlight) (Powered Parachute) shall:

- a) produce log book or log sheet evidence of having completed at least 5 hours experience on foot launched SPHG or FLM aircraft in the 12 months prior to licence application;
- b) hold a current BMAA or BHPA SPHG/FLM Pilot Rating;
- c) complete the following flight training:
  - i) For applicants for the NPPL(A) (Microlight) (Powered Parachute) with Operational Limitations, complete flight training of not less than 2 hours on Powered Parachutes under the supervision of an instructor authorised to conduct training for the NPPL(A) (Microlight) (Powered Parachute), to include:
    - (1) not less than 1 hour solo PIC within the 9 months before licence application;

- (2) not less than 15 take-offs and full stop landings, of which 6 must be solo PIC flown within the 9 months before licence application;
- ii) For applicants for the NPPL(A) (Microlight) (Powered Parachute) without Operational Limitations, complete flight training of not less than 5 hours on Powered Parachutes under the supervision of an instructor authorised to conduct training for the NPPL(A) (Microlight) (Powered Parachute), to include:
  - (1) not less than 5 hours solo PIC within the 9 months before licence application;
  - (2) not less than 15 take-offs and full stop landings, of which 6 must be solo PIC flown within the 9 months before licence application.
  - (3) Navigation training, to include:
    - (aa) not less than 2 hours solo PIC within the 9 months before licence application, including one cross-country flight of at least 25 nautical miles during which the applicant landed at at least one other site not less than 10 nautical miles from the site of departure;
- d) within the 12 months before licence application, pass the Microlight theoretical knowledge examinations in Aviation Law (Microlight), Human Performance and Limitations, Navigation, Meteorology and Aircraft General (Powered Parachutes);
- e) within the 9 months before licence application, pass the oral examination in Aircraft Type (Powered Parachutes);
- f) hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate;
- g) pass a Powered Parachute Flight Test with an Examiner authorised to conduct tests on Powered Parachutes.

#### 4.2 **Pilots with expired licences or ratings**

Credit shall be given for holders of expired CAA-issued Part-FCL Pilot Licence (Aeroplanes) and UK PPL(A) licences or ratings as follows:

- a) Where a Microlight class rating or Microlight privileges included in such licences has expired by not more than 5 years, the licence holder shall hold a valid NPPL medical declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate and pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight.
- b) Where a Microlight class rating or Microlight privileges included in such licences has expired by more than 5 years, the licence holder shall undergo a course of training in a microlight aircraft as specified by a Microlight FI, hold a valid NPPL Medical Declaration or Part-Med Class 1, 2 or LAPL medical certificate and pass the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight. The licence holder shall also pass an oral theoretical knowledge examination conducted by the authorised examiner as part of the GST.

#### 4.3 **Non-UK licences**

The holder of any licence issued by an ICAO Contracting State who wishes to obtain a NPPL(A) (Microlight) should write to the BMAA for advice on the specific requirements for licence conversion. These requirements will be determined by the holder's current experience and will be assessed individually. The applicant shall also pass the Microlight theoretical examinations in Aviation Law, Flight Rules and Procedures and Human Performance and Limitations before passing the NPPL(A) GST in a Microlight. The applicant shall also pass the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by the authorised examiner as part of the GST; this examination shall include pilot maintenance requirements and conditions of the Permit to Fly.

#### 4.4 **Incomplete SEP, SSEA, SLMG and/or ATC/CCF training**

4.4.1 Credit towards the grant of an NPPL with Microlight Class Rating may be given for flight training on other classes of aircraft. A maximum of 10 hrs credit will be given for any such training conducted with an authorised UK flight instructor; applicants seeking credit for other flight training should contact the BMAA for advice.

a) Applicants for a Microlight Class Rating without Operational Limitations shall pass the Microlight theoretical knowledge examinations, including the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner and complete not less than 25 hours total flight training, to include the following flight training on Microlight aircraft:

- i) not less than 5 hours of navigation training with an authorised Microlight instructor in the 9 months before licence application;
- ii) not less than 10 hours solo under the supervision of an authorised Microlight instructor in the 9 months before licence application, to include:
  - (1) 3 hours navigation;
  - (2) 2 qualifying cross-country flights as defined in the NPPL Microlight Syllabus;
- iii) Pass the NPPL GST.

b) Applicants for a Microlight Class Rating with Operational Limitations shall pass the Microlight theoretical knowledge examinations, including the Microlight Aeroplanes Type (Part 2) oral examination conducted by a Microlight flight examiner and complete not less than 15 hours total flight training, to include the following flight training on Microlight aircraft:

- i) Not less than 7 hours solo under the supervision of an authorised Microlight instructor in the 9 months before licence application;
- ii) Pass the NPPL GST.

4.4.2 Credit towards the Microlight theoretical knowledge examinations may be given for NPPL(A) or PPL theoretical knowledge examinations in the following subjects which the applicant has passed in the 24 months before licence application:

- a) Human Performance and Limitations.
- b) Navigation and Radio Aids.
- c) Meteorology.