



BAFSA UPDATE July 2020

1. Proficiency Flights

No doubt all pilots are by now aware of the revised restrictions which allow for proficiency flights for recreational aviation (which includes for commercial ballooning).

Essentially, the regulations state we are permitted to undertake flights on a single pilot only basis, in order to become current. However, we are permitted to have a senior or safety pilot on board, if the pilot so chooses.

An application and approval process is required to be undertaken prior to the intended flight, just go to www.aeroclub.org.za and select proficiency flight – it is quick and easy and you will receive approval by return mail from CAA.

All standard and existing Covid-19 protocols are required to be observed at all times.

Numerous pilots have already taken advantage of this relaxation of regulations and several others are planning flights soon.

Our thanks are due to Aero Club for arranging and facilitating this process with CAA.




2. Licence Renewals

We are aware that CAA has a backlog of licence applications and that approvals are slower than before....

There is also a new licence application form (only date change from previous form) that must be used (copy attached – see end).

Aero Club Support Initiative



The Aero Club Membership Support Initiative

The Aero Club has created a Member Support Initiative to assist members in their Recreational Licence & ATF application submissions to the CAA, since the functions previously available under RAASA will no longer apply, with submissions needing to follow the protocols established within the CAA.

The essence of this Initiative would be to facilitate the application process with the CAA, which will entail assisting members, (also in remote areas a postal service - Postnet or equivalent) to collect documents, provide a function of validating completeness of an application pack and submission to the CAA on the member's behalf, collection back from the CAA and return to members. A survey as sent out in the last week, has had an overwhelming positive response.

The Aero Club has secured additional resourcing and the following service is being offered

Document Submission – NPL & ATF

- Carry out a document pack completeness check – against a checklist
- Ensure forms are filled in correctly (can also provide clients with the correct forms by email)
- Submit to the CAA on the client's behalf as well as be the conduit to establish progress of the renewal, this being for NPL Licences and ATFs.
- Collection of documents when ready at the CAA

R 300 Single Submission
R 250 Multi Submission

- Provide a return postage service (Send your courier to collect from AeCSA or make use of the POSTNET to POSTNET service for an additional R100.00)


R 100

Document Collections

- Collection of Documents from SACAA, and provide a courier service to return documents

R 125

For more information contact The Aero Club of South Africa
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3. Aero Club Centenary 2020

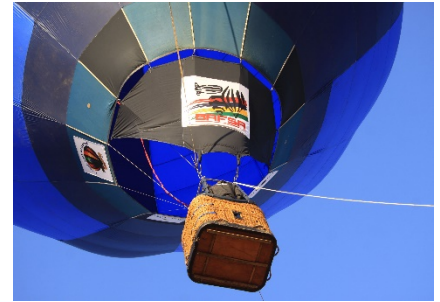


Numerous previously planned events for 2020 have either been postponed or cancelled as a result of Covid-19. One of the major planned events is the publication of an Aero Club Centenary Book. This project is well advanced and the book, which covers all aspects of recreational aviation, will be launched in the coming months.



We anticipate that the official launch of the Aero Club Centenary Balloon will become one of the celebrated Aero Club events for 2020 and are anxiously awaiting lifting of restrictions

Watch this space for details



4. Events

4.1. Battlefields Balloon Fiesta

We are still hopeful that this event will be possible from 24th September 2020 and have received enthusiastic response from Battlefields Lodge, the event venue.

Should the proposed dates not be permissible, we will select a new date. Please diarize and advise of your attendance.

4.2. Grand Est Mondial Balloon 2021 : France (GEMAB 21)



This major European Ballooning Fiesta is due to take place in late July 2021.

Entries are already open and the event website can be accessed at:
<https://www.pilatre-de-rozier.com/lmab/>

Several South African pilots have attended over the past years and will hopefully continue to do so.

For details please contact Richard Bovell, the Event Ambassador for Africa.

4.3. South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2020

Given the current Covid status and extremely limited sponsorship opportunities, a decision on holding or cancelling this event is still to be made.

Be safe, keep well.

BAFSA COMMITTEE 2020





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DETAILS OF BANK ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF PRESCRIBED FEE			
Bank: Standard Bank of SA Ltd	Branch: Brooklyn, Pretoria	Branch Code: 011245	Account Number: 013007971
COMPULSORY CLIENT PAYMENT CODE (to be completed on deposit slip)			
Service/transaction	Over the counter payments		EFT, Internet, Wire, Electronic payments
Application for professional pilot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ANNUAL SUBMISSION FOR MAINTENANCE OF PILOT LICENCE VALIDITY

NOTES:

Attach:

- certified copy of the logbook summary as required by CAR 61.01.5(9);
- proof of payment of the annual currency fee.

Surname of applicant			First names		
Gender (Male/Female)			Date of birth		
RSA ID/Passport			Nationality		
Licence number			Licence held		
Date of issue of licence			Date of expiry of licence		
Population group (for statistical purpose)					
	African	White	Coloured	Asian	Other
Residential address					
					Province
Postal address					
			Province	Postal code	
Telephone number			Cellular phone number		
Email address					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS		DATE		