

Schedule 5 Practical competency units

Appendix 1 Any RPA — Common units

Unit 14 RC1 — Pre- and post-operation actions and procedures for RPAS

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<i>Launch and landing areas</i> Explain considerations in locating and setting-up a launch and recovery area.	[No tolerances]	Areas suitable for aeroplanes and rotorcraft.
2	<i>Pre-operation actions and procedures</i> (a) obtain, interpret and apply information contained in the RPA operator’s documented practices and procedures mentioned in paragraph 101.370 (b) of CASR, including information relating to the following: (i) weather forecasts; (ii) local observations; (iii) NOTAMs; (iv) area approvals; (v) other aeronautical information such as information from ERSA and CASA; (b) decide whether the current and forecast weather conditions are suitable for the proposed operation; (c) decide whether the RPA’s equipment is serviceable for the proposed operation; (d) decide whether the aircraft batteries or fuel are the correct kind for	(a) within a reasonable period of time; (b) demonstrating dexterity in handling the RPA.	(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures; (b) type of RPA; (c) weather forecast types; (d) single or multiple RPA operations in a day; (e) location of RPA operations; (f) with and without checklists; (g) day and night operations; (h) electric and liquid-fuel system powered.

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	the RPA and are serviceable.		
3	<p><i>Perform pre-flight inspection</i></p> <p>(a) assemble and prepare the RPA for operation;</p> <p>(b) conduct a post-assembly inspection of the RPA;</p> <p>(c) ensure locking and securing devices, covers and bungs for the RPA are removed;</p> <p>(d) complete a pre-operation inspection as set out in the RPA operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(e) start the RPA's engine or motor in accordance with the RPA operator's documented practices and procedures for the operation of the RPA.</p>	<p>(a) within a reasonable period of time;</p> <p>(b) demonstrating dexterity in handling the RPA;</p> <p>(c) no locking or securing devices, bungs or covers left in place.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) type of RPA.</p>
4	<p><i>Weight and balance</i></p> <p>(a) ensure aircraft is loaded within limits;</p> <p>(b) ensure that centre of gravity is within limits.</p>	Aircraft loaded within manufacturer/operator limits.	Loading and limits relevant to aircraft type.
5	<p><i>Post-operation actions and procedures</i></p> <p>(a) shut down aircraft in accordance with the operations manual;</p> <p>(b) conduct post-operation inspection and secure the aircraft (if applicable);</p> <p>(c) complete all required post-operation</p>	<p>(a) within a reasonable period of time;</p> <p>(b) demonstrating familiarity with the RPA and the RPA operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(c) demonstrating dexterity in handling the RPA;</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) type of RPA;</p> <p>(c) dry and wet weather.</p>

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	<p>If operating an RPA, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>administration documentation;</p> <p>(d) disassemble aircraft for transport.</p>	<p>(d) all locking or securing devices, bungs or covers are in place.</p>	

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Unit 15 RC2 — Energy reserves management for RPAS

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Plan energy requirements</i></p> <p>(a) work out the duration of the flight taking into account operational environment and relevant abnormal or emergency conditions, contingencies;</p> <p>(b) where applicable, calculate or identify the endurance for the RPA with designated reserve.</p>	<p>(a) demonstrating familiarity with the RPA and the RPA operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) the calculated RPA operation endurance for the flight is within +/- 10% or within the reserve limits of the energy source.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) length and type of operation;</p> <p>(c) type of energy source for the RPA;</p> <p>(d) various wind and temperature conditions;</p> <p>(e) variation in operating weight and aircraft configuration.</p>
2	<p><i>Manage battery system or systems</i></p> <p>(a) if the energy source for the RPA is a battery or battery systems:</p> <p>(i) prior to launch, verify the time available for the flight given the current battery charge;</p> <p>(ii) ensure the batteries are secured to the RPA for the operation;</p> <p>(iii) ensure the battery connectors are connected properly and secure for the operation;</p>	<p>(a) within a reasonable period of time;</p> <p>(b) demonstrating familiarity with the RPA;</p> <p>(c) demonstrating dexterity in handling the RPA and the batteries;</p> <p>(d) the RPA is not operated below the minimum voltage, as stated in the operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(e) not operating above maximum current draw for the RPA systems, as stated in the operator’s documented practices and procedures.</p>	<p>(a) old and new batteries;</p> <p>(b) battery connector types;</p> <p>(c) types of battery;</p> <p>(d) with and without telemetry.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) monitor energy usage during the operation; (v) maintain a battery log for the operation; (vi) perform battery changes correctly; (b) if the energy source of the remote pilot station for the RPA is a battery or battery systems — manage the remote pilot station power supply to ensure sufficient energy to complete an operation with a suitable reserve. 		
3	<p><i>Recharge battery or batteries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) inspect the battery to ensure it is safe to be recharged; (b) ensure the battery charger is setup correctly for the type of battery; (c) correctly connect and disconnect a battery to the battery charger; (d) perform battery quality and quantity checks after charging; (e) calculate the time it would take to use and recharge a battery for a particular operation; (f) if a battery is unsafe for an operation — recognise that the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) within a reasonable period of time; (b) demonstrating familiarity with the RPA; (c) demonstrating care in handling the batteries; (d) battery is charged to the desired level; (e) does not exceed the charging limitations for the batteries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) types of battery; (b) types of chargers; (c) battery management is performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures.

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	battery is unsafe for the operation; (g) check that the battery has sufficient charge for storage.		
4	<p>Manage fuel system (very small and small RPA)</p> (a) if the RPA is a very small or small RPA and the energy source for the RPA is liquid fuel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) calculate fuel required for the flight; (ii) identify the quantity of fuel on board the RPA before the operation; (iii) ensure the fuel cap or caps are closed and locked before flight; (iv) operate the RPA's fuel pumps and engine controls correctly during the operation; (v) monitor fuel use during the operation; (b) ensure the RPA lands at the end of the operation and is recovered with at least the correct amount of reserve fuel; (c) defuel the aircraft if required for storage or transport.	(a) within a reasonable period of time; (b) demonstrating familiarity with the RPA; (c) demonstrating dexterity in handling the RPA and the batteries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) for (i), in column 2, fuel calculation is within 10% (but not below); (ii) for (ii) in column 2, quantity is within +/- 10% accuracy; (iii) for (b) in column 2, calculated reserve is within of 10% actual reserve at end of flight. 	(a) type of RPA; (b) kind of liquid fuel; (c) method used to calculate the fuel needed for an operation; (d) method used to calculate the fuel burn rate; (e) method used to check fuel quantity on board; (f) method used to check fuel quality.

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5	<p><i>Refuel RPA (very small and small RPA)</i></p> <p>If the RPA is a very small or small and liquid fuel is the source of the energy for the RPA — before the operation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) identify the correct kind of fuel to be used; (b) if the fuel of the RPA must be mixed — mix the fuel correctly; (c) correctly fuel or refuel the RPA; (d) perform a fuel quality check; (e) ensure the RPA’s fuel cap is closed and secured after the RPA has been fuelled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) within a reasonable period of time; (b) demonstrating familiarity with the RPA; (c) demonstrating dexterity in handling the RPA and the fuel; (d) safe handling of fuel and equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) refuelling procedures according to operator’s documented procedures; (b) types of liquid fuels; (c) factors which affect fuel-oil mix ratios.

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Unit 16 RC3 — Manage crew, payload and bystanders for RPAS operations

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Manage bystanders</i></p> <p>(a) ensure that bystanders remain a safe distance away from the operation;</p> <p>(b) ensure bystanders are aware of, and avoid interference with, the operation and the systems controls used in the operation such as the remote pilot station;</p> <p>(c) manage bystander safety in the event of abnormal or emergency situation arising as a result of the operation;</p> <p>(d) demonstrate effective oral communication to bystanders in a clear, effective manner.</p>	Clear and effective communication.	<p>(a) co-operative bystanders;</p> <p>(b) non-cooperative bystanders.</p>
2	<p><i>Manage people involved in the operation</i></p> <p>(a) establish and maintain clear communication with crew members, with a particular view to ensuring the safe operation of the RPA;</p> <p>(b) carry-out effective and safe handovers of remote pilot responsibilities before, during and after an RPA operation.</p>	Clear, effective communication.	<p>(a) communication face-to-face;</p> <p>(b) communication over a radio;</p> <p>(c) operations with and without visual observers (spotters).</p>

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3	<p><i>Manage payloads and dangerous goods</i></p> <p>(a) manage loading, unloading and security of payload during an operation of the RPA;</p> <p>(b) identify dangerous goods and apply operator procedures to ensure safety of the operation.</p>	<p>(a) within a reasonable period of time;</p> <p>(b) demonstrating familiarity with the RPA;</p> <p>(c) demonstrating dexterity in handling the RPA.</p>	<p>(a) different kinds of payload;</p> <p>(b) internal and external payloads;</p> <p>(c) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures.</p>

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Unit 17 RC4 — Navigation and operation of RPAS

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Operational “rules”</i></p> <p>(a) operate the RPA in compliance with the requirements relating to operating the RPA mentioned in Part 101 of CASR and this MOS;</p> <p>(b) identify the location and relevant parts of the RPA operator’s documented practices and procedures mentioned in paragraph 101.370 (b) of CASR relating to the operation of the RPA.</p>	[No tolerances]	Activities are performed in accordance with the operator’s documented practices and procedures.
2	<p><i>Operational basics</i></p> <p>(a) describe different traffic patterns of manned aircraft at aerodromes;</p> <p>(b) describe suitable vertical and horizontal separation distances between the RPA and other aircraft;</p> <p>(c) respond and take preventative actions to maintain the safety of the operation during simulated interactions with manned aircraft near aerodromes;</p> <p>(d) explain when an incident or accident report must be</p>	[No tolerances]	<p>(a) traffic patterns at aerodromes;</p> <p>(b) controlled and non-controlled aerodromes;</p> <p>(c) flight separation considerations;</p> <p>(d) types of incident;</p> <p>(e) manual and automated flight.</p>

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	submitted in relation to an operation of the RPA.		
3	<p>Orientation</p> <p>(a) interpret a given map or chart in relation to a proposed operation of the RPA and work out its implications for the operation;</p> <p>(b) in relation to any kind of aerodrome (including HLS) — point out the approach and departure paths and movement areas;</p> <p>(c) explain the significance of track and ground speed in relation to an operation of the RPA;</p> <p>(d) state the relevance of height, altitude and elevation in relation to different circumstances in which the RPA is operated.</p>	[No tolerances]	<p>(a) type of map projection;</p> <p>(b) various map scales;</p> <p>(c) digital or paper map;</p> <p>(d) different aerodromes and HLS;</p> <p>(e) at, near and away from aerodromes and HLS.</p>
4	<p>Use of aeronautical charts</p> <p>On a visual navigation chart — identify, without reference to the chart legend:</p> <p>(a) major features, including roads, rivers, lakes;</p> <p>(b) obstacles, spot heights, including elevation or height above terrain;</p>	Quickly identifies major features, obstacles, heights and prescribed airspace boundaries.	Paper and digital maps and charts.

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	(c) CTA, CTR, PRDs and aerodrome information; (d) secondary controlled aerodromes; (e) identify airspace boundaries and symbols; (f) interpret other symbols with reference to the chart legend.		
5	<i>Use of ERSA</i> Use an ERSA to extract: (a) information for a particular aerodrome or airspace; (b) information and data about PRD areas.	[No tolerances]	[No variables]
6	<i>Operations preparation</i> (a) identify the operational documentation required for a planned operation; (b) read and interpret a NOTAM, using NOTAM decode information; (c) obtain and comply with ATC clearances; (d) be aware of “fly neighbourly” areas and environmental protection; (e) read and interpret a local weather forecast and determine whether it would be suitable to operate the RPA for the operation given the forecast; (f) read and interpret an aeronautical weather	(a) all necessary documents identified; (b) understanding of NOTAMs is accurate; (c) makes informed decisions about whether to carry out the operation.	(a) operational documentation; (b) complexity of NOTAM; (c) area approval; (d) type of weather forecast.

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	<p>If operating an RPA, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>forecast and determine whether it would be suitable to operate the RPA for the operation given the forecast.</p>		

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Unit 18 RNT — Non-technical skills for operation of RPAS

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<i>Maintain effective lookout</i> Maintain obstacle and traffic separation using a systematic visual scan technique at a rate determined by location, visibility and terrain.	[No tolerances]	(a) various weather conditions; (b) surrounding terrain and obstacles.
2	<i>Maintain situational awareness</i> (a) collect information to ensure the continued safe operation of the RPA; (b) non-weather hazards to operations (for example, thermal plumes, powerlines, animals).	Makes decisions in a timely manner.	Location of the RPA operation (for example, urban, suburban, park, beach).
3	<i>Assess situations and make decisions</i> (a) identify problems that may affect the safe operation of the RPA; (b) analyse the problems; (c) identify solutions to the problems; (d) assess the solutions and risks of the solutions; (e) decide on a course of action; (f) if appropriate — communicate the proposed course of action; (g) if appropriate — allocate tasks relating to the proposed course of action;	Makes decisions in a timely manner.	Various operational scenarios.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h) take actions to achieve optimum outcomes for the operation; (i) monitor progress of the course of action; (j) adjust the course of action to achieve the optimum outcomes for the operation. 		
4	<p><i>Set priorities and manage tasks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) organise workload and priorities to ensure safe operation of the RPA; (b) anticipate events and tasks that may occur during the operation; (c) plan events and tasks for the operation so that the events and task occur sequentially; (d) use technology to reduce workload and improve cognitive and manipulative activities during the operation. 	[No tolerances]	[No variables]
5	<p><i>Maintain effective communications and interpersonal relationships</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) establish and maintain effective and efficient communications and interpersonal relationships with all stakeholders to ensure the optimum outcome of the operation; (b) define and explain objectives to stakeholders; (c) recognise hazardous attitudes and mindsets; 	[No tolerances]	[No variables]

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	(d) demonstrate a level of assertiveness that ensures the optimum completion of the operation.		
6	<p><i>Recognise and manage threats</i></p> <p>(a) identify environmental or operational threats likely to affect the safety of the operation;</p> <p>(b) identify if competing priorities and demands may represent a threat to the safety of the operation;</p> <p>(c) develop and implement countermeasures to manage threats;</p> <p>(d) during the operation, monitor and assess the progress of the operation to ensure a safe outcome and modify actions accordingly;</p> <p>(e) identify and manage fatigue.</p>	Quickly identifies threats and makes and implements suitable countermeasures in a timely way.	<p>(a) types of threat;</p> <p>(b) types of fire and material hazards;</p> <p>(c) various risk mitigations to minimise threat.</p>
7	<p><i>Recognise and manage errors</i></p> <p>(a) apply the RPA operator's documented practices and procedures mentioned in regulation 101.370 of CASR;</p> <p>(b) prevent aircraft handling, procedural or communication errors;</p> <p>(c) during the operation, identify errors in the operation of the RPA before the safety of</p>	Minimises the consequences of an error in a timely manner.	Type of errors.

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	<p>If operating an RPA, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>the operation is affected;</p> <p>(d) during the operation, monitor the following to identify potential or actual errors:</p> <p>(i) in the RPA systems using a systematic scan technique;</p> <p>(ii) caused by the environment in which the RPA is operating;</p> <p>(iii) by the other individuals who have been assigned duty.</p>		
8	<p><i>Considerations for indoor and underground operations</i></p> <p>Show awareness of risks associated with indoor and underground operations.</p>	[No tolerances]	<p>(a) large and small spaces;</p> <p>(b) different fire hazards;</p> <p>(c) populated and unpopulated spaces.</p>

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Unit 19 RAF — Automated flight management systems for RPAS

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA under an automated flight management system, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Pre-operation preparation</i></p> <p>(a) check the automated flight management system software is current and up to date;</p> <p>(b) load a flight plan for the automated operation of the RPA.</p>	[No tolerances]	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) size of operation area;</p> <p>(c) type of RPA.</p>
2	<p><i>Automated operation control</i></p> <p>(a) demonstrate an automated launch and initial climb of the RPA;</p> <p>(b) modify the pre-programmed flight path while the RPA is in flight;</p> <p>(c) demonstrate an automated approach and landing/recovery of an RPA.</p>	<p>(a) initial climb is made after post-launch checks are complete;</p> <p>(b) modifications made in a reasonable amount of time;</p> <p>(c) the RPA lands within designated/predicted area/limits.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) size of operation area;</p> <p>(c) type of RPA.</p>
3	<p><i>Emergency procedures</i></p> <p>(a) interrupt an automated operation of the RPA and redirect the RPA to a safe point;</p> <p>(b) demonstrate a baulked landing procedure;</p> <p>(c) demonstrate the procedure to terminate the automated operation of the RPA.</p>	<p>(a) error-free and timely reprogramming;</p> <p>(b) the RPA is handled with dexterity and actions performed or simulated in a timely way;</p> <p>(c) for the baulked landing, the aircraft does not descend below a nominated height and maintains a nominated track;</p> <p>(d) safe termination procedure.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) simulate operations in urban, suburban and unpopulated areas;</p> <p>(c) type of RPA.</p>

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Appendix 2 Category specific units — Aeroplane category

Unit 20 RA1 — Ground operations and launch

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Ground operations taxiing</i> When taxiing on the ground or water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) perform applicable taxi checks, including instrument checks as required; (b) maintain safe taxi speed and control of the RPA; (c) maintain safe spacing from obstructions, and persons; (d) avoid causing a hazard to another aircraft, objects or persons; (e) apply correct handling techniques to take wind into account; (f) use checklists at appropriate times during ground operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) demonstrates dexterity with equipment; (b) sets-up the RPA for launch in a timely way; (c) maintains safe control of the RPA at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures; (b) distance from obstacles, people and aircraft; (c) with and without checklists; (d) types of undercarriage.
2	<p><i>Ground operations — launch</i> For hand launching of the RPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) demonstrate the correct way to hold the RPA pre-launch; (b) demonstrate the necessary precautions when hand launching; (c) ensure the flight path for launching the RPA is clear of other aircraft, people and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) demonstrates confidence in positioning and handling the RPA; (b) handles the RPA with skill and precision; (c) throwing action is controlled and safe; (d) the RPA is launched safely. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) type of RPA; (b) launch location; (c) remote pilot launch or launch by assistant; (d) different launch methods; (e) populated or unpopulated launch areas.

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	<p>If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>other hazards before launch;</p> <p>(d) work out a plan of action, in advance, to ensure the safest outcome in the event of abnormal operation.</p>		
3	<p><i>Launch actions</i></p> <p>If performing the launch of an RPA:</p> <p>(a) demonstrate correct launch technique;</p> <p>(b) perform the post-launch checks mentioned in the RPA checklist set out in operator's operations manual;</p> <p>(c) demonstrate smooth application of power and a controlled initial climb.</p>	<p>Initial climb is without major deviations in heading or attitude.</p>	<p>(a) type of RPA;</p> <p>(b) launch location;</p> <p>(c) remote pilot launch and launch by assistant;</p> <p>(d) different launch methods;</p> <p>(e) populated and unpopulated launch areas.</p>

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Unit 21 RA2 — Normal operations

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Straight and level</i></p> <p>(a) operate the RPA in straight and level flight at the desired altitude;</p> <p>(b) identify and avoid terrain and traffic when operating the RPA.</p>	<p>(a) the RPA to maintain a constant height and heading;</p> <p>(b) the RPA is operated within its performance limitations.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>
2	<p><i>Climb</i></p> <p>(a) operate the RPA at a constant angle of climb;</p> <p>(b) operate the RPA at a constant rate of climb.</p>	<p>The RPA maintains:</p> <p>(a) an even rate of climb;</p> <p>(b) a constant airspeed;</p> <p>(c) a consistent climb angle.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>
3	<p><i>Trim</i></p> <p>If required, trim the RPA to maintain the desired flight path for the flight.</p>	<p>Trims the RPA to maintain a constant heading and height for approximately 10 seconds.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>
4	<p><i>Turns</i></p> <p>(a) operate the RPA to perform turns that are properly co-ordinated;</p> <p>(b) operate the RPA to perform turns that are conducted within a nominated area;</p> <p>(c) operate the RPA so that level turns are at a constant altitude.</p>	<p>(a) the RPA remains within the nominated area;</p> <p>(b) turns are conducted at a constant altitude and radius;</p> <p>(c) the RPA sink/skid is minimised during the turns;</p> <p>(d) completes turn within 15 degrees of stated final heading.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>

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5	<p><i>Descent</i></p> <p>(a) descend the RPA at a constant angle of descent;</p> <p>(b) descend the RPA at a constant rate of descent;</p> <p>(c) use lift/drag devices appropriately during the descent of the RPA.</p>	<p>The RPA maintains:</p> <p>(a) an even rate of descent;</p> <p>(b) a constant airspeed;</p> <p>(c) a consistent descent angle;</p> <p>(d) consistent aircraft attitude.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>

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Unit 22 RA3 — Land/recover RPA

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p>Recover RPA</p> <p>(a) perform a rectangular circuit, of an appropriate length and width, in which the pilot demonstrates positive control, followed by a straight-line approach to a nominated point and landing;</p> <p>(b) allow sufficient space to align the RPA for a stabilised approach to the place at which the RPA will land or be recovered;</p> <p>(c) maintain a constant landing position aim point for the RPA;</p> <p>(d) if applicable, achieve a smooth, positively-controlled transition from final approach to touchdown, including the following:</p> <p>(i) minimise ballooning during flare;</p> <p>(ii) touchdown at a controlled rate of descent, in the specified touchdown zone;</p> <p>(iii) maintain positive directional control and cross-wind correction after landing, where applicable;</p> <p>(e) perform cross-wind landings.</p>	<p>(a) stable and controlled approach to land;</p> <p>(b) lands within the nominated area;</p> <p>(c) minimal deviations after landing;</p> <p>(d) keeps the RPA within approach area during a cross-wind landing;</p> <p>(e) landing speeds within 10% of recommended speed.</p>	<p>(a) meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) landing surface type;</p> <p>(c) undercarriage type;</p> <p>(d) aeroplane landing configuration;</p> <p>(e) different recovery methods.</p>

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2	<p><i>Conduct a missed approach</i></p> <p>(a) recognise the conditions when a missed approach should be executed;</p> <p>(b) make the decision to execute a missed approach in a timely way;</p> <p>(c) carry out a missed approach and reposition for landing by doing the following:</p> <p>(i) select power, attitude and configuration to safely control the RPA;</p> <p>(ii) manoeuvre the RPA clear of the ground and conduct after launch procedures;</p> <p>(iii) make allowance for wind velocity during go-around.</p>	<p>(a) maintains the RPA within nominated area;</p> <p>(b) shows dexterity in configuring the RPA for go-around;</p> <p>(c) the RPA does not descend below nominated height.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) various meteorological conditions.</p>

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Unit 23 RA4 — Advanced manoeuvres

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Enter and recover from stall (if applicable to the RPA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) perform pre-manoeuvre checks for stalling the RPA; (b) recognise stall signs and symptoms; (c) control the RPA by applying the required power and pitch, roll and yaw inputs as appropriate in a smooth, coordinated manner to recover from the following manoeuvres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) incipient stall; (ii) stall with full power applied; (iii) stall without power; (iv) stall when climbing, when descending, during an approach to land configuration and when turning; (d) perform stall recovery with the RPA as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) positively reduce angle of attack; (ii) use power available and available height to maximise the aircraft energy state; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) minimal height loss; (b) performs recovery procedures in a timely manner; (c) control movements are made in a positive and precise manner; (d) desired flight path is quickly re-established; (e) the RPA performance limits are not exceeded during the stall recovery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures; (b) the RPA at high and low heights.

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) minimise height loss for simulated low altitude condition; (iv) re-establish desired flight path, and controlled and balanced operation of the RPA. 		
2	<p>Figure of 8</p> <p>Operate the RPA to demonstrate a figure of 8, without loss of height and with the crossover point in front of the operator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) turns are smooth and controlled; (b) turn radius is consistent; (c) height is maintained and sink is minimised during the turns; (d) the crossover point is within 5 m either side of the remote pilot; (e) the figure of 8 loops are of similar size and radius. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures; (b) size of flight area; (c) various meteorological conditions.
3	<p>Sideslip RPA (simulated, or if permitted for the RPA by its manufacturer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) perform a straight, forward sideslip by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) inducing slip to achieve increased rate of descent while maintaining track and airspeed; and (ii) adjusting the rate of descent by coordinating the angle of bank and applied rudder; (b) recover the RPA from a sideslip and return it to controlled and balanced flight. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) sideslip is done in a controlled manner; (b) smooth control inputs, the RPA remains stable during the manoeuvre; (c) the RPA is transitioned from a sideslip to controlled and balanced flight without delay and with confidence; (d) flight profile is maintained within the RPA performance limits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures; (b) various slip characteristics; (c) the RPA at high and low heights.

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
4	<p>Control at a distance</p> <p>(a) within visual line of sight, demonstrate accurate control and navigation at a reasonable distance sufficient to show competency in such control and navigation;</p> <p>(b) within visual line of sight, perform a horizontal rectangular circuit of a reasonable width, and at a reasonable distance, sufficient to show competency in carrying out such a manoeuvre;</p> <p>(c) demonstrate re-orientation of the RPA after it has been re-oriented by the instructor without the student watching.</p>	<p>(a) the RPA maintains a constant height;</p> <p>(b) the RPA turns are smooth;</p> <p>(c) heading corrections are minimised;</p> <p>(d) remote pilot shows coordination when flying the RPA towards him/herself;</p> <p>(e) the RPA is reoriented successfully in a timely way.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) various sizes of the RPA;</p> <p>(c) the RPA at high and low heights.</p>

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Appendix 2 Category specific units — Aeroplane category (contd.)

Unit 24 RA5 — Abnormal and emergency operations

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Manage loss of thrust — launch</i></p> <p>(a) correctly identify loss of thrust after the RPA has been launched;</p> <p>(b) apply the highest priority to taking action to control the RPA;</p> <p>(c) maintain control of the RPA;</p> <p>(d) perform initial actions from memory consistent with the operator’s documented practices;</p> <p>(e) manoeuvre the RPA to achieve the safest possible outcome;</p> <p>(f) confidently state the actions being performed.</p>	<p>(a) identifies the problem in a timely way;</p> <p>(b) the RPA is configured correctly and in a timely manner for a forced landing;</p> <p>(c) best glide speed maintained;</p> <p>(d) the RPA remains within the nominated area;</p> <p>(e) safe landing achieved, or guaranteed before resuming normal powered flight.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) location of operation;</p> <p>(c) loss of thrust at different stages of flight;</p> <p>(d) various meteorological conditions.</p>
2	<p><i>Recover from unusual aircraft attitudes</i></p> <p>(a) identify unusual attitude of the RPA during flight — for example, whether it is nose-high or excessively banked;</p> <p>(b) recover the RPA from unusual attitudes and return to controlled and balanced operation.</p>	<p>(a) recovers in a timely manner;</p> <p>(b) uses efficient; control inputs;</p> <p>(c) minimal loss of height;</p> <p>(d) airspeeds are consistent with published aircraft performance information.</p>	<p>(a) location of operation;</p> <p>(b) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(c) various combinations of nose attitude and bank angle.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
3	<p>If operating an RPA that is an aeroplane, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p><i>Loss of control link</i> Operate the RPA to demonstrate the loss of link procedures.</p>	<p>(a) identifies the problem in a timely way; (b) timely application of procedures.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures; (b) various options for loss of command link.</p>
4	<p><i>Other emergency situations</i> Perform simulated emergency manoeuvres with the RPA to avoid a collision with another aircraft.</p>	<p>The RPA is manoeuvred correctly, confidently and without delay.</p>	<p>(a) by day and night; (b) various collision angles; (c) operations near and away from remote pilot.</p>

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Appendix 3 Category specific units — Helicopter (multirotor class) category

Unit 25 RM1 — Control on ground, launch, hover and landing

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a multirotor, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Control multirotor on the ground</i></p> <p>Demonstrate control of the multirotor that is on the ground and has its rotors spinning.</p>	No tipping, moving or sliding of the RPA.	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) type of multirotor;</p> <p>(c) calm and windy conditions.</p>
2	<p><i>Launch and hover</i></p> <p>(a) launch the RPA to above eye-level, hover for 10 seconds;</p> <p>(b) perform a full pirouette, and then reverse to stop facing a predetermined direction.</p>	<p>(a) hover must be stable, over a designated point with heading and altitude reasonably constant;</p> <p>(b) post-launch checks completed in accordance with documented procedures;</p> <p>(c) the RPA must complete full circles and stop within 20 degrees of predetermined point.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) the RPA automation aids on and off.</p>
3	<p><i>Landing</i></p> <p>(a) perform a landing from a height of 10 m directly above the landing point;</p> <p>(b) perform an approach and landing with the RPA moving towards the remote pilot who is operating the RPA;</p> <p>(c) land the RPA from a 45-degree sideways descent;</p>	<p>(a) the RPA must land within the nominated landing area;</p> <p>(b) stable approach to landing;</p> <p>(c) minimal bouncing on touchdown;</p> <p>(d) no damage to the RPA or its payload.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(c) open and confined landing area.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
	<p>If operating an RPA that is a multirotor, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>(d) demonstrate a baulked landing procedure to a nominated hold point;</p> <p>(e) within visual line of sight, perform a horizontal rectangular circuit of a reasonable width, and at a reasonable distance, sufficient to show competency in carrying out such a manoeuvre; the manoeuvre itself must include a 45-degree climb and descent on the take-off and final legs of the circuit, and end with a landing;</p> <p>(f) perform a landing in a cross- or tail-wind conditions.</p>		

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Appendix 3 Category specific units — Helicopter (multirotor class) category (contd.)

Unit 26 RM2 — Normal operations

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a multirotor, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Control multirotor during normal operation</i></p> <p>(a) perform straight and level forwards operation to a 20 m distant marker, hold for 10 seconds and return “tail” first;</p> <p>(b) perform a vertical rectangle, at least 5 m high and 20 m wide, with clockwise and counter clockwise 360-degree pirouettes at each alternate corner;</p> <p>(c) perform a vertical circle, as if inspecting the span of a bridge, turning 180 degrees at the top;</p> <p>(d) perform a figure 8 at a constant altitude with a crossover point in front of the remote pilot and even-sized loops with the nose pointing in the direction of travel;</p> <p>(e) demonstrate flight to the left and right and towards and away from the remote pilot in different orientations.</p>	<p>(a) reasonably straight line out and back;</p> <p>(b) stable hover (heading and height) with minimal drift;</p> <p>(c) vertical circle must have an even radius and be completed at an even speed;</p> <p>(d) constant radius turns;</p> <p>(e) the RPA must come to a complete stop, before changing direction;</p> <p>(f) vertical flight manoeuvres with minimal drift.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) size of vertical circle;</p> <p>(c) size of vertical rectangle;</p> <p>(d) size of flat 8;</p> <p>(e) inwards or outwards facing flat 8;</p> <p>(f) with and without the RPA automation aids (for example, without “headless mode”).</p>

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Appendix 3 Category specific units — Helicopter (multirotor class) category (contd.)

Unit 27 RM3 — Advanced manoeuvres

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a multirotor, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Control multirotor in advanced manoeuvres</i></p> <p>(a) perform a straight and level forwards operation to a 100 m distant marker, hover, turn 180 degrees, and fly back nose-in;</p> <p>(b) perform a nose-in turn about the nose;</p> <p>(c) perform a nose-out turn about the “tail”;</p> <p>(d) reorient the RPA from a simulated loss of orientation;</p> <p>(e) perform an 8-point pirouette pausing at each point without GPS hold;</p> <p>(f) perform a 360-degree level turn without GPS hold.</p>	<p>(a) reasonably straight line out and back;</p> <p>(b) consistent height;</p> <p>(c) reorientation of the RPA to be achieved in a timely manner;</p> <p>(d) the RPA must remain at least 100 m away from remote pilot, unless otherwise stated;</p> <p>(e) for the turn about the nose manoeuvre, the nose of the RPA must point generally to the centre of the circle.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) with and without RPA automation aids.</p>

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Appendix 3 Category specific units — Helicopter (multirotor class) category (contd.)

Unit 28 RM4 — Operation in abnormal situations and emergencies

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a multirotor, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Return to home and parachute deployment</i></p> <p>(a) demonstrate the “return-to-home” fail-safe function if such a function is fitted to the RPA;</p> <p>(b) demonstrate or simulate a parachute deployment recovery system if such a system is fitted to the RPA.</p>	<p>(a) the remote pilot carries out the correct procedure, including ensuring that the return path can be flown safely;</p> <p>(b) parachute deployment procedure timely and safe.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) various flight modes;</p> <p>(c) various events leading to the need for the safety actions.</p>
2	<p><i>Manage abnormal situations</i></p> <p>(a) demonstrate operating the RPA to avoid a vortex ring state;</p> <p>(b) identify conditions likely to lead to a vortex ring state;</p> <p>(c) simulate a recovery from a vortex ring state to a safe landing.</p>	<p>(a) no damage to the RPA;</p> <p>(b) the RPA handled with dexterity;</p> <p>(c) the RPA lands in the nominated area.</p>	<p>Various meteorological conditions.</p>
3	<p><i>Control link corruption</i></p> <p>Demonstrate the loss of command and control link procedures in accordance with the RPA operator’s documented practices and procedures.</p>	<p>Timely application of procedures.</p>	<p>Activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a multicopter, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
4	<p><i>Safe forced landing and collision avoidance</i></p> <p>Simulate emergency manoeuvres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to avoid a collision with another aircraft; (b) to avoid other risks to the safe operation of the RPA (including bird attack); (c) to land the RPA safely in a confined landing area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) no damage to the RPA; (b) manoeuvres completed with a suitable safety margin. 	<p>Activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures.</p>

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Appendix 4 Category specific units — Helicopter (single rotor class) category

Unit 29 RH1 — Control on ground

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a single rotor, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Start and stop engine or motor</i></p> <p>(a) ensure the RPA is in a suitable location for starting the engine and rotors of the RPA;</p> <p>(b) perform pre-start and start actions for the operation of the RPA;</p> <p>(c) perform shutdown and after-shutdown actions for the operation of the RPA;</p> <p>(d) control blade sailing during start and shutdown of the operation of the RPA by appropriately positioning the RPA and using cyclic pitch;</p> <p>(e) comply with the RPA operator’s documented practices and report deviations from the procedures as required under the procedures;</p> <p>(f) manage emergencies appropriately (including simulated emergencies).</p>	<p>(a) start and stop the engine or motor in a timely manner;</p> <p>(b) show dexterity with engine or motor controls;</p> <p>(c) minimal blade sailing during start-up and shutdown;</p> <p>(d) emergency actions taken in a timely way.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) type of helicopter.</p>
2	<p><i>Engage rotor</i></p> <p>(a) if applicable — set the engine or motor RPM within limits before rotor engagement for the RPA for the operation;</p>	<p>(a) engine/motor and rotor systems operated within the RPA performance limits;</p> <p>(b) demonstrates dexterity in handling controls.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) type of helicopter.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
	<p>If operating an RPA that is a single rotor, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>(b) if applicable — engage the rotor correctly for the RPA for the operation;</p> <p>(c) maintain motor or engine RPM within limits during rotor engagement when the RPA is being operated for the operation;</p> <p>(d) if applicable — operate the rotor brake for the RPA correctly during the operation.</p>		
3	<p><i>Control main rotor disc and anti-torque system</i></p> <p>(a) maintain the correct main rotor disc attitude, RPM and loads during the operation of the RPA;</p> <p>(b) if applicable, set the correct anti-torque trim position to compensate for main rotor torque for the RPA for the operation.</p>	<p>(a) engine/motor and rotor systems operated within the RPA performance limits;</p> <p>(b) demonstrates dexterity in handling controls.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) type of helicopter control systems;</p> <p>(c) calm and windy conditions.</p>

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Appendix 4 Category specific units — Helicopter (single rotor class) category (contd.)

Unit 30 RH2 — Launch, hover and landing

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a single rotor, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Launch, hover and landing</i></p> <p>(a) launch the RPA to above eye level, hover for 10 seconds;</p> <p>(b) perform a full pirouette, and then reverse to stop facing a predetermined direction;</p> <p>(c) perform a landing from a height of 10 m directly above the landing point;</p> <p>(d) perform an approach and landing with the RPA moving towards the remote pilot who is operating the RPA;</p> <p>(e) perform a landing with the RPA from a 45-degree sideways descent;</p> <p>(f) demonstrate a baulked landing procedure to a nominated hold point;</p> <p>(g) within visual line of sight, perform a horizontal rectangular circuit of a reasonable width, and at a reasonable distance, sufficient to show competency in carrying out such a</p>	<p>(a) hover must be stable with heading and altitude reasonably constant;</p> <p>(b) the RPA must remain over the selected take-off position for at least 10 seconds, with no drift;</p> <p>(c) the RPA must land within 1 metre of the nominated landing position;</p> <p>(d) landing to be controlled with even rate of descent consistent with a safe landing;</p> <p>(e) minimal bouncing on touchdown;</p> <p>(f) no damage to the RPA or its payload;</p> <p>(g) height is consistent during rectangle manoeuvre.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
	<p>If operating an RPA that is a single rotor, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>manoeuvre; the manoeuvre itself must include a 45-degree climb and descent on the take-off and final legs of the circuit, and end with a landing.</p>		

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Appendix 4 Category specific units — Helicopter (single rotor class) category (contd.)

Unit 31 RH3 — Normal operation

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a single rotor, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Control helicopter in normal operation</i></p> <p>(a) perform straight and level forwards operation to a 20 m distant marker, hold for 10 seconds and return “tail” first;</p> <p>(b) perform a vertical rectangle, at least 5 m high and 20 m wide, with clockwise and counter clockwise 360-degree pirouettes at each alternate corner;</p> <p>(c) perform a vertical circle, as if inspecting the span of a bridge, turning 180 degrees at the top;</p> <p>(d) perform a figure 8 at a constant altitude with a crossover point in front of the remote pilot and even-sized loops with the nose pointing in the direction of travel;</p> <p>(e) demonstrate flight to the left and right and towards and away from the remote pilot in different orientations.</p>	<p>(a) the RPA must come to a complete stop, before changing direction;</p> <p>(b) flight is a reasonably straight line out and back, with minimal drift throughout exercise;</p> <p>(c) vertical circle must have an even radius and be completed at a consistent speed;</p> <p>(d) horizontal flight manoeuvres must be completed at a constant altitude;</p> <p>(e) vertical flight manoeuvres must minimize drift;</p> <p>(f) minimal variations in height, constant radius turns and loops of equal size during the flat 8;</p> <p>(g) for (c), the RPA must be at least 100 m away from the remote pilot;</p> <p>(h) flying must be smooth with few undulations in the flight path.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions;</p> <p>(b) size of vertical circle;</p> <p>(c) size of vertical rectangle;</p> <p>(d) size of flat 8;</p> <p>(e) inwards or outwards facing flat 8.</p>

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Appendix 4 Category specific units — Helicopter (single rotor class) category (contd.)

Unit 32 RH4 — Advanced manoeuvres

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is a single rotor, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Advanced manoeuvres</i></p> <p>(a) perform a straight and level forwards operation to a 100 m distant marker, hover, turn 180 degrees, and fly back nose-in;</p> <p>(b) perform a nose-in turn about the nose;</p> <p>(c) perform a nose-out turn about the “tail”;</p> <p>(d) reorient the RPA from a simulated loss of orientation;</p> <p>(e) perform an 8-point pirouette pausing at each point in “attitude mode”;</p> <p>(f) perform an upside-down triangle with a 45-degree ascent and descent to and from a minimum height of 5 m;</p> <p>(g) perform a 360-degree level turn in “attitude mode”.</p>	<p>(a) each point in the pirouette must be held for at least 2 seconds;</p> <p>(b) keeping a constant height during the pirouette and nose-about turns;</p> <p>(c) for nose-in circle, the nose of the RPA must generally point into the centre of the circle;</p> <p>(d) stable hover (heading and height) with minimal drift;</p> <p>(e) reorientation of the RPA to be achieved in a timely manner;</p> <p>(f) the RPA must be at least 100 m away from remote pilot.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) the RPA at high and low heights.</p>

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Appendix 4 Category specific units — Helicopter (single rotor class) category (contd.)

Unit 33 RH5 — Operation in abnormal situations and emergencies

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p>If operating an RPA that is a single rotor, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p><i>Return to home</i> Demonstrate the “return to home” fail-safe function if such a function is fitted to the RPA.</p>	<p>The RPA must return home to the nominated location via the nominated path.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions; (b) selected flight mode.</p>
2	<p><i>Manage abnormal situations</i></p> <p>(a) identify conditions likely to lead to a vortex ring state; (b) demonstrate operating the RPA to avoid a vortex ring state; (c) simulate a recovery from a vortex ring state to a safe landing; (d) simulate operating the RPA to perform an autorotation to a safe landing; (e) simulate operating the RPA to avoid loss of tail effectiveness; (f) simulate operating the RPA to avoid ground resonance.</p>	<p>(a) no damage to the RPA; (b) the RPA handled with dexterity; (c) the RPA lands in the nominated area.</p>	<p>Various meteorological conditions.</p>
3	<p><i>Control link corruption</i> Demonstrate the loss of command and control link procedures in accordance with the RPA operator’s documented practices and procedures mentioned in paragraph 101.370 (b) of CASR.</p>	<p>Timely application of procedures.</p>	<p>Activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
4	<p>If operating an RPA that is a single rotor, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p><i>Safe forced landing and collision avoidance</i></p> <p>Simulate emergency manoeuvres:</p> <p>(a) to avoid a collision with another aircraft; and to avoid other risks to the safe operation of the RPA (including bird attack);</p> <p>(b) to land the RPA safely in a confined landing area.</p>	<p>(a) no damage to the RPA;</p> <p>(b) manoeuvres completed with a suitable safety margin.</p>	<p>Activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures.</p>

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Appendix 5 Category specific units — powered-lift category

Unit 34 RP1 — Control on ground, launch, hover and landing

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is in the powered-lift category, the applicant must be able to operate the RPA to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<i>Control the RPA on the ground</i> Demonstrate control of the RPA that is on the ground and has its rotors spinning.	(a) no tipping, moving or sliding of the RPA; (b) activities are performed in accordance with the operator’s documented practices and procedures.	(a) type of powered-lift; (b) calm and windy conditions.
2	<i>Launch and hover (if applicable to the RPA)</i> Launch the RPA to above eye level, hover for 10 seconds.	(a) hover must be stable with heading and altitude reasonably constant; (b) the RPA must remain over the selected take-off position with no drift; (c) post-launch checks completed.	(a) various meteorological conditions; (b) the RPA automation aids on and off.
3	<i>Landing</i> (a) perform an approach and landing; (b) perform an approach and landing when the RPA is moving towards the remote pilot; (c) perform a landing from approach, when the RPA is in a sideways orientation; (d) demonstrate a baulked landing procedure nominated hold point; (e) demonstrate a landing in cross- or tail-wind conditions.	(a) stable approach to landing; (b) minimal bouncing on touchdown; (c) no damage to the RPA or its payload; (d) the RPA must land within 2 m of the nominated landing position; (e) for the cross- or tail-wind landing, the aircraft is landed within the nominated landing area.	(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures; (b) various meteorological conditions; (c) open and confined landing area; (d) the RPA automation aids on and off.

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Appendix 5 Category specific units — powered-lift category (contd.)

Unit 35 RP2 — Transitional flight

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is in the powered-lift category, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Manual transitional flight</i></p> <p>(a) accurately and safely transition the RPA from vertical flight to horizontal flight;</p> <p>(b) accurately and safely transition the RPA from horizontal flight to vertical flight.</p>	<p>(a) the RPA remains at a safe distance from people and obstacles during all manoeuvres;</p> <p>(b) airspeeds maintained within manufacturer’s limits for the transitions where applicable.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>
2	<p><i>Abnormal manual transitional flight</i></p> <p>(a) articulate a suitable and achievable plan to recover the RPA from abnormal transition;</p> <p>(b) recover the RPA from abnormal transition from vertical to horizontal flight;</p> <p>(c) recover the RPA from abnormal transition from horizontal to vertical flight.</p>	<p>(a) implements recovery plan in a timely way;</p> <p>(b) demonstrates dexterity in controlling the aircraft.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>
3	<p><i>Abnormal automated transitional flight</i></p> <p>(a) articulate suitable and achievable plan to recover the RPA from abnormal transition;</p> <p>(b) monitor transition to ensure safe flight;</p> <p>(c) implement recovery plan to ensure safe outcome.</p>	<p>Implements recovery plan in a timely way.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>

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Appendix 5 Category specific units — powered-lift category (contd.)

Unit 36 RP3 — Climb, cruise and descent

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is in the powered-lift category, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Straight and level</i></p> <p>(a) operate the RPA in straight and level flight;</p> <p>(b) identify and avoid simulated terrain, obstacles and traffic when operating the RPA.</p>	<p>(a) the RPA to maintain a constant height and heading;</p> <p>(b) the RPA is operated within its performance limitations.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>
2	<p><i>Climb</i></p> <p>(a) operate the RPA at a constant angle of climb;</p> <p>(b) operate the RPA at a constant rate of climb.</p>	<p>The RPA maintains:</p> <p>(a) a consistent climb angle;</p> <p>(b) an even rate of climb.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>
3	<p><i>Trim</i></p> <p>If required, trim the RPA to maintain the desired flight path for the operation.</p>	<p>Trims the RPA to maintain a constant heading and height for approximately 10 seconds.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>
4	<p><i>Turns</i></p> <p>(a) operate the RPA to perform co-ordinated turns in horizontal flight;</p> <p>(b) operate the RPA to perform turns that are conducted within a nominated area;</p> <p>(c) operate the RPA so that level turns are at a constant altitude;</p> <p>(d) demonstrate pirouettes while in the hover.</p>	<p>(a) the RPA remains within the nominated area;</p> <p>(b) turns are conducted at a constant altitude and radius;</p> <p>(c) the RPA sink/skid is minimised during the turns;</p> <p>(d) completes turn within 15 degrees of stated final heading.</p>	<p>(a) various meteorological conditions.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
5	<p>If operating an RPA that is in the powered-lift category, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p><i>Descent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) descend the RPA at a constant angle of descent; (b) descend the RPA at a constant rate of descent; (c) use lift/drag devices appropriately during the descent of the RPA. 	<p>The RPA maintains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a consistent descent angle; (b) an even rate of descent; (c) consistent attitude. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) various meteorological conditions.

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Appendix 5 Category specific units — powered-lift category (contd.)

Unit 37 RP4 — Advanced manoeuvres

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is powered-lift category, the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Enter and recover from stall in other than vertical flight (if applicable to the RPA)</i></p> <p>(a) perform pre-manoeuvre checks for stalling the RPA;</p> <p>(b) recognise stall signs and symptoms when operating the RPA;</p> <p>(c) recover from the following conditions:</p> <p>(i) incipient stall;</p> <p>(ii) stall with full power;</p> <p>(iii) stall without power;</p> <p>(iv) stall during other flight phases;</p> <p>(d) perform stall recovery with the RPA as follows:</p> <p>(i) positively reduce angle of attack;</p> <p>(ii) use power available and excess height to increase the RPA's energy state;</p> <p>(iii) recover using vertical power.</p>	<p>(a) minimal height loss;</p> <p>(b) the RPA performance limits are not exceeded during the stall recovery;</p> <p>(c) performs recovery procedures in a timely manner;</p> <p>(d) control movements are made in a positive and precise manner;</p> <p>(e) desired flight path is quickly re-established.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) various stall characteristics;</p> <p>(c) the RPA at high and low heights.</p>
2	<p><i>Figure of 8</i></p> <p>Operate the RPA to demonstrate a figure of 8, without loss of height and with the crossover directly in front of the operator and</p>	<p>(a) turns are smooth and balanced;</p> <p>(b) turn radius is consistent;</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
	<p>If operating an RPA that is powered-lift category, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>even-sized loops.</p>	<p>(c) height is maintained and sink is minimised during the turns;</p> <p>(d) the crossover point is within 5 m either side of the remote pilot;</p> <p>(e) the figure of 8 loops are of similar size and radius.</p>	<p>(b) size of flight area;</p> <p>(c) various meteorological conditions.</p>
3	<p><i>Sideslip RPA (if permitted for the RPA)</i></p> <p>(a) perform a straight, forward sideslip by:</p> <p>(i) inducing slip to achieve increased rate of descent while maintaining track and airspeed;</p> <p>(ii) adjusting the rate of descent by coordinating the angle of bank and applied rudder;</p> <p>(b) recover the RPA from a sideslip and return it to controlled and balanced flight.</p>	<p>(a) sideslip is done in a controlled manner;</p> <p>(b) smooth control inputs;</p> <p>(c) the RPA remains stable during the manoeuvre;</p> <p>(d) the RPA is transitioned from a sideslip to controlled and balanced flight without delay and with confidence;</p> <p>(e) flight profile is maintained within the RPA performance limits.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) various slip characteristics;</p> <p>(c) the RPA at high and low heights.</p>
4	<p><i>Control at a distance</i></p> <p>(a) within visual line of sight, demonstrate accurate control and navigation at a reasonable distance sufficient to show competency in such control and navigation;</p> <p>(b) within visual line of sight, perform a horizontal rectangular circuit of a reasonable width, and at a reasonable distance, sufficient to show</p>	<p>(a) the RPA maintains a constant height;</p> <p>(b) the RPA turns are smooth;</p> <p>(c) heading corrections are minimised;</p> <p>(d) remote pilot shows coordination when flying the RPA towards him/herself.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) the RPA at high and low heights.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
	<p>If operating an RPA that is powered-lift category, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>competency in carrying out such a manoeuvre;</p> <p>(c) reorient the RPA after a simulated loss of orientation.</p>		

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Appendix 5 Category specific units — powered-lift category (contd.)

Unit 38 RP5 — Operation in abnormal situations and emergencies

Item	Topic and requirement If operating an RPA that is powered-lift category the applicant must be able to...	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p><i>Manage loss of thrust in other than vertical flight</i></p> <p>(a) correctly identify loss of thrust after the RPA has been launched;</p> <p>(b) apply the highest priority to taking action to control the RPA;</p> <p>(c) maintain control of the RPA;</p> <p>(d) perform initial actions from memory, consistent with the operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(e) manoeuvre the RPA to achieve the safest possible outcome;</p> <p>(f) confidently state the actions being performed.</p>	<p>(a) identifies the problem in a timely way;</p> <p>(b) the RPA is configured correctly and in a timely manner for a forced landing;</p> <p>(c) best glide speed maintained;</p> <p>(d) the RPA remains within the nominated area.</p>	<p>(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures;</p> <p>(b) location of operation;</p> <p>(c) loss of thrust at different stages of flight;</p> <p>(d) various meteorological conditions.</p>
2	<p><i>Recover from unusual aircraft attitudes in other than vertical flight</i></p> <p>(a) identify unusual attitude of the RPA during an operation, for example, whether it is nose-high or nose-low;</p> <p>(b) recover the RPA from nose-low or excessive bank angle;</p> <p>(c) apply controlled corrective action while maintaining the RPA</p>	<p>(a) recovers in a timely manner;</p> <p>(b) uses efficient control inputs;</p> <p>(c) minimal loss of height;</p> <p>(d) airspeeds are consistent with published aircraft performance information where applicable.</p>	<p>(a) location of operation;</p> <p>(b) various meteorological conditions.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
	If operating an RPA that is powered-lift category the applicant must be able to... within performance limits.		
3	Loss of control link Operate the RPA to demonstrate the lost link procedure.	(a) identifies the problem in a timely way; (b) timely application of procedures.	(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures; (b) various options for loss of command link.
4	Other abnormal situations (a) perform a safe gliding forced landing of the RPA; (b) land the RPA safely in a confined landing area; (c) perform emergency manoeuvres with the RPA to avoid a simulated collision with another aircraft or obstacle.	(a) no damage to the RPA; (b) manoeuvres completed with a suitable safety margin; (c) the RPA is manoeuvred correctly, confidently and without delay; (d) airspeeds are consistent with any published aircraft performance information.	(a) activities are performed in accordance with operator's documented practices and procedures; (b) various collision angles; (c) operations near and away from remote pilot.
5	Parachute deployment in vertical flight Simulate a parachute deployment recovery system if such a system is fitted to the RPA.	Parachute deployment procedures carried out in a timely and safe way.	(a) various meteorological conditions; (b) various flight modes.
6	Manage abnormal situations (a) identify conditions that may lead to a vortex ring state; (b) demonstrate operating the RPA to avoid a vortex ring state; (c) demonstrate or simulate recovery from a vortex ring state to a safe landing.	(a) no damage to the RPA; (b) the RPA handled with dexterity; (c) the RPA lands in the nominated area.	Various meteorological conditions.

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Appendix 6 Any RPA with a liquid-fuel system

Unit 39 REF — Medium or large RPA with liquid-fuel system

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
1	<p>If operating a large or medium RPA with a liquid-fuel system, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p><i>Practical operation standards</i></p> <p>(a) before the operation:</p> <p>(i) conduct fuel checks of the RPA before the RPA is operated;</p> <p>(ii) confirm the required amount of fuel is on board the RPA to complete the operation safely with a reasonable reserve;</p> <p>(b) manage engine handling, temperature and oil pressures when the RPA is on the ground and during an operation of the RPA;</p> <p>(c) monitor fuel use during an operation of the RPA and manage the RPA to ensure that the RPA does not land without required reserves;</p> <p>(d) if available, adjust the fuel mixture when the RPA is on the ground and during an operation of the RPA to achieve stated fuel</p>	<p>(a) operates engine and the RPA within performance limits as set out in manuals;</p> <p>(b) lands with sufficient fuel reserves relative to flight duration;</p> <p>(c) manages fuel burn to within expected range;</p> <p>(d) takes timely action to remedy engine problems;</p> <p>(e) makes calculations accurately and within a reasonable time.</p>	<p>(a) type of RPA liquid-fuel system;</p> <p>(b) activities are performed in accordance with operator’s documented practices and procedures.</p>

Item	Topic and requirement	Tolerances	Range of variables
	<p>If operating a large or medium RPA with a liquid-fuel system, the applicant must be able to...</p> <p>burn rates or optimal engine performance;</p> <p>(e) refuel aircraft safely and complete post-fuelling checks;</p> <p>(f) complete operational and technical log;</p> <p>(g) make required calculations, or use system functions, to simulate a diversion from the original planned operation/ destination;</p> <p>(h) remedy simple engine problems;</p> <p>(i) defuel aircraft.</p>		