



On the basis of Article 17 paragraph (1) indent 12 of the Aviation Act ("Official of Republic of North Macedonia" No. 14/24), and in reference to Article 14 of the Regulation for conditions under which unmanned aircraft can fly into Macedonian Airspace ("Official of Republic of North Macedonia", No. 187/17, 152/18), the Director General of the Civil Aviation Agency enacted an

OPERATIONAL SAFETY DIRECTIVE

Subject: Unmanned aircraft pilot licensing
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- **Purpose of this Operational Safety Directive**

The objective of this Operational Safety Directive (hereinafter: OSD) is to prescribe in detail the provisions under which the Article 14 of the Governmental Regulation for conditions under which unmanned aircraft can fly into Macedonian Airspace ("Official of Republic of North Macedonia" No. 187/17 and 152/18) can be applied, having in mind that the new Aviation Act ("Official of Republic of North Macedonia" No. 14/24) has enter into force on 30th of January 2024 and does not provide for the legal base and enactment of the List of aviation experts.

- **Reasons for issuing the OSD**

In accordance with Article 13 of the Governmental Regulation for conditions under which unmanned aircraft can fly into Macedonian Airspace ("Official of Republic of North Macedonia" No. 187/17 and 152/18), a "candidate who meets the requirements for obtaining a pilot license for unmanned aircraft shall submit a written request to the Agency for taking the theoretical and practical part of the exam.". Article 14 of this Regulation stipulates that "the practical part of the exam is performed by a person (examiner) from the list of aviation experts.". Current List of aviation experts does not provide for criteria for aviation experts in the domain of Unmanned aircraft since it is established on the basis of the Regulation on criteria for authorization of examiners of aviation experts list ("Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia ", No. 203/19) where those criteria are not part of.

On the other side, in the framework of the Twinning Project "Supporting the Civil Aviation Agency in the field of aviation safety and security", the Civil Aviation Agency of Republic of North Macedonia (hereinafter: CAA NMK) is in the process of transposition of EU Regulations (EU) 2019/945 and (EU) 2019/947. In order to fill this gap, the CAA NMK is issuing this OSD to define the process of Unmanned Aircraft Pilot Examination and Licensing.



- **Applicability of the OSD**

The provisions of this OSD will be applicable to all applicants that will submit an application to the Civil Aviation Agency for issuance of an Unmanned Aircraft Pilot License in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Governmental Regulation for conditions under which unmanned aircraft can fly into Macedonian Airspace ("Official of Republic of North Macedonia" No. 187/17 and 152/18).

This OSD represents mandatory conditions and action that is required to establish an acceptable level of safety and compliance.

- **Definitions**

1. **Unmanned aircraft** means an aircraft intended for operations without crew, operated remotely or programmed and is autonomous.
2. **Unmanned Aircraft Pilot** means a person who programs the system, manages the unmanned aircraft system, has direct control over the unmanned aircraft while it is in the field of vision of the person and out of it and is responsible for his flight. In case when operating an unmanned aircraft beside the pilot it is necessary to engage other persons, the person responsible for the flight is pilot who operates with the flight control commands.

- **Necessary activity and timeframe of the OSD**

Notwithstanding the provisions in Article 12 of the Governmental Regulation for conditions under which unmanned aircraft can fly into Macedonian Airspace ("Official of Republic of North Macedonia" No. 187/17 and 152/18), and in order to take the exam as a precondition for issuance of the Unmanned Aircraft Pilot License, the candidate should hold a certificate of completion of theoretical and practical training in a Training Organization for Unmanned Aircraft Pilot approved by the CAA NMK or the Competent Authority in any EASA Member State. The candidate should submit this certificate to the CAA NMK together with the application for examination.

If all the requirements of Article 12 of the abovementioned Governmental Regulation are met, the CAA NMK will organize the exam and inform the candidate for the Date and Time for examination.

The theoretical part of the exam shall be performed at the CAA NMK on the basis of the Agency's Question Database for Unmanned Aircraft Pilot Licenses.

The practical part of the exam shall be performed by the person (examiner) from the List of aviation experts. To be part of this List, the expert shall be employee of the CAA NMK with active inspector authorization for Flight Operations, Personnel Licensing, Aerodromes, ANS and Airworthiness that possess Drone certificate A1 and/or A3 subcategory.

The CAA NMK may temporary authorize an expert if he/she poses applicable drone category/subcategory certificate/license, has/had examiner endorsement/experience (on pilot license) and have been briefed/familiarized with the process that is applied by the CAA NMK.



Upon successful completion of the examination the Agency will issue the license after all the necessary documentation and evidence is provided.

- **Note**
Any questions or request for further explanations regarding this OSD should be addressed to the following e-mail address: info@www.caa.gov.mk.

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