

Subject No. 4 PPL Air Law (Aeroplane and Helicopter)

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	General
4.2	Aviation Legislation
4.2.2	Describe the requirements to hold an aviation document, as laid down in Civil Aviation (CA) Act 2023 sections 55 and 78.
4.2.4	Describe the criteria for the fit and proper person test, as laid down in CA Act 2023 section 80.
4.2.6	Describe the duties of the pilot-in-command, as laid down in CA Act 2023 sections 14, 15 and 16.
4.2.8	Describe the responsibilities of a licence holder with respect to changes in their medical condition, as laid down in CA Act 2023 Schedule 2, clause 8.
4.2.10	Describe the responsibilities of a licence holder with respect to the surrender of a medical certificate as laid down in CA Act 2023 Schedule 2, clause 8.
4.2.12	Describe the responsibilities of a licence holder with respect to safety offences, as laid down in CA Act 2023 sections 40, 41 and 103.
4.4	Definitions
	Note: Since some definitions in Part 1 have changed to align with the CA Act 2023, participants are encouraged to check the new Part 1.
	CAR Part 1 (unless otherwise noted)
	State the definition of:
	(a) accident;
	(b) Act;
	(c) aerobatic flight;
	(d) aerodrome;
	(e) aerodrome elevation; (AIP GEN) aerodrome operational area;
	(f) aerodrome traffic circuit;
	(g) aeronautical information circular;

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- (h) aeronautical information publication;
- (i) AIP supplement;
- (j) air traffic control **ATC** service;
- (k) airworthiness certificate;
- (l) airworthy condition;
- (m) alerting service;
- (n) altitude;
- (o) apron;
- (p) ATC clearance;
- (q) ATC instruction;
- (r) aviation event;
- (s) AWIB service;
- (t) basic weather report;
- (u) ceiling;
- (v) controlled flight;
cost sharing flight
- (w) cross-country flight;
- (x) dangerous goods;
- (y) day;
- (z) dual flight time;
- (aa) emergency locator transmitter;
- (bb) final reserve fuel;
- (cc) fit and proper person;
- (dd) flight information service;
- (ee) flight manual;
- (ff) flight plan;
- (gg) flight time;
- (hh) height;

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- (ii) air-taxiing (Helicopter candidates only); (AIP GEN)
- (jj) incident;
- (kk) landing area;
- (ll) night;
- (mm) night vision imaging system;
- (nn) NOTAM;
- (oo) passenger;
- (pp) personal locator beacon;
- (qq) pilot-in-command;
- (rr) rating;
- (ss) SARTIME;
- (tt) simultaneous operations – visual conditions; (AIP GEN)
- (uu) take-off weight;
- (vv) threshold; (Rule 121.3)
- (ww) Technical Instructions;
- (xx) type;
- (yy) UNICOM service;
- (zz) VFR flight;
- (aaa) vicinity of an aerodrome; (AIP GEN)
- (bbb) visibility;
- (ccc) visual meteorological conditions;
- (ddd) visual reference (AIP GEN).

4.6**Abbreviations**

CAR Part 1 (unless otherwise noted)

State the meaning of the following abbreviations:

- (a) ABN; (AIP GEN)
- (b) AGL;
- (c) AFIS; (AIP GEN)

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- (d) AFRU;
- (e) AMSL;
- (f) ATIS;
- (g) AWIB;
- (h) AWS; (AIP GEN)
- (i) BWR; (AIP GEN)
- (j) CAR;
- (k) DTHR; (AIP GEN)
- (l) ECT; (AIP GEN)
- (m) ELT;
- (n) FATO (Helicopter candidates only); (AIP GEN)
- (o) ME1;
- (p) ME2;
- (q) MCT; (AIP GEN)
- (r) NVIS;
- (s) POB; (AIP GEN)
- (t) QNH;
- (u) TALO (Helicopter candidates only); (AIP GEN)
- (v) TLOF (Helicopter candidates only); (AIP GEN)
- (w) VFR;
- (x) VPC; (AIP GEN).

Personnel Licensing**4.10 Requirements for Licences and Ratings**

- 4.10.2 State the requirements for holding a pilot's licence. CAR Part 61
- 4.10.4 State the requirements for a pilot-in-command to hold a type rating on the type of aircraft being flown. CAR Part 61
- 4.10.6 State the general requirements for entering flight details into a pilot's logbook. CAR Part 61

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4.12	Eligibility, Privileges and Limitations
4.12.2	Describe the allowance for a person who does not hold a current pilot licence to fly dual with a flying instructor. CAR Part 61
4.12.4	State the solo flight requirements on a person who does not hold a current pilot licence. CAR Part 61
4.12.6	State the limitations on a person who does not hold a current pilot licence. CAR Part 61
4.12.8	State the eligibility requirements for the issue of a private pilot licence. CAR Part 61
4.12.10	State the privileges of holding a private pilot licence. CAR Part 61
4.12.12	State the limitations on the holder of a private pilot licence. CAR Part 61
4.12.14	State the requirements and limitations of a PPL holder sharing the cost of a flight. Part 61-CAR Part 91
4.12.16	List the limitations of a PPL holder operating solely on a Land Transport (DL9) medical.
4.14	Competency, Currency and Recency
4.14.2	State the recent experience requirements of a pilot-in-command, by day and by night, who is the holder of a private pilot licence. CAR Part 61
4.14.4	State the requirements for the completion of a biennial flight review. CAR Part 61
4.16	Medical Requirements
4.16.2	State the requirements for holding a medical certificate. CAR Part 61
4.16.4	State the requirements on a person applying for a medical certificate. CAR Part 67
4.16.6	State the requirements for maintaining medical fitness following the issue of a medical certificate. CA Act 2023 Schedule 2, clause 8
4.16.8	State the normal currency period of the Class 2 medical certificate for a PPL holder who is under the age of 40. CAR Part 67
4.16.10	State the normal currency period of the Class 2 medical certificate for a PPL holder who is 40 years of age or more on the date that the certificate is issued. CAR Part 67
4.16.12	State the normal currency period of the Land Transport medical certificate (DL9) for a holder who is under the age of 40. CAR Part 61
4.16.14	State the normal currency period of the Land Transport medical certificate (DL9) for a holder who is 40 years of age or more on the date that the certificate is issued. CAR Part 61

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	Airworthiness of Aircraft and Aircraft Equipment
4.20	Documentation
4.20.2	State the documents which must be carried in aircraft operated in New Zealand. CAR Part 91
4.22	Aircraft Maintenance
4.22.2	Describe the maintenance requirements of an aircraft operator. CAR Part 91
4.22.4	State the requirement for annual and 100-hour inspections. CAR Part 91
4.22.6	State the requirement for a review of airworthiness. CAR Part 91
4.22.8	State the requirements for maintenance records. CAR Part 91
4.22.10	State the requirements for and contents of a technical log. CAR Part 91
4.22.12	State the requirements for entering defects into a technical log. CAR Part 91
4.22.14	State the requirements for clearing defects from a technical log. CAR Part 91
4.22.16	State the limitations and requirements on a person undertaking 'pilot maintenance'. CAR Part 43
4.22.18	State the requirements for conducting an operational flight check on an aircraft. CAR Part 91
4.22.20	State the inspection period for radios. CAR Part 91
4.22.22	State the inspection period for altimeters. CAR Part 91
4.22.24	State the inspection period for transponders. CAR Part 91
4.22.26	State the normal inspection period for the ELT. CAR Part 91
4.24	Instruments and Avionics
4.24.2	State the minimum instrument requirements for a day VFR flight. CAR Part 91
4.24.4	State the minimum instrument requirements for a night VFR flight. CAR Part 91
4.24.6	State the radio equipment requirements for a VFR flight. CAR Part 91
4.24.8	State the communications and navigation equipment requirements for a VFR over water flight. CAR Part 91
4.26	Equipment
4.26.2	State the equipment requirements for a night VFR flight. CAR Part 91
4.26.4	State the equipment requirements for flight over water. CAR Part 91
4.26.6	State the requirements for indicating the time in flight. CAR Part 91

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4.26.8	State the requirements for emergency equipment in aircraft with seating capacity for less than 10 passengers. CAR Part 91
4.26.10	State the requirements for an ELT. CAR Part 91
	General Operating and Flight Rules
4.30	General Operating Requirements
4.30.2	Describe the requirements of passengers to comply with instructions and commands. CAR Part 91
4.30.4	State the requirements for operating an aircraft in simulated instrument flight. CAR Part 91
4.30.6	State the requirements of a pilot-in-command with respect to the safe operation of an aircraft. CAR Part 91
4.30.8	Describe the authority of the pilot-in-command. CAR Part 91
4.30.10	State the requirements for crew occupation of seats and wearing safety belts. CAR Part 91
4.30.12	State the requirements for the occupation of seats and wearing of restraints. CAR Part 91
4.30.14	State the requirements for the use of oxygen equipment. CAR Part 91
4.30.16	State the requirements for briefing passengers prior to flight. CAR Part 91
4.30.18	State the requirements for familiarity with operating limitations and emergency equipment. CAR Part 91
4.30.20	State the requirements for carrying appropriate aeronautical publications and charts in flight. CAR Part 91
4.30.22	State the requirements for operating on and in the vicinity of an aerodrome. CAR Part 91
4.30.24	Describe the standard overhead joining procedure, and state when it should be used. AIP AD
4.30.26	State and describe the application of the right of way. CAR Part 91
4.30.28	Explain the requirement for aircraft lighting. CAR Part 91
4.30.30	State the requirements for wearing/holding identity documentation in certain areas. CAR Part 139
4.32	General Operating Restrictions
4.32.2	State the restrictions on smoking in an aircraft. CA Act 2023 section 402

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4.32.4	State the restrictions associated with the abuse of drugs and alcohol. CAR Part 91 and 19
4.32.6	State the restrictions on the use of portable electronic devices in flight. CAR Part 91
4.32.8	State the restrictions on the carriage and discharge of firearms on aircraft. CAR Part 91
4.32.10	Explain the restrictions on stowage of carry-on baggage. CAR Part 91
4.32.12	Explain the restrictions on the carriage of cargo. CAR Part 91
4.32.14	State the restrictions applicable to aircraft flying near other aircraft. CAR Part 91
4.32.16	State the restrictions on the dropping of objects from aircraft in flight. CAR Part 91
4.32.18	State the speed limitation on aircraft operating under VFR. CAR Part 91
4.32.20	State the minimum heights for VFR flights (A) or (H). CAR Part 91
4.32.22	State the restrictions when operating VFR in icing conditions. CAR Part 91
4.32.24	State the restrictions applicable to operating an aircraft in aerobatic flight. CAR Part 91
4.32.26	State the restrictions applicable to parachute-drop operations. CAR Part 91
4.32.28	State the restrictions applicable to aircraft towing gliders. CAR Part 91
4.32.30	State the restrictions applicable to aircraft towing objects other than gliders. CAR Part 91
4.34	General Meteorological Requirements and Restrictions
4.34.2	State the met minima for VFR flight (A) or (H) in various airspace. CAR Part 91
4.34.4	State the restrictions and met minima for Special VFR flight (A) or (H). CAR Part 91
4.36	Carriage of Dangerous Goods
4.36.2	State the restriction for the carriage of dangerous goods in an aircraft. CAR Part 92
4.36.4	State the requirements for the carriage of non-dangerous goods in an aircraft. CAR Part 92
	Flight Planning and Preparation
4.50	Flight Preparation
4.50.2	Explain the requirements for obtaining and considering relevant information prior to flight. CAR Part 91
4.50.4	Describe the publications and their content that provide operational route and aerodrome information.

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4.50.6	Derive operational information from charts and publications that provide route and aerodrome information.
4.54	Fuel Requirements
4.54.2	State the minimum fuel reserve (A) or (H) required for a day VFR flight. CAR Part 91
4.54.4	State the minimum fuel reserve (A) or (H) required for a night VFR flight. CAR Part 91
4.56	Flight Plans
4.56.2	State the requirements for the filing of a flight plan for flight under VFR. CAR Part 91
4.56.4	State the requirements for notification of changes to the filed flight plan. CAR Part 91
4.56.6	State the requirements for the terminating a flight plan. CAR Part 91
4.56.8	Describe the difference between ETA and SARTIME. CAR Part 91
4.56.10	State the time search and rescue action would be initiated if a flight plan is not terminated before SARTIME. AIP ENR
	Air Traffic Services
4.60	Communications
4.60.2	Derive from operational publications, the required radio frequency for communicating with specified ATC units.
4.60.4	State the requirements for making position reports to an ATS unit. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.60.6	State the content of a VFR position report. AIP ENR
4.60.8	State the purpose of Universal Communications Services (UNICOM). AIP GEN
4.60.10	State the purpose of an Aerodrome Frequency Response Unit (AFRU). AIP GEN
4.60.12	State the purpose of Aerodrome and Weather Information Broadcasts (AWIB). AIP GEN
4.60.14	State the meaning of the various light signals from a control tower. CAR Part 91 & AIP AD
4.60.16	State the communications requirements when TIBA procedures are in force. AIP ENR
4.62	Clearances
4.62.2	State the requirements for complying with ATC clearances and instructions. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.62.4	State the requirements for coordinating with an aerodrome flight information service. CAR Part 91

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4.62.6	State the requirements for receiving an ATC clearance prior to entering various types of airspace, and ground manoeuvring area. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.62.8	State the requirements for receiving an ATC clearance prior to re-entering controlled airspace. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.63	Separation
4.63.2	Describe the method of passing traffic information using the clock code.
4.63.4	Describe the situations where Air Traffic Control is responsible for the provision of separation between VFR, SVFR and IFR traffic. AIP ENR
4.63.6	Describe the situations where the pilot-in-command is responsible for maintaining separation from other traffic. AIP ENR
4.63.8	Describe the normal separation standards applied by ATC. AIP ENR
4.63.10	Describe the situations where the normal separation may be reduced. AIP ENR
4.63.12	State the wake turbulence separation requirements for light aircraft in non-radar environment. AIP AD
4.66	Radar Services
4.66.2	Describe the radar services available to VFR flights. AIP ENR
	Airspace, Aerodromes and Heliports
4.70	Altimetry
4.70.2	Explain the altimeter setting requirements for flight under VFR. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.70.4	State the procedure to use to obtain an altimeter setting when QNH is not available prior to take-off and the requirement to obtain a QNH once in flight. AIP ENR
4.70.6	Describe QNH zones and state when zone QNH should be used. AIP ENR
4.72	Cruising Levels
4.72.2	State the altitude requirements when cruising VFR within the New Zealand FIR. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.72.4	Describe situations where ATC may assign cruising altitudes not in accordance with the VFR table of cruising altitudes. AIP ENR
4.74	Transponders
4.74.2	State the requirements for the operation of transponders within the New Zealand FIR. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.74.4	Describe the procedures required of pilots operating transponders. AIP ENR

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4.74.6	State the requirements and limitations on an aircraft operating under VFR in transponder mandatory airspace without an operating transponder. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75	Airspace
4.75.2	State the rules pertaining to operating VFR in the various classes of airspace. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75.4	Describe the vertical limits and purpose of control zones (CTR). CAR Part 71
4.75.6	Describe the vertical limits and purpose of control areas (CTA). CAR Part 71
4.75.8	State the status and conditions relating to flight in VFR transit lanes. AIP ENR
4.75.10	Describe the status and purpose of a general aviation area (GAA). CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75.12	Describe visual reporting points
4.75.14	Describe the status of controlled airspace when ATC go off duty. AIP GEN
4.75.16	State the restrictions on operating an aircraft in a restricted area. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75.18	State the restrictions on operating an aircraft in a military operating area (MOA). CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75.20	State the restrictions and operating considerations relating to operating an aircraft in a mandatory broadcast zone (MBZ). CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75.22	State the restrictions and operating considerations relating to operating an aircraft in a volcanic hazard zone (VHZ). CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75.24	State the restrictions and operating considerations relating to operating an aircraft in a danger area. CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75.26	State the restrictions and operating considerations relating to operating an aircraft in a designated low flying zone (LFZ). CAR Part 91 & AIP ENR
4.75.28	State the operating considerations relating to operating an aircraft in a common frequency zone (CFZ). AIP ENR
4.75.30	State the operating considerations relating to operating an aircraft over or close to temporary hazards/airspace. AIP ENR
4.75.32	Interpret airspace information on aeronautical charts used for VFR flights
4.76	Aerodromes and Heliports
4.76.2	Describe the limitations on the use of a place as an aerodrome or heliport. CAR Part 91
4.76.4	Describe the method of runway designation. AIP AD

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4.76.6	Describe the movement area of an aerodrome. CAR Part 1
4.76.8	Describe the meaning of the various aerodrome ground signals.
4.76.10	Interpret information on aerodrome/heliport charts. AIP GEN & AIP Volume 4
4.76.12	Interpret runway and taxiway signs and markings. CAR Part 139
4.78	Aerodromes Lighting
4.78.4	Describe the following lighting systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Runway edge lighting (REDL); (b) Runway landing threshold lighting (RTHL); (c) Runway end lighting (RENL); (d) Runway centreline lighting system (RCLL); (e) Runway end identifier lighting (REIL); (f) Circling guidance lighting (CGL); (g) Runway lead in lighting (RLLS); and, (h) Pilot activated lighting (PAL)
4.78.6	Describe aerodrome beacons.
	Emergencies; Incidents; and Accidents
4.80	Responsibilities of Pilots
4.80.2	State the requirement for the notification of accidents. CAR Part 12
4.80.4	State the requirement for the notification of incidents. CAR Part 12
4.80.6	State the extent to which a pilot may deviate from the CA Act or rules in an emergency situation. CA Act 2023 sections 15(1) and 16(1) & (2)
4.80.8	State the pilot action required following deviation from the CA Act or rules in an emergency situation. CA Act 2023 sections 15(2) and 16(3)
4.82	Communications and Equipment
4.82.2	State the transponder code a pilot should set to indicate an emergency condition. AIP ENR
4.82.4	State the transponder code a pilot should set to indicate a loss of communications. AIP ENR
4.82.6	State the transponder code a pilot should set to indicate that the aircraft is being subjected to unlawful interference. AIP ENR

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4.82.8	Describe the means by which ATC will verify the transmission of an emergency SSR transponder code. AIP ENR
4.82.10	Describe the use of the speechless technique using unmodulated transmissions. AIP ENR
4.82.12	Describe and interpret ground-air visual signal codes. AIP GEN
4.82.14	Describe the procedures for directing a surface craft to a distress incident. AIP GEN
4.82.16	State the procedures for the emergency activation of an ELT. AIP GEN
4.82.18	State the pilot action required following the inadvertent transmission of an ELT. AIP GEN
4.82.20	State the requirements for the operational testing of an ELT. AIP GEN
4.82.22	State the procedures to be followed on receiving an ELT signal. AIP GEN