

## **UK Light Aircraft Pilot Licence (LAPL) Aeroplanes**

### **Update**

As part of the Licensing and Training Simplification Project, the UK CAA is no longer issuing the LAPL(A) with effect 1st October 2025. The LAPL(H) will continue to be issued.

The LAPL(A) before 1 October 2025 did not contain any ratings that needed to be revalidated or renewed. The LAPL(A) itself was both the rating and the licence and its validity was maintained by UK FCL.140.A LAPL(A) - Recency Requirements over a rolling 24-month period.

With effect from 1 October 2025 a LAPL(A) holder will continue to maintain recency in accordance with UK FCL.140.A LAPL(A) - Recency Requirements but this will change after 30 September 2026.

After 30 September 2026 holders of a LAPL(A) must only exercise the privileges of a class rating included in the licence when it has been:

- issued or renewed in accordance with UK FCL.740; or
- revalidated in accordance with UK FCL.740.A(b).

In simple terms ... after 30 September 2026 a LAPL(A) will have a rating e.g. TMG, SEP (land), or SEP (sea) annotated on the licence in Section XII and an associated revalidation date in Section XII Certificate of Revalidation similar to other licence holders e.g. PPL(A), CPL(A), etc.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. So how do I know what rating I hold?

Section XII already shows the rating e.g. SEP (Land), TMG, etc on the UK issued LAPL(A)

Aeroplane rating shown here in Section XII

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| XII                       | Ratings, certificates and privileges |
| Class/Type/RA             | Remarks and Restrictions             |
| TMG                       | Nil<br>No Further Entries            |
| Instructors<br>No Entries | Remarks and Restrictions             |
| Examiners<br>No Entries   |                                      |

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### 2. What aeroplane ratings can I have on a LAPL(A)?

The LAPL(A) can contain a SEP (Land) and/or SEP (Sea) and/or TMG class ratings.

### 3. Before 30 September 2026 what are the recency requirements of UK FCL.140.A LAPL(A)?

#### UK FCL.140.A LAPL(A) – Recency requirements

- a. holders of a LAPL(A) shall exercise the privileges of their licence only if in the last 2 years they have met any of the following conditions as pilots of aeroplanes or TMGs:

(1) they have completed at least 12 hours of flight time as PIC or flying dual or solo under the supervision of an instructor, including:

- 12 take-offs and landings;
- refresher training of at least 1 hour of total flight time with an instructor;

(2) they have passed a LAPL(A) proficiency check with an examiner. The proficiency check programme shall be based on the skill test for the LAPL(A);

- b. If holders of a LAPL(A) hold both a SEP (land) and a SEP (sea) privilege, they may comply with the requirements in point (a)(1) in either class or a combination thereof which shall be valid for both privileges. For this purpose, at least 1 hour of the required flight time and 6 out of the required 12 take-offs and landings shall be completed in each class.

In simple terms ... it is a 24-month rolling recency that the LAPL(A) holder must check before each and every flight. However, see **Q7** rating transition.

#### **4. What is the content of the Proficiency Check referred to in UK FCL.140.A(a)(2) LAPL(A) - Recency requirements?**

The Proficiency Check referred to in UK FCL.140.A(a)(2) is a LAPL(A) Skill Test [UK AMC1 FCL.125]. With effect from the 1 October 2025 UK AMC1 FCL.125 has been deleted. The option of carrying out a Proficiency Check under UK FCL.140.A(a)(2) to regain recency is not available any more.

#### **5. Before the 30 September 2026 if on the day I intend to fly I am missing some recency requirement, do I have to complete a Proficiency Check before I can fly again?**

No, you do not. You must complete the missing recency before exercising your LAPL(A) privileges. For example:

a. You are missing the 'refresher training of at least 1 hour of total flight time with an instructor'. You should fly with an instructor and complete the refresher training. The instructor shall endorse your pilot logbook (UK AMC1 FCL.050). You can now continue to fly using your LAPL(A).

Suggested pilot logbook entry by instructor:

- Training Flight iaw UK FCL.140.A(a)(1) (add instructor name + signature + licence number)
- b. You have not completed the required flight time. You should make up the flight time by either:
  - i. Flying dual with an instructor, or
  - ii. Flying solo under the supervision of an instructor (see note)
- c. You have not completed the required take-offs and landings. You should make up the shortfall by either:
  - i. Flying dual with an instructor, or
  - ii. Flying solo under the supervision of an instructor (see note)

Note: The regulation doesn't specify what type of instructor can do this. We suggest it should be an FI because the FI is experienced in sending student pilots solo and this is effectively what the LAPL(A) holder is, a student pilot, until regaining recency.

#### **6. Before the 30 September 2026 if my recency is due to expire before the day I intend to fly, what should I do?**

Fly earlier than planned and complete the missing recency requirements. Keep a track of your recency and plan ahead so you do not get caught out. Alternatively see **Q7** rating transition.

## 7. Before the 30 September 2026 how do I transition my LAPL(A) ratings?

LAPL(A) holders wishing to comply with UK FCL.740.A(b)(1)(ii) shall have to meet the following revalidation by experience requirements in the preceding 24 months prior to licence endorsement:

- Complete 12 hours of flight time in the relevant class, including:
  - 6 hours during the last 12 months;
  - 6 hours as PIC;
  - 12 take-offs and 12 landings; and
  - refresher training of at least 1 hour of total flight time with a flight instructor (FI) or a class rating instructor (CRI). Applicants shall be exempted from this refresher training if they have passed a class or type rating proficiency check, skill test or assessment of competence in any other class or type of aeroplane.

The examiner or instructor with UK FCL.945 privileges shall confirm the above experience requirements have been achieved.

In the case of the instructor with UK FCL.945 privileges, they must have carried out the refresher training of at least 1 hour of total flight time with the LAPL(A) holder.

### OR

- LAPL(A) holders who do not have the required experience listed above shall comply with UK FCL.740.A(b)(1)(i) and pass a proficiency check with an examiner in the relevant class (see **Licence Entry**).

In both cases, the examiner or instructor with UK FCL.945 privileges will be required to make an entry in Section XII Certificate of Revalidation page on the LAPL(A). In addition, an SRG1157 or SRG1107 shall be completed and signed. The validity of the rating shall be 2 years (to the end of the calendar month) from the date of endorsement (see **Licence Entry**).

The examiner or instructor with UK FCL.945 privileges shall then:

- Email a copy of the SRG1157 or SRG1107 to [licenceapplications@caa.co.uk](mailto:licenceapplications@caa.co.uk) to ensure the pilot's UK CAA file is updated, and;
- Write a note on the SRG1157 or SRG1107 to indicate that it is a LAPL(A) rating transition.

If an examiner or instructor with UK FCL.945 privileges has not endorsed the LAPL(A) by 30 September 2026, the licence holder will be required to submit an online application (SRG3108) to the UK CAA along with the relevant fee and supporting documents to be able to fly after this date.

### Comment

Even though a LAPL(A) holder may have transitioned, they will still need to maintain FCL.140.A recency requirements until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 because the licence endorsement only becomes effective on 1 October 2026.

## Licence Entry

- Where a proficiency check has been conducted, the examiner should in Section XII Certificate of Revalidation page of the LAPL(A):
  - Endorse the proficiency check date in 'Date of Rating Test';
  - Endorse 'N/A' in 'Date of IR Test';
  - Endorse the 'Valid Until' column with a date 2 years after the date of the proficiency check extended to the end of the month;
  - Sign in the column 'Examiner's Signature'.

### XII - CERTIFICATE OF REVALIDATION

| Rating            | Date of Rating Test | Date of IR Test | Valid Until      | Examiner's Certificate Number | Examiner's Signature                                                                |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SEP (land)</b> | <b>13/7/2025</b>    | <b>N/A</b>      | <b>31/7/2027</b> | <b>123456H</b>                |  |
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- Where a LAPL(A) holder has met the revalidation by experience requirements, the examiner or instructor with UK FCL.945 privileges shall, on confirmation of the experience, endorse Section XII Certificate of Revalidation page of the LAPL(A):
  - Endorse the 'Date of Rating Test' and 'Date of IR Test' as 'N/A';
  - Endorse the 'Valid Until' column with a date that is 2 years after the date the instructor or examiner confirmed the validity of the experience requirements extended to the end of the month [e.g. date of confirmation 9/7/25, valid until date 31/7/27];
  - Sign in the column 'Examiner's Signature'.

### XII - CERTIFICATE OF REVALIDATION

| Rating            | Date of Rating Test | Date of IR Test | Valid Until      | Examiner's Certificate Number | Examiner's Signature                                                                  |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SEP (land)</b> | <b>N/A</b>          | <b>N/A</b>      | <b>31/7/2027</b> | <b>123456H</b>                |  |
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## 8. What is the validity of my class rating(s) after the 30 September 2026?

You will be required to maintain validity of the SEP and/or TMG class ratings in accordance with UK FCL.740(a). See extract below.

### UK FCL.740(a)

#### (a) Validity

- (1) The validity period of class and type ratings shall be 1 year, except for single-pilot single-engine class ratings for which the validity period shall be 2 years, unless otherwise determined in the OSD. If pilots choose to fulfil the revalidation requirement earlier than prescribed in points UK FCL.740.A, UK FCL.740.H, UK FCL.740.PL and UK FCL.740.A, the new validity period shall commence from the date of the proficiency check.
- (2) Applicants for the revalidation of a class or type rating shall receive full credits for the proficiency check as required in this Subpart when they complete EBT practical assessment in accordance with Appendix 10 to this Annex at an operator that has implemented EBT for the relevant class or type rating.

In simple terms ... 2 years

## 9. How do I revalidate the class rating before it expires on my LAPL(A) after the 30 September 2026?

UK FCL.740.A(b) gives the revalidation requirements for the SEP and TMG class ratings. See extract below.

### UK FCL.740.A(b)

#### b. Revalidation of single-pilot single-engine class ratings.

- (1) Single-engine piston aeroplane class ratings and TMG class ratings. For the revalidation of single-pilot single-engine piston aeroplane class ratings or TMG class ratings, the applicants shall:
  - (i) within the 3 months preceding the expiry date of the rating, pass a proficiency check in the relevant class in accordance with Appendix 9 to this Part with an examiner; or
  - (ii) within the validity period of the rating as set out in FCL.740(a), complete 12 hours of flight time in the relevant class, including:
    - 6 hours during the 12 months preceding the expiry date of the rating,
    - 6 hours as PIC,
    - 12 take-offs and 12 landings, and
    - refresher training of at least 1 hour of total flight time with a flight instructor (FI) or a class rating instructor (CRI). Applicants shall be exempted from this refresher training if they have passed a class or type rating proficiency check, skill test or assessment of competence in any other class or type of aeroplane.

- (2) When applicants hold both a single-engine piston aeroplane-land class rating and a TMG rating, they may complete the requirements of (1) in either class or a combination thereof, and achieve revalidation of both ratings.
- (3) .....
- (4) When applicants hold both a single-engine piston aeroplane-land class rating and a single-engine piston aeroplane-sea class rating, they may complete the requirements of (1)(ii) in either class or a combination thereof, and achieve the fulfilment of these requirements for both ratings. At least 1 hour of required PIC time and 6 of the required 12 take-offs and landings shall be completed in each class.

In simple terms ... pass a proficiency check within 3 months before the expiry date OR complete the experience requirements as listed in point (ii)

## **10. How do I renew a class rating that has expired on my LAPL(A) after 30 September 2026?**

UK FCL.740(b) gives the renewal requirements for SEP and TMG class ratings. See extract below.

### **UK FCL.740(b)**

#### **b. Renewal**

For the renewal of a class or type rating, applicants shall comply with all of the following:

- (1) in order to determine whether refresher training is necessary for the applicant to reach the level of proficiency to safely operate the aircraft, they shall undergo an assessment at one of the following:
  - (i) at an ATO;
  - (ii) at a DTO or at an ATO, if the expired rating concerned a non-high-performance single-engine piston class rating, a TMG class rating or a single-engine type rating for helicopters referred to in point DTO.GEN.110(a)(2)(c) of Annex VIII;
  - (iii) at a DTO, at an ATO or with an instructor, if the rating expired no more than 3 years ago and the rating concerned a non-high-performance single-engine piston class rating or a TMG class rating;
  - (iv) at an EBT operator that is specifically approved for such refresher training;
- (2) if deemed necessary by the organisation or the instructor providing the assessment in accordance with point (1), they shall complete refresher training at that organisation or with that instructor;

- (3) after complying with point (1) and, as applicable, point (2), they shall pass a proficiency check in accordance with Appendix 9 to this Annex or complete EBT practical assessment in accordance with Appendix 10 to this Annex. That EBT practical assessment may be combined with the refresher training specified in point (2). By way of derogation from points (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3), pilots holding a flight test rating issued in accordance with point FCL.820 who were involved in the development, certification or production flight tests for an aircraft type and have completed either 50 hours of total flight time or 10 hours of flight time as PIC in test flights in that type during the year prior to the date of their application, shall be entitled to apply for the revalidation or renewal of the relevant type rating. Applicants shall be exempted from the requirement in points (b)(1) and (b)(2) if they hold, and are entitled to exercise the privileges of, a valid rating for the same class or type of aircraft on a pilot licence issued by a third country in accordance with Annex 1 to the Chicago Convention.

In simple terms ... refresher training followed by a proficiency check with an examiner to renew the class rating.

**11. If I have to pass a Proficiency Check in order to renew or revalidate the class rating after 30 September 2026 where does the examiner sign?**

If you pass the examiner may endorse your pilot logbook. However, the examiner must endorse Section XII Certificate of Revalidation page in your LAPL(A) showing the new expiry date of the class rating.

**12. What is the content of the Proficiency Check referred to in FCL.740 [and in Q7]?**

The Proficiency Check shall follow the content of Appendix 9 to Part FCL of the UK Aircrew Regulation. See extract below.

**Section 1 Departure**

Pre-flight including: Documentation, NOTAM, Mass and Balance, Weather briefing

Pre-start checks: External and Internal

Engine Starting: Normal and Malfunctions

Engine Start-up and Shutdown: Normal and Malfunctions (class rating sea only)

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Mooring: Beach, Jetty/Pier, Buoy (class rating sea only)

Engine off sailing

Pre-departure checks: Engine run-up (if applicable)

Take-off procedure: Normal with Flight Manual flap settings, Crosswind (if conditions available)

Climbing: V<sub>x</sub> / V<sub>y</sub>, Turns onto headings, Level off

ATC liaison - Compliance, R/T procedure

**Section 2 Airwork (VMC)**

Straight and level flight at various airspeeds including flight at critically low airspeed with and without flaps (including approach to V<sub>mc</sub> when applicable)

Steep turns: 360° left and right at 45° bank

Stalls and recovery (1 stall and recovery mandatory):

(i) Clean stall or



(ii) Approach to stall in descending turn with bank with approach configuration and power or  
(iii) Approach to stall in landing configuration and power or  
(iv) Approach to stall, climbing turn with take-off flap and climb power (SE only)  
Handling using autopilot and flight director (may be conducted in Section 3) (if applicable)  
ATC liaison - Compliance, R/T procedure

### **Section 3A En-Route Procedures (VFR)**

Flight plan, dead reckoning and map reading  
Maintenance of altitude, heading and speed  
Orientation, timing and revision of ETAs  
Use of radio navigation aids (if applicable)  
Flight management (flight log, routine checks including fuel, systems and icing)  
ATC liaison - Compliance, R/T procedure

### **Section 3B Instrument Flight**

Not applicable

### **Section 4 Arrival and Landings**

Aerodrome arrival procedure  
Normal landing  
Flapless landing  
Crosswind landing (if suitable conditions)  
Approach and landing with idle power from up to 2000 ft above the runway (SE only)  
Go-around from minimum height  
Night go-around and landing (if applicable)  
Glassy water landing (class rating sea only)  
Rough water landing (class rating sea only)  
ATC liaison - Compliance, R/T procedure

### **Section 5 Abnormal and Emergency Procedures**

(This section may be combined with sections 1 through 4)  
Rejected take-off at a reasonable speed  
Simulated engine failure after take-off (SE only)  
Simulated forced landing without power (SE only)  
Simulated emergencies: Fire or smoke in flight, System's malfunctions as appropriate  
Engine shutdown and restart at a safe altitude if performed in an aeroplane (ME or TMG skill test only)  
ATC liaison - Compliance, R/T procedure

### **Section 6 Simulated Asymmetric Flight**

Not applicable

### **Section 7 UPRT**

Not applicable

### 13. How is the 'refresher training' referred to in UK FCL.740.A(b)(ii) shown in my pilot logbook?

The entry is the similar to that required for the refresher training under UK FCL.140.A LAPL(A) Recency requirements.

In your pilot logbook enter the flight as PUT with the instructor's name in the PIC column. The flight time is entered in the dual column. The instructor shall then endorse your pilot logbook in accordance with AMC1 FCL.050.

Suggested logbook entry by the instructor:

- Training Flight iaw UK FCL.740.A(b)(ii) (add instructor name + signature + licence number)

### 14. Should there be a signature in my licence in Section XII Certificate of Revalidation?

Before 30 September 2026

Not necessarily as recency requirements apply verified by pilot logbook entries and therefore no entries should be made in Section XII Certificate of Revalidation. However, see **Q7** rating transition.

After 30 September 2026

YES. An entry in Section XII Certificate of Revalidation will be required showing the expiry date of the rating.

#### XII - CERTIFICATE OF REVALIDATION

| Rating | Date of Rating Test | Date of IR Test | Valid Until | Examiner's Certificate Number | Examiner's Signature |
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*After 30 September 2026 an entry showing the rating expiry date is required*

### 15. I have an entry in Section XII Certification of Revalidation page that precedes the 1 October 2025. What shall I do?

You should ignore the entry and date. Do not cross it out as this action could be interpreted as defacing the LAPL(A).

Before your next planned flight check the recency requirements in UK FCL.140.A LAPL(A) - Recency requirements and then follow them. Alternatively see **Q7** rating transition.

**16. Can the 'refresher training' referred to in UK FCL.740.A(b)(ii) be completed in more than one flight?**

**UK AMC2 FCL.740.A(b)(1)(ii)**

The refresher training flight should normally be conducted as a single flight of at least one hour, for the purpose of refreshing knowledge and skills applicable to the privileges of the rating.

If, due to aircraft or weather or aircraft related limitations, it is not practical to conduct a single flight of an hour, the requirements may be satisfied by receiving instruction totalling at least 1 hour over the course of two flights.

**17. What is the content of the 'refresher training' referred to in UK FCL.740.A(b)(ii)?**

UK GM2 FCL.740.A and UK AMC1 FCL.740.A(b)(1)(ii) provide details of the content of the refresher training.

**18. Does the 'refresher training' referred to in UK FCL.740.A(b)(ii) have to be completed within a DTO / ATO?**

No. The refresher training may be carried out by mutual agreement between the instructor and the pilot.

**19. Can a class rating be endorsed in my LAPL(A) by an instructor?**

Before 30 September 2026

No endorsements are allowed in Section XII Certification of Revalidation page. However, see **Q7** rating transition.

After the 30 September 2026

Only for revalidation **and** providing the instructor holds UK FCL.945 privileges **and** has completed your refresher training **and** you have met the revalidation requirements of UK FCL.740.A(b)(ii) then the instructor with UK FCL.945 privileges can endorse your class rating in your LAPL(A).

**Comment**

Normally for initial issue of any certificate or rating the UK CAA will endorse your pilot licence. For renewal of a rating or certificate that appears on the back of your pilot licence the UK CAA will be required to re-issue your pilot licence showing the rating or certificate and its expiry date in Section XII. When revalidating a rating or certificate an examiner or, in the case of an SEP / TMG class rating, an instructor with UK FCL.945 privileges may endorse your pilot licence.

**20. What do I have to do if the class rating expires after the 30 September 2026?**

The class rating requires to be renewed. You must complete the renewal requirements of UK FCL.740(b) [see **Q10**].

An examiner will then be able to endorse your LAPL(A) with the revised class rating expiry date.

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