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# Risk Management | Drones

## Drone Risk Management







Drone Laws in Australia: Are you flying your UAV / RPA legally?

### Things you need to know:

The Federal Government has recently passed legislation which will allow a person to operate a *very small RPA* (that is, one weighing less than 2 kg) without certification, if it is being operated in *standard RPA operating conditions*. This will be known as an *excluded aircraft*.

Standard RPA operating conditions means that the RPA must be operated:

- within visual line of sight
- below 400 ft AGL
- during the day
- more than 30 m away from anyone who is not directly associated with the operation (people being filmed are not considered to be directly associated with the RPA's operation)



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It may NOT be operated:

- over a <u>populous area</u>
- within 3 nautical miles of the movement area of a controlled aerodrome
- in a prohibited area
- in a restricted area that is classified as RA3
- in a restricted area that is classified as RA2 or RA1 otherwise than in accordance with regulation 101.065
- over an area where a fire, police or other public safety or emergency operation is being conducted without the approval
  of a person in charge of the operation
- As at 21 June 2016 it is still illegal to fly ANY Drone for commercial gain WITHOUT certification.



### What does this translate to?

Real Estate photographers will usually NOT be able to conform with ALL these conditions and will therefore require a UAV Operator Certificate (UOC) which is the CASA certificate to operate legally.

If you are not making any commercial gain from your flying, then you may fly your UAV without requiring certification (please note however that "commercial gain" can include flights for advertising purposes or even uploading videos to YouTube – there does not have to be a direct payment involved).



### Things you need to know:

From 25th September 2016 the term UAV will generally be replaced with RPA in official documents and the UAV Controller's Certificate will be replaced by the Remote Pilot Licence. For full details of the changes see <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2016L00400">https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2016L00400</a>.

- The pilot must have a <u>UAV Controller's Certificate (formerly called Remote Pilot</u> <u>Certificate)</u>
- The business must have a <u>UAV Operator's Certificate (or UOC)</u>.





## Things your sport needs to consider:

- Have we obtained a UAV Operator Certificate for our sport?
- Are our Pilots (contracted or member) hold a Controllers Certificate?
- Has our sport developed an Operations Manual and Operational Library to detail how our sport will operate Drones safely and legally.
- Have we complied with Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in relation to Drone Management, including Form 041?

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Make sure your affiliates are aware of the legislative requirements

Engage licenced pilots (sub contract where possible)



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