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Knowledge Requirements

for

Pilots of Unmanned Air Vehicle Systems

UAV 25 kg or less, Operating within Visual Line of Sight

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Additional knowledge material is also available in a document entitled "Annex to Knowledge Areas – UAV MTOW 25kg or less operated within VLOS". That additional material addresses terms and conditions of an SFOC that a pilot would be expected to have been taught in a ground school.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Canadian Aviation Regulatory Advisory Council (CARAC) Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) System Program Design Working Group has made recommendations for amendments to existing regulations and standards, and introduced new regulations and standards for the safe integration of small UAV operations within visual line-of-sight (VLOS) under visual flight rules (VFR) in Canadian airspace.

The key principles for UAV related regulatory changes were approved by the CARAC Technical Committee in June 2012 and then by the Transport Canada Canadian Aviation Regulatory Committee (CARC) in October 2012. They are now being adopted as Best Practice¹ guidance for Transport Canada Inspectors and applicants for a Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC) - Unmanned Air Vehicle Systems.

These Best Practices are comprised of three areas: pilot, UAV system design standard, and operator requirements. SFOC applicants demonstrating compliance with all three areas may be eligible for SFOCs of greater scope and/or duration; they may also benefit from more-timely approval of SFOC applications.

This document is provided for the guidance of organizations or individuals intending to provide ground school instruction to pilots seeking compliance with the Best Practices for pilots of small UAV systems. These training organizations will be expected to provide Transport Canada with a written declaration attesting to the compliance of their courseware and testing. Thereafter, SFOC applicants with pilots who have successfully completed such a compliant course will be able to reference that course and ground school provider in their SFOC application as proof of pilot knowledge.

Regulations and Standards for the issue of a Pilot Permit – Small UAV Systems – Restricted to Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) will be specified in future Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs). Until that time, complying with the proposed regulations will indicate that the pilot meets the recommended Best Practices expected in the approval process for an SFOC.

PILOT KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

This document provides topics and sample objectives in the cognitive domain. The sample objectives provided are not a complete list of objectives - their purpose is to illustrate the depth of knowledge expected in the subject areas.

Future applicants for a Pilot Permit – Small UAV Systems – Restricted to VLOS will be required to complete a course of training and will be required to prove their knowledge by writing an examination on the subjects contained in this guide. Applicants must be able to read the examination questions in either English or French without assistance.

EXAMINATION

Applicants shall have obtained a minimum of 60% on a written examination of these subjects.

¹ Best practices documentation is currently available from http://www.unmannedsystems.ca

At this time of writing, it is expected that the organizations conducting the ground school will create and administer an appropriate examination.

The examination subjects, in general terms, are

Mandatory Subjects	Related Subjects in this Guide	Page
AIR LAW	Air Law and Procedures – Section 1	1
NAVIGATION	Navigation and Radio Aids – Section 2	10
METEOROLOGY	Meteorology – Section 3	14
AERONAUTICS - GENERAL		
KNOWLEDGE	Airframes, Engines, and Systems–Section 4	19
	Theory of Flight – Section 5	22
	Flight Instruments – Section 6	26
	Flight Operations – Section 7	28
	Human Factors – Section 8	33
RADIOTELEPHONY	Aeronautical and Crew – Section 9	35

CURRENT REGULATIONS AND SFOC CONDITIONS

By necessity, this document makes reference to current regulations, as well as operating conditions that are commonly found as terms or restrictions in an SFOC-UAV System. Note the following in this document:

- The existing Canadian Air Regulations (CARs) are referenced by their section numbers.
- SFOC conditions that may modify or augment CARs are indicated by an asterisk (*) preceding the section number. Details on these operating conditions can be obtained from Unmanned Systems Canada (USC), who are part of the Working Groups and Technical Committees. Their web address is http://www.unmannedsystems.ca/

AIR LAW

SECTION 1: AIR LAW AND PROCEDURES

Knowledge Area	Sample Learning Objectives The pilot operating small UAVs within visual line of sight must be able to:
 CARs Some Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) refer to their associated standards. Questions from the CARs may test knowledge from the regulation or the standard. PART I – GENERAL PROVISIONS 101 – INTERPRETATION 	 State who may demand to inspect aviation documents. State the definition of "operator" with respect to aircraft operations and the holder of a SFOC. Define common terms used in UAV system operations such as: command and control link, pilot, operator, handover, lost link.
101.01 Interpretation (Definitions)	
103 – ADMINISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE	
COMPLIANCE 103.02 Inspection of Aircraft, Requests for Production of Documents and Prohibitions 103.03 Return of Canadian Aviation Documents 103.04 Record Keeping	
PART III – AERODROMES AND AIRPORTS 300 – INTERPRETATION	 Explain that persons, vehicles, obstacles and operations at aerodromes are subject to the approval of the aerodrome operator and the appropriate air traffic control unit.
300.01 Interpretation	
301 – AERODROMES	

301.01 Application	
301.08 Prohibitions	
301.09 Fire Prevention	
302 – AIRPORTS	
302.10 Prohibitions	
302.11 Fire Prevention	
PART IV - PERSONNEL LICENSING AND TRAINING	 State the minimum age and recommended best practices for medical fitness of UAV pilots.
(*) 421.**	
Requirements for UAV Pilots – Small UAVs Restricted to VLOS	
– Age (18)	
 Medical fitness (Cat 4, valid for 60 months) 	
 – Knowledge (this document) 	
– Experience	
PART VI – GENERAL OPERATING AND FLIGHT RULES	 Describe the horizontal and vertical limits of the various
600 – INTERPRETATION	classifications of airspace, control areas, special use
	airspace.
600.01 Interpretation	 Describe the communications required with Air Traffic
	control (ATC) for operating a small UAV within VLOS in
601 – AIRSPACE	class C or D airspace.
	 Describe the circumstances when a small UAV is permitted
AIRSPACE STRUCTURE, CLASSIFICATION AND USE	to be operated in the vicinity of a forest fire.
601.01 Airspace Structure	Describe the process required to legally use a LIDAR (Light
601.02 Airspace Classification	Detection and Ranging) on a small UAV.
601.03 Transponder Airspace	
601.04 IFR or VFR Flight in Class F Special Use Restricted	
Airspace or Class F Special Use Advisory Airspace	
(*) 601.08 VFR Flight in Class C Airspace	

 (*) 601.09 VFR Flight in Class D Airspace AIRCRAFT OPERATING RESTRICTIONS AND HAZARDS TO AVIATION SAFETY 601.14 Interpretation 601.15 Forest Fire Aircraft Operating Restrictions 601.16 Issuance of NOTAM for Forest Fire 601.17 Exceptions 601.20 Projection of Directed Bright Light Source at an Aircraft 601.21 Requirement for Notification 601.22 Requirement for Pilot-in-command 	
602 – OPERATING AND FLIGHT RULES	 Recall the prohibitions against reckless operations. Explain that pilots have a duty to prevent hazards or injury
GENERAL	to others.
602.01 Reckless or Negligent Operation of Aircraft	Recall that all crew members must comply with the
602.02 Fitness of Flight Crew Members	instructions of the pilot in command.
602.03 Alcohol or Drugs – Crew Members	• State that UAVs may not be left unattended if the engine or
602.05 Compliance with instructions	motor could start.
(*) 602.08 Portable Electronic Devices	 State the minimum distances from people not involved in the LIAV operation
602.10 Starting and Ground Running of Aircraft Engines	 Explain which aircraft has the right of way with respect to
602.11 Aircraft Icing	small UAVs and other aircraft.
602.12 Overflight of Built-up Areas or Open-air Assemblies	 Describe the requirements for communications between the
of Persons during Take-offs, Approaches and	pilot-in-command and visual observers.
Landings (as revised)	• List the operational and emergency equipment that must be
(*) 602.13 Take-offs, Approaches and Landing within Built-up	available to UAV crew members (checklists, operating
Areas of Utiles and Towns (as revised)	manual, fire extinguishers, etc).
602.14 Minimum Annous and Distances	State that pilots of small UAVs shall avoid flying the UAV in
(*) 602 19 Right-of-Way – General	the traffic pattern at an aerodrome.
602.20 Right-of-Way – Aircraft Manoeuvring on Water	Recall the minimum conditions for VER flight in

602.21 602.22 602.23 602.24 602.27 602.30	Avoidance of Collision Towing Dropping of Objects Formation Flight Aerobatic Manoeuvres – Prohibited Areas and Flight Fuel Dumping	•	Describe the actions to be taken in the event of a two-way radiocommunications failure when flying in class C and D airspace.
602.31 602.32	Compliance with Air Traffic Control Instructions and Clearances Airspeed Limitations		
(*) 602.40 602.41 (*) 602.** (*) 602.**	Landing at or Take-off from an Aerodrome at Night Unmanned Air Vehicles UAV Visual Observers UAV Lost Link		
OPERATIC 602.58 602.59	ONAL AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS Prohibition Equipment Standards		
(*) 602.**	Requirements for Small UAVs		
FLIGHT PF 602.70 602.71 602.72	REPARATION, FLIGHT PLANS & FLIGHT ITINERARIES Interpretation – Definitions Pre-flight Information Weather Information		
PRE-FLIGH 602.86 602.87	HT AND FUEL REQUIREMENTS Carry-on Baggage, Equipment and Cargo Crew Member Instructions		

 OPERATION AT OR IN THE VICINITY OF AN AERODROME (*) 602.96 General 602.97 VFR and IFR Aircraft Operations at Uncontrolled Aerodromes within a Mandatory Frequency (MF) Area 602.98 General MF Reporting Requirements 602.99 MF Reporting Procedures before Entering Manoeuvring Area 602.100 MF Reporting Procedures on Departure 602.101 MF Reporting Procedures on Arrival 602.102 MF Reporting Procedures when Flying Continuous Circuits 602.103 Reporting Procedures when Flying Through an MF Area 	
 VISUAL FLIGHT RULES 602.114 Minimum Visual Meteorological Conditions for VFR Flight in Controlled Airspace 602.115 Minimum Visual Meteorological Conditions for VFR Flight in Uncontrolled Airspace 602.117 Special VFR Flight RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS 602.136 Continuous Listening Watch 602.138 Two-way Radiocommunication Failure in VFR Flight 	
603 – SPECIAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS 603.65 Application 603.66 Certification Requirements	 Recall the requirements for an SFOC when operating a UAV. Interpret the contents of Operator Certificate (Air Operator Certificate, Flight Training Unit Operator Certificate, Private Operator Certificate, Special Flight Operations Certificate)

603.67 Issuance of a Special Flight Operations Certificate 603.68 Contents of a SFOC	• State that the declarations made in the application are binding under the SFOC.
 605 - AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS GENERAL 605.04 Availability of Aircraft Flight Manual 605.06 Aircraft Equipment Standards and Serviceability 605.08 Unserviceable and Removed Equipment – General (*) 605.09 Unserviceable and Removed Equipment – Aircraft with a Minimum Equipment List 605.10 Unserviceable and Removed Equipment – Aircraft without a Minimum Equipment List 605.30 De-icing or Anti-icing Equipment 605.35 Transponder and Automatic Pressure Altitude Reporting Equipment (*) 605.38 ELT (*) 605.** System Capability Requirements for UAVs (*) 605.** Radio Frequency Interference - UAV 	 State that a system may not be operated with unserviceable equipment that is otherwise required by the manufacturer. State the minimum capability requirements for UAV systems. Recall that aircraft must have a transponder in transponder airspace, unless approved by ATC. State the requirements to keep technical records. Explain why UAVs must never be flown with ELTs on board. State the required content of a UAV Journey Log. Give examples of Elementary Work that can be accomplished by the UAV crew. Explain the lighting requirements for VLOS UAV night operations.
 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS (*) 605.85 Maintenance Release and Elementary Work (*) 605.88 Inspection After Abnormal Occurrences TECHNICAL RECORDS (*) 605.92 Requirement to Keep Technical Records 605.93 Technical Records – General 	

605.94 Journey Log Requirements (*) 605.95 Journey Log 605.97 Transfer of Records	
606 – MISCELLANEOUS 606.01 Munitions of War 606.02 Liability Insurance	

New CAR Subpart – UAV OPERATIONS	Explain that an Operating Certificate (SFOC) is required for
new- SMALL UAV - VLOS OPERATIONS GENERAL (*) new Application FLIGHT OPERATIONS (*) new Operating Instructions (*) new Operational Control (*) new Operational Flight Plan (*) new Operational Flight Plan (*) new Maintenance of Aircraft (*) new VFR Flight Minimum Flight Visibility – Uncontrolled Airspace (*) new Built-up Areas and Aerial Work Zones PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (*) new Designation of Pilot-in-command (*) new Flight Crow Member Qualifications	 commercial operations. Describe the recommended best practices for an Operational Flight Plan. Identify circumstances that require an Aerial Work Zone Plan. Explain why there is always a pilot-in-command when a UAV is in flight. Explain that a crew member must complete the company training program before being assigned duties. Explain that operations must be conducted in accordance with the Company Operations Manual. Give examples of the information found in a Company Operations Manual. Identify the documents that must be accessible to the flight crew during operations
 TRAINING (*) new Training Program (*) new Training and Qualification Record MANUALS (*) new Distribution of Company Operations Manual (*) new Standard Operating Procedures TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD OF CANADA (TSB) – (TC AIM - GEN 3.0) 	 State that the purpose of accident investigation is to prevent recurrence. State the types of accidents and incidents that must be reported to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

	protect lives or prevent further damage.
 AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES AND PROCEDURES Air Traffic and Advisory Services Flight Service Stations, Flight Information Centres Communication Procedures ATC Clearances/Instructions/ Mandatory Readback Procedures Aerodrome Operations – Controlled Aerodrome Operations – Uncontrolled Mandatory and Aerodrome Traffic Frequencies 	 Determine who provides coordination or air traffic control service for the airspace being used (if applicable). Determine the MF/ATF and enroute frequencies (if applicable) for the operating area. Explain any traffic patterns of passing aircraft. Anticipate patterns of manned aircraft sharing the airspace. Determine the aeronautical radio frequencies in use for this airspace. Use appropriate phraseology in radio communication. Recognize clearances and instructions aimed at other aircraft. Interpret the CFS with respect to airspace and location procedures.
 OTHER LEGISLATION 1 Air Transportation Regulations (sections 3 and 7) 2 Canada Labour Code Part II - Occupational Safety & Health, Employee Rights & Duties (sections 126, 127 and 128) 	 Explain that both the employer and employee are responsible for safe working conditions. State that employees shall report unsafe working conditions to their supervisors, and may refuse dangerous work unless that refusal puts others at risk.

NAVIGATION

SECTION 2: NAVIGATION AND NAVIGATION AIDS

Know	vledge Areas	Sample Learning Objectives
		able to:
DEFI	NITIONS	
1	Meridian	
2	Prime Meridian	
3	Longitude	
4	Equator	
5	Latitude	
6	Variation	
7	Deviation	
8	Track	
9	Heading	
10	Airspeed	
11	Ground Speed	
12	Air Position	
13	Ground Position	
14	Bearing	
15	Wind Velocity	
16	Drift	
MAPS	S AND CHARTS	 Describe the possible effects of mixing map projections and
1	VTA	datums.
2	VNC	 Give examples of the different projections and datums that
3	Topographical Symbols	can be used in a ground control station.
4	Elevation and Contours (Relief)	 Locate your positions on an aeronautical chart.
5	Aeronautical Information	 Interpret topographical information from aeronautical
6	Scale and Units of Measurement	charts.
7	Locating Position by Latitude and Longitude	 Interpret aeronautical information from aeronautical charts.

8	GIS Datum, WGS84 Datum, other datums	Determine the validity/currency of aeronautical charts.
TIME 1 2 3	AND LONGITUDE 24 Hour System Conversion of UTC to Local and Vice Versa Sunrise and sunset	 Convert UTC to local time & vice versa. Determine local time of sunrise/sunset. Explain how to use the software to determine position and
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Use of Aeronautical Charts Measurement of Track and Distance Map Reading Ground Speed Checks and E.T.A. Revisions Variation True Track/Magnetic Track True/Magnetic/ Headings True Airspeed/Ground Speed (TAS, G/S)	 Explain now to use the software to determine position and plot a track. Using simple mental calculations, estimate, crab angles while tracking in a cross wind. Use appropriate average winds and airspeeds for navigation. Explain the difference between track and heading. Explain the difference between true and magnetic heading. Describe location and activities referring to appropriate aeronautical charts and aeronautical reference points. Identify the class of airspace and proximity of aerodromes to the operating location using aeronautical charts. Verify that the map loaded in the control station uses the same reference as the mission plan, aircraft navigation system and tracking antenna if applicable. Describe the possible problems if a visual observer is not correctly oriented.
TRIA 1 2 3	NGLE OF VELOCITIES True Airspeed and Heading Wind Velocity Ground Speed and Track	Given wind speed and air speed, estimate ground speed and distance covered.

 PRE-FLIGHT PREPARATION Factors Affecting Choice of Route Navigation Plan NOTAM Fuel Requirements Weight and Balance Use of Canada Flight Supplement Documents to be available at the GCS Aircraft Serviceability, configuration 	 Describe the factors that will influence your choice of route (built-up areas, restricted airspace, property lines, etc.). Obtain NOTAMS, and interpret them. Identify the NOTAM issuing office and describe the contents of a NOTAM. Demonstrate how to use the CFS to determine type and radius of airspace, frequencies, aerodrome operator contact information, nearest FIC/ATS unit for emergency contact, etc. Determine the contact information for EMS and local authorities. List the documents that must be available at the Ground Control Station. Determine the serviceability of Aircraft. Control Station. RF equipment. Launch and recovery equipment. Software loads and versions. Correct databases (e.g. maps) loaded. Batteries (capacity (i.e due to age), history, charge status).
 RADIO THEORY 1 Characteristics of Low/High and Very & Ultra High Frequency Radio Waves 2 Frequency Bands Used in Navigation and Communication 3 Operational Limitations 	 Explain the characteristics of radio wave propogation. Describe the factors that affect radio reception range. Identify sources of RF interference. Describe how to assess an RF environment. Explain the function of RF spectrum analyzer.

 GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM (GNSS/GPS) 1 Principles of Operation 2 Serviceability Checks 	 Describe how GNSS systems may be enhanced by augmentation systems. Provide an example of how DGPS might be used for landing. Discuss the significance of GPS loss in flight. Describe what can affect GPS performance (number of satellites, weather).
OTHER RADIO AND RADAR AIDS – BASIC PRINCIPLES AND USE 1 Transponder 2 Locator devices	 Describe the function of an ATC RADAR transponder. Describe the function of ADS-B.

METEOROLOGY

SECTION 3: METEOROLOGY

Knowledge Areas	Sample Learning Objectives The pilot operating small UAVs within visual line of sight must be able to:
THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE1Composition and Physical Properties2Vertical Structures3The Standard Atmosphere4Density and Pressure5Mobility6Expansion and Compression	 Describe the physical composition of the atmosphere. Explain the change in weather with expansion of air. Define Standard Atmosphere.
ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE 1 Pressure Measurements 2 Station Pressure 3 Sea Level Pressure 4 Pressure System and their Variations 5 Effects of Temperature 6 Isobars 7 Horizontal Pressure Differences	 Define atmospheric pressure, station pressure, sea level pressure. Explain the atmospheric pressure variation with height. Explain movement of air masses as resulting from high and low pressure systems, convergence, and divergence Relate weather characteristics to pressure systems.
 METEOROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF ALTIMETRY 1 Pressure Altitude 2 Density Altitude 3 Altimeter Settings 	 Assess weather and density altitude for anticipated performance (take-off and launch) and flight envelope limitations. Calculate pressure altitude and density altitude.

TEMPERATURE 1 Temperature Scale – Fahrenheit/ Celsius 2 Heating/Cooling of the Atmosphere – Convection/Advection/ Radiation 3 Horizontal Differences 4 Temperature Variations with Altitude	 Convert temperature between Celsius and Fahrenheit. Explain the mechanisms of atmospheric heating and cooling. Describe the effects that temperature can have when flying near a shoreline.
MOISTURE1Relative Humidity/Dewpoint2Change of State3Sublimation/Condensation4Cloud Formation5Precipitation6Saturated/Dry Adiabatic Lapse Rate	 Explain the effect of moisture and temperature on the formation of clouds, height of cloud base . Calculate the height of cloud base given dewpoint, and temperature. Discuss the significance of cloud base height on potential air traffic.
STABILITY AND INSTABILITY 1 Lapse Rate and Stability 2 Modification of Stability 3 Characteristics of Stable/Unstable Air 4 Surface Heating/Cooling 5 Lifting Processes 6 Subsidence/Convergence	Characterize the effects of stable and unstable air masses (visibility, smoothness, smog layers).
CLOUDS1Classification2Formation and Structure3Types and Recognition4Associated Precipitation and Turbulence	 Identify cloud types and their impact on flying operations. Discuss the significance of observed vertical cloud development.

SURFACE BASED LAYERS1Fog Formation2Fog Types (Including Mist)3Haze/Smoke4Blowing Obstruction to Vision	 Explain how fog is formed. Identify the factors that can dissipate fog.
TURBULENCE1Convection2Mechanical3Orographic4Wind Shear	 Explain the sources of mechanical turbulence. Describe the formation of turbulence around large objects and mountain tops.
WIND 1 Definition 2 Pressure Gradient 3 Deflection Caused by the Earth's Rotation 4 Low Level Winds – Variation in Surface Wind 5 Friction 6 Centrifugal Force 7 Veer/Back 8 Squall/Gusts 9 Diurnal Effects 10 Land/Sea Breezes 11 Katabatic/Anabatic Effects 12 Topographical Effects	 Explain the effect of pressure gradient and coriolis force on the horizontal movement of air. Explain how wind changes in the friction layer. Define wind shear and its effect on turbulence. Explain the formation of land/sea breezes. Use a picture to explain anabatic and katabatic winds.

AIR MASSES	
1 Definition and Characteristics	
2 Formation/Classification	
3 Modification	
4 Factors that Determine Weather	
5 Seasonal/Geographic Effects	
6 Air Masses Affecting North America	
EDONTS AND EDONTAL WEATHED	Discuss the relationship between six measure and exection
1 Structure	 Discuss the relationship between air masses and creation of weather fronte.
	or weather froms.
2 Types 3 Formation	Describe the changes in weather as a front approaches and passes over your logation
A Cross-sections	and passes over your location.
5 Frontogenesis/Frontolysis	
6 Cold Front	
7 Warm Front	
7 Wann From	
AIRCRAFT ICING	Explain how icing is formed and the conditions that cause
1 Formation	it.
2 In-flight – Freezing Rain	 Discuss the impact of having frost on flying surfaces.
3 Hoar Frost	
4 Effect of frost and ice on launch and recovery systems	
IHUNDERSTORMS	• Describe the three stages of thunderstorm development.
1 Requirements for Development	Describe the surface weather characteristics of an
2 Structure/Development	approaching thunderstorm.
3 Types – Air Mass/Frontal	
4 Hazards – Updratts/ Downdratts/Gust Fronts/	
Downbursts/Microbursts/Hail/ Lightning/Antennas	
5 Squall Lines	

 METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PILOTS 1 Flight Information Centres (FIC) 2 Aviation Weather Web Site 3 Pilot's Automatic Telephone Weather Answering Service (PATWAS) 4 Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS) 	 Identify the sources for local weather information.
 AVIATION WEATHER REPORTS 1 Decoding 2 Aviation Routine Weather Report (METAR) 3 Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) 4 Limited Weather Information System (LWIS) 	 Compare reported weather with the SFOC limitations. Demonstrate awareness of coded weather information, and identify methods of decoding. Identify sources of weather reports (websites etc.).
 AVIATION FORECASTS Times Issued and Validity Periods Decoding Graphic Area Forecasts (GFA) Aerodrome Forecasts (TAF) Airman's Meteorological Advisory (AIRMET) Significant In-flight Weather Warning Messages (SIGMET) 	 Compare forecast weather with the SFOC limitations. Assess forecast ceiling, wind, turbulence, precipitation and visibility against operational objectives. Assess forecast vs. control station requirements (e.g. lightning). Assess forecast and density altitude for anticipated performance and flight envelope limitations. Demonstrate awareness and sources for AIRMETs and SIGMETs.

AERONAUTICS - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

SECTION 4: AIRFRAMES, ENGINES AND SYSTEMS

Knowledge Areas	Sample Learning Objectives The pilot operating small UAVs within visual line of sight must be
AIRFRAMES 1 Handling/Care/Securing	 Indicate how manufacturers identify the repairs and work that can be undertaken by the operator vs. what must be addressed by an authorized repair facility (e.g. how to find your applicable OEM guidelines). Describe the importance of identifying propellor damage, surface contamination, wiring damage, structural damage. Identify the parts of an airframe.
ENGINES 1 Two/Four Stroke Cycle 2 Methods of Cooling 3 Effects of Density Altitude/ Humidity 4 Limitations and Operations 5 Instruments and GCS information	 Identify the type of engine (2/4 stroke) or electric motor used on the UAV. Explain the difference between 2 and 4 stroke engines/cycles.
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM 1 Typical Electrical System Components 2 Servo motors	 Describe typical electrical system components. Describe the actions of a servo. Describe the indications of a failed servo.
FUEL SYSTEMS AND FUELS 1 Types – Properties 2 Density/Weight 3 Additives 4 Contamination and Deterioration 5 Grounding/Bonding	 Discuss the importance of Material Safety Data Sheet in understanding fuel hazards. (note : this is comparably relevant to health and safety)
DATA LINKS 1 Frequency bands (licensed and unlicensed) 2 Line-of-Sight	 Describe how to assess the RF environment or conduct and RF sweep. List the parameters of a computer data port.

 3 Antennas and tracking systems 4 Interference 5 Data protocols and data rates 	 Discuss the importance of radio line-of-sight. Discuss the importance of GCS antenna placement. Discuss the causes of lost link and methods of recovery.
 BATTERIES Types and hazards Battery parameters (Ah, voltage, charge and discharge rates ("C")) Battery configurations (parallel, series) Charge cycles, storage, and maintenance Discharge curves Transportation of batteries (dangerous goods regulations) 	 Interpret maintenance log history. Describe the variables affecting batteries (capacity e.g. due to age, history, charge status). Assess battery voltages (understand discharge curves) Describe the regulations applicable to taking lithium-ion batteries on board a commercial flight.
AUTOPILOTS1The role of an autopilot2Software version control (GCS and UAV)3Different levels of control (e.g. stabilization vs. waypoint)4Flight termination systems (internal and remote)	 Describe the types of pilot intervention possible during flight. Describe the re-flight preparation related to flight termination systems Discuss the possible consequences of improper software version control.
PAYLOADS 1 sensor types (EO, IR, RF, atmosphericinfinite list)	Define what comprises the payload vs. the rest of the system.
 ELECTRIC MOTORS (propulsion) 1 Types of motors (brush, brushless, inrunner, outrunner) 2 Speed controllers 	Describe the characteristics of different motor types.
 LAUNCH AND RECOVERY SYSTEMS 1 Types of launchers 2 Types of recovery systems 3 Safety areas and templates for launch and recovery 	 Identify the different danger areas of a safety template.
MAINTENANCE AND RECORD KEEPING 1 Technical Log Requirements	List the pilot`s requirements for record-keeping

SECTION 5: THEORY OF FLIGHT

Knowledge Areas	Sample Learning Objectives
	to:
PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT 1 Bernoulli's Principle 2 Newton's Laws	Describe how lift is produced.
 FORCES ACTING ON AN AEROPLANE Lift Drag– Induced/Parasite/Profile Relationship of Lift and Drag to Angle of Attack Thrust Weight Equilibrium Centre of Pressure (C of P) Centrifugal/Centripetal Forces Forces Acting on an Aircraft during Manoeuvres 	 Identify the 4 forces acting on an aeroplane in flight. Describe how the 4 forces are balanced during manoeuvres and steady flight.
 AEROFOILS 1 Pressure Distribution about an Aerofoil 2 Relative Airflow and Angle of Attack 3 Downwash 4 Wing Tip Vortices 5 Angle of Incidence 	 Describe wingtip vorticies. Define angle of attack, incidence, chord, etc. Explain how lift is controlled.
 PROPELLERS 1 Propeller Efficiency at Various Speeds 2 Propellor Handling/Care 	 Describe how different propeller pitches affect aircraft performance.
DESIGN OF THE WING	Describe how the design of the wing affects performance and

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Wing Planform Area/Span/Chord Aspect Ratio Camber Dihedral/Anhedral Spoilers Flaps Winglets		control response.
ROT	DR DESIGN	•	Describe how lift is created with a rotary wing (powered and
1	Number / Speed of Blades		autorotation).
2	Rotor Blade Vortices	•	Describe how multiple rotors can be used for stability and control.
3	Limitations to Forward Speed and Vibrations		
4	Autorotations		
5	Tail Rotor		
LOA	D FACTOR	•	Describe what can affect the load factor on an aircraft.
1	Centrifugal Force/Weight	•	Explain that aircraft have structural limitations.
2	Load Factor – Turns	•	State that increasing the load factor produces a requirement for
3	Relationship of Load Factor to Stalling Speed (fixed		increased lift, thus producing increased drag.
	wing)		
4	Structural Limitations		
5	Gust Loads		
STAE	BILITY	•	Explain how the centre of gravity affects longitudinal stability.
1	Longitudinal, Lateral, Directional Stability		
2	Inherent Stability		
3	Methods of Achieving Stability, Effect of C of G		
	Position		
AERO	OPLANE FLIGHT CONTROLS	•	Explain the function of trim.
1	Aeroplane Axes and Planes of Movement	•	Describe the function of different control surfaces.
2	Functions of Controls	•	Explain how variations in airspeed change the effect of control

3	Relationship Between Effects of Yaw and Roll		surface deflection.
4	Adverse Yaw/Aileron Drag		
5	Trim		
HELI		•	Describe now lift is controlled.
1		•	Describe the function of the tail rotor, counter-rotating rotors.
2			
3	I all Rotor		
4	Alds to Stability		
AIRC	RAFT COMPONENTS	•	Identify the main/common components of rotary wing and fixed
1	Rotor	•	wing aircraft
2	Landing skid		
3	Engine		
4	Tail rotor		
5	Tail boom		
6	Stabilizer/elevator		
HELI	COPTER AERODYNAMICS	•	Describe lift and collective control.
1	Four Basic Forces	•	Describe the dangers of recirculating flow through a rotor.
2	Blade Design	•	Explain the hazard of loose surface cover when in ground effect.
3	Pressure Distribution about an Aerofoil		,
4	Rotor Systems (Main/Tail)		
5	Translational Lift/Flight		
6	Transitions		
7	Tail Rotor Drift/Roll		
8	Theory of Autorotation and Flare		
9	Reverse Flow		
10	Blade Stall		
11	Over Pitching		
12	Settling with Power		
13	Recirculation		
14	Vortex Ring State		

15 Ground Effect	
MULTI-ROTOR COPTOR DYNAMICS	 Describe how flight is controlled in a multi-rotor helicopter.
AIRSHIPS	 State the advantages/disadvantages of airships.
 RECOVERY SYSTEMS 1 parachute, deep stall, arresting system/hook, normal landing 	 Explain the different methods employed to recover unmanned aircraft.

SECTION 6: FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS

Knowledge Areas	Sample Learning Objectives The pilot operating small UAVs within visual line of sight must be able
	to:
PITOT STATIC SYSTEM	Describe a pitot-static system and the uses of the data.
1 Pitot	Verify air data and inertial sensors.
2 Static	
3 Anti-Icing	
AIRSPEED INDICATOR	Explain the errors that occur with a blocked/faulty pitot-static
1 Principles of Operation	system.
2 Errors/Malfunctions	Explain the principles of operation of an Airspeed Indicator.
3 Definitions - IAS/CAS/TAS	
ALTIMETER	Explain the principles of operation of an Altimeter.
1 Principles of Operation	
2 Errors/Malfunctions	
MAGNETIC COMPASS	Explain the difference between magnetic and true north.
1 Principles of Operation	Explain what can affect compass operation and reliability.
2 Variation	
3 Factors Adversely Affecting Compass Operation	
4 Deviation	
HEADING INDICATOR	Determine aircraft heading.
1 Markings	
ATTITUDE INDICATOR	Determine aircraft attitude.
1 Markings	

INSTRUMENT FLYING 1 Instrument Scan/Interpretation	 Interpret aircraft attitude/heading using instrument displays.
 CONTROL STATION (CS) AND SIMULATION File management 	 Explain that different configurations may require changes in software/database. Describe the main aspects of configuration management of the CS computer (operating system, software version). Explain the importance of pre-flight diagnostics and tests. Explain how simulation can be used to verify the flight plan and map data.

SECTION 7: FLIGHT OPERATIONS

Knowledge Areas	Sample Learning Objectives	
	The pilot operating small UAVs within visual line of sight must be able	
	to:	
 GENERAL Pilot-In-Command Responsibilities Aircraft Defects Winter Operations Thunderstorm Avoidance Mountain Flying Operations Wildlife Hazards Wildlife Conservation Collision Avoidance – Use of Lights Runway Numbering Aerodrome Operations (Procedures for the Prevention of Runway Incursions and conflicts) Taxiing, Hover taxi Radio/Electronic Interference, Portable Electronic Devices 	 Describe the hazards that can occur in different geographic or topographical areas. Describe the normal flow of manned aircraft traffic at an aerodrome (circuit, taxiing, etc.). Explain how local and portable devices might be controlled to reduce interference. 	
 AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE Lift/Drag Ratio Effects of Density Altitude/ Humidity Best Angle of Climb (V_x) Best Rate of Climb (V_y) Cruising SpeedMaximum Normal Operating Speed (V_{no}) Never Exceed Speed (V_{ne}) Flying for Range Flying for Endurance Stalls Spins 	 Explain the importance of lift/drag ratio on climb and glide performance. Describe the effect of density altitude on launch and climb performance. Describe situations where best angle of climb and best rate of climb should be used. Describe how speed affects range and endurance. Describe the effect of airspeed on radius of turn. Explain the need for an operating margin above stall speed (turbulence and turns). Determine parachute recovery drift distance based on altitude 	

11 12 13 14	Bank/Speed vs Rate/Radius of Turn Use of Aircraft Flight Manual Parachute Recovery performance Deep Stall Recovery performance		and wind.
PERF	ORMANCE CHARTS/DATA	•	Describe the effect of temperature on bungee cord launchers.
1	Launcher Charts	•	Identify cross-wind limits.
2	Cross-wind Limits	•	Explain the relationship between climb height and remaining
3	Factors affecting Performance (battery, wind, speeds, climb power, etc)	•	power/fuel. Explain how runway surface affects takeoff performance
4	(V) Speeds $-V_a$, V_{no} , V_{ne} , V_s , V_x , V_y		
5	Factors affecting Launcher Performance (Ice, Temperature)		
6	Effect of Various Runway Surfaces on Take-off and		
	Landing Run		
7	Hover ceiling, in and out of Ground Effect		
WEIG			Describe methods of determining Centre of Gravity
	Terms – e.g. Datum/Arm/ Moment		Describe how to return a C of G to within limits
2	Locating CG	•	Describe now to return a C or C to within himits.
3	CG Limits		
4	Weights – e.g. Empty/Gross		
5	Load Adjustment		
AIRC	RAFT CRITICAL SURFACE CONTAMINATION	•	Recognize weather conditions that can cause surface
1	Effects of Aircraft Critical Surface Contamination on		contamination.
2	Types of Contaminants (water frost snow	•	Describe the effects of surface contamination on airfolis
2	condensation, duct tape)		
EXTE	RNAL LOADS	•	Describe the effect of slung loads on stability.
1	Effect on stability and performance		
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH			List the safety equipment necessary for the operation (fire

 Equipment Weather Communications Operating Area People 	• • • •	extinguisher, first aid, etc.). Assess weather threats vs. ground station operations. Identify and evaluate access routes Assess public access and determine crowd control requirements List typical emergency contacts appropriate to flying site (flyaways, EMS etc.) Identify legal site access issues (landowner permission). List typical personal safety equipment. Describe the hazards of launchers and recovery systems.
 UAV VLOS OPERATIONS 1 Fueling areas, charging 2 Launch Points, Recovered 3 Obstacles 4 Emergency Procedure 5 Responsibilities 6 Communications 7 Post Flight Actions 	g areas ery Points s	Identify typical functional areas in a VLOS site (e.g. launch, observer) Identify desirable characteristics of alternate recovery areas Identify the requirements of visual observer locations List the typical items is a crew briefing Orientation (north etc) Who is doing what Mission objectives and plan Operational timeline Aircraft performance limitations (density altitude, temperature etc) Emergency procedures Airspace conflicts and avoidance maneuvers (manual or pre-programmed) Flyaways Public interference procedure Recovery area Communicate procedures with any clients, public etc. at the operation Identify the Ground Supervisor Safe areas Expectations of what the crew will observe EM (cell phone) restrictions

 "clean cockpit" (a.g. no interferences or distraction with
the crew)
 Bolos and responsibilitios if a client is interacting with
the pilot or crow
Check for all arow and hyperonders in acts position (are takenff)
• Check for all crew and bystanders in safe position (pre-takeoff)
 Communicate who has control and direction of crew
 Describe the launch sequence when using a launcher
 Describe the launch sequence when hand launching.
 Describe the take-off sequence when ground launching.
 Identify the typical communications that take place during VLOS
operations taking off from the ground
 Communicate countdown and take-off command
 Emergency abort communications (e.g. radio silence)
 Communicate any transfer of control immediately after
takeoff (e.g. manual to computer control)
 Communicate abort in the event of any abnormal flight
behavior or equipment behavior
 Communicate status of takeoff to the crew
 Pass all air traffic contact to flight crew
 Communicate aircraft progress and expected
manoeuvers (pilot to crew members)
 Communicate visual contact status and visual handoffs
(crew to crew and crew to pilot)
 Communicate with clients who have a role in directing
the flight
Describe Emergency procedures
• Airspace conflicts and avoidance maneuvers (manual or
pre-programmed)
 System faults (GPS etc.)
\circ Lost link
\circ Elvaways
\circ Abnormal behaviours (evaluate respond troubleshoot)
e.g. Is it a downdraft or a command anomaly or a

 mechanical failure? Public interference Operate according to checklists Other procedures per SOPs and system manual (need to teach appreciation of the problem and some examples) List recommended post-flight actions. Download data (post-flight) Check for damage Clean and dry as needed Remove excess fuel (as applicable) Remove batteries (as applicable) Record information to data logs Disassemble and pack per system manual Aircraft GCS Launcher Landing system

SECTION 8: HUMAN FACTORS

Knowledge Areas	Sample Learning Objectives The pilot operating small UAVs within visual line of sight must be able to:
 AVIATION PHYSIOLOGY 1 Vision/Visual Scanning Techniques 2 Hearing 3 Orientation/Disorientation (Including VisualPerspective/Parallax Illusions) 4 Body Rhythms/Jet Lag 5 Sleep/Fatigue 6 Anaesthetics 	 Describe good scanning techniques (visual, audio) for visual observers (conflicting aircraft). Describe "Perspective Illusion" when looking at distant aircraft. Describe factors that affect alertness.
 THE PILOT AND THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT 1 Medications (Prescribed and Over-the-counter) 2 Substance Abuse (Alcohol/ Drugs) 3 Heat/Cold 4 Noise 5 Toxic Hazards (Including Carbon Monoxide – GCS vehicle) 	 Describe the effects of a hangover on pilot performance. Describe the effects of exposure to cold and excessive heat on pilot performance. Describe the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.
 AVIATION PSYCHOLOGY 1 Factors That Influence Decision-Making 2 Situational Awareness 3 Stress 4 Managing Risk 5 Attitudes 6 Workload – Attention and Information Processing 	 List factors that interfere with effective decision-making. List the factors that affect situational awareness. Describe how a given operational risk might be managed.
PILOT – EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS RELATIONSHIP	 Explain the benefits of Standard Operating Procedures and

1 2 3 4	Controls and Displays – Errors in Interpretation and Control Standard Operating Procedures – Rationale/Benefits Correct Use of Check-lists and Manuals Automation and complacency	 Lessons Learned. Explain how to manage an interruption to a checklist.
INTE 1 2 3	RPERSONAL RELATIONS Communications with Flight Crew/Maintenance Personnel/Air Traffic Services/Passengers Operating Pressures – Family Relationships/Peer Group Operating Pressures – Employer	 Resolve differences peacefully. Promote open communications. Place safety requirements over hierarchy/position in organization/politics.

RADIOTELEPHONY

Knowledge Areas	Sample Learning Objectives
	The small UAV pilot operating Visual Line of Sight must be able to:
 AERONAUTICAL RADIO-TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS Operator's Certificate (Aeronautical) - (ROC-A course) Terminology Common frequencies Emergencies 	 Interpret aeronautical radiocommunication (position, phase of flight) Communicate using standard radio terminology. Give an example of a routine blind broadcast. List the contents of a routine call to ATC . Give an example of an emergency (flyaway) broadcast.
GROUND CREWMEMBER RADIOS 1 Terminology 2 Reception performance	 Give an example of an advisory describing a possible aircraft conflict. Describe factors affecting radio reception range.

ENQUIRIES

Information concerning the operation of small UAVs and pilot certification may be obtained by contacting the appropriate Regional Offices. A complete listing may be found at: <u>http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/regions-air.htm</u>.

RECOMMENDED STUDY MATERIAL

- Transport Canada Staff Instruction SI 623-001 The Review and Processing of an Application for a Special Flight Operations Certificate for the Operation of an Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) System
- Air Command Weather Manual (TP 9352)
- Human Factors for Aviation Basic Handbook (TP 12863), and Advanced Handbook (TP 12864)
- Transport Canada Aeronautical Information Manual (TC AIM) (TP14371)
 <u>http://www.tc.gc.ca/civilaviation/publications/tp14371/menu.htm</u>
- Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs)
 <u>http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-96-433/index.html</u>
- VFR Navigation Charts (VNC)/VFR Terminal Area Charts (VTA)
- Canada Flight Supplement

Transport Canada publications (TP) may be purchased from retailers, or at the following web site: <u>http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/publications/menu.htm</u>

The Study Guide For The Radiotelephone Operator's Restricted Certificate - Aeronautical (RIC-21) is available free of charge from district offices of Industry Canada - Examinations and Radio Licensing (<u>http://www.strategis.gc.ca</u>).

Information on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods is available from Transport Canada. <u>http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/safety-menu.htm</u>

The Canada Labour Code is available from Justice Canada (http://lawslois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/L-2/

Information on text books and other publications produced by commercial publishers can be obtained through local flying training organization, bookstores and similar sources.

Publications used in pilot training in the United States are available through the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (<u>http://www.access.gpo.gov/index.html</u>).