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DESCENT OF PERSONS BY PARACHUTE - RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS

Rule 7 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Rules of the Air) Order, 2004 (S.I. 72 of 2004) states as follows:

“7. Descent of Persons by Parachute

(1) A person shall not, except in case of emergency, descend by means of a parachute from an aircraft unless with the permission of the appropriate authority.

(2) A person shall not, except in the case of emergency, descend by means of a parachute from an aircraft flying within the State, unless the descent is made in accordance with a permission given by the Authority or by an organisation authorised by the Authority to issue such a permission and subject to any conditions or limitations contained in such authorisation or permission, whether given by the Authority or by an authorised organisation.”

An individual may hold a qualification to carry out a parachute, however, the Irish Aviation Authority wishes to emphasise that such parachute qualifications do not constitute a parachute permission as set out in Rule 7 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Rules of the Air) Order, 2004.

For an individual to be able to exercise a parachute qualification, the descent by parachute will need to be carried out in accordance with a parachute permission given by the Irish Aviation Authority or an organisation authorised by it to issue such a permission. Additionally, any limitations or conditions imposed by the issuing body, such as recency requirements, will have to be complied with.

Currently, the Irish Aviation Authority recognises parachute qualifications issued by the Parachute Association of Ireland and the British Parachute Association. The Irish Aviation Authority may review this position from time to time and any change arising from the outcome of a review will be published on the IAA website (www.iaa.ie).

Persons or organisations who hold a parachute qualification issued by an entity other than those specified in this Aeronautical Notice may apply to the Irish Aviation Authority for recognition of such qualifications provided that an equivalent level of safety and compliance can be demonstrated.



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