



CHANGE TO PROCEDURES REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF UNCERTIFIED WINGS

The FSC are pleased to announce that the requirements with respect to glider airworthiness have been updated as of 1st May 2014.

Previously any wing that was not covered by an acceptable certificate of Airworthiness for Type had to be entered onto the BHPA 'Register of Owners of Uncertified Wings', and any pilot wishing to fly such a wing (unpowered) was required to hold a 'Development Gliders Endorsement'.

Under the new system, both the 'Register of Owners of Uncertified Wings' and the 'Development Gliders Endorsement' are replaced by the 'Pilot's Declaration: Uncertified Wings'. This declaration allows the pilot to confirm that he understands the risks involved in flying uncertified wings and absolves the BHPA and its officers from the consequences. (The pilot's third party insurance cover remains in place, as it previously did under the old system.)

The FSC is confident that, with the advent of forums and websites, the effort of keeping a register of the owners of uncertified wings for communication purposes is no longer justified. And is confident that the small number of pilots who do choose to fly uncertified wings will appreciate this simplification.

- Pilots who currently hold a 'Development Gliders Endorsement' (and so have already signed a 'declaration') will be automatically swapped onto the new 'Pilot's Declaration: Uncertified Wings' system, and need take no action.
- PPG and SDR pilots who currently have a wing entered in the Register of Owners of Uncertified Wings will be sent the Pilot's Declaration: Uncertified Wings form to complete and return. Once this is returned, they will be entered into the new scheme without charge for the remainder of their membership year.

For all new applicants the 'Pilot's Declaration: Uncertified Wings' involves payment of a £10 initial registration fee, and requires the pilot to indicate at annual membership renewal that the declaration is to continue in place.

The new 'Pilot's Declaration: Uncertified Wings' form is on the BHPA website, and can be found here:
www.bhpa.co.uk/documents/members/forms/