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61.955 Privileges of night VFR ratings

Subject to Subpart 61.E and regulations 61.960 to 61.970, the holder of a pilot licence and a night VFR rating is authorised to pilot an aircraft at night under the VFR other than in:

(a) an operation using a night vision imaging system; or

(b) a night aerial application operation below 500 ft AGL.

Note: Subpart 61.E sets out certain limitations that apply to all pilot licences, and ratings and endorsements on pilot licences.

61.960 Limitations on exercise of privileges of night VFR ratings—endorsements

The holder of a night VFR rating is authorised to conduct an activity mentioned in column 2 of an item in table 61.980 only if the holder also holds the endorsement mentioned in column 1 of the item.

61.965 Limitations on exercise of privileges of night VFR ratings—recent experience

The holder of a night VFR rating is authorised to exercise the privileges of the rating in an aircraft of a particular category only if the holder has, within the previous 6 months:

(a) conducted:

(i) at least one night take-off; and

(ii) at least one night landing;

in an aircraft of that category while controlling the aircraft; or

(b) been assessed as competent to conduct a flight at night in an aircraft of that category by a flight instructor who holds a night VFR training endorsement.

Note: See also regulation 61.395 for recent experience requirements for certain flight activities involving the carriage of passengers.

61.970 Limitations on exercise of privileges of night VFR ratings—flight review

(1) The holder of a night VFR rating is authorised to pilot an aircraft of a particular category, other than a multi-engine aeroplane, at night under the VFR only if:

(a) the holder has successfully completed a flight review for the rating in an aircraft of the same category or an approved flight simulator for the flight review within the previous 24 months; or