

UK Drone Regulations Matrix for the Open Category

Requirements	A1 Under 250g	A1 Under 500g	A1 C1 Class up to 900g	A2 Up to 2kg (Non C2 class)	A2 Up to 4kg (C class)	A3 Up to 25kg
Minimum separation distance from people	N/A	0	0	50m	30m (or 5m in low speed mode)	50m
Maximum height	400ft (120m)	400ft (120m)	400ft (120m)	400ft (120m)	400ft (120m)	400ft (120m)
Overflight of uninvolved persons	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Overflight of Crowds	No	No	No	No	No	No
Distance from Crowds	N/A	N/A	N/A	50m	30m	150m
Not within 5km of an airport or aerodrome boundary in compliance with their existing boundary/approaches	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unmanned aircraft in operator's Visual Line of Sight at all times	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maximum distance from operator	500m (VLOS)	500m (VLOS)	500m (VLOS)	500m (VLOS)	500m (VLOS)	500m (VLOS)
Operator ID	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flyer ID	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A2 Certificate of Competency	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Site specific risk assessment	No	No	No	No	No	No
insurance compliant to EC 785/2004	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

This matrix provides an overview of the key regulations and restrictions for each drone sub category within the Open Category, as of 31st Dec 2020. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure they are acting within the requirements of their category. The regulatory body governing drone usage in the UK is the CAA.

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