OPMF06 – Recognised Foreign Pilot Qualifications

A Visiting Pilot Membership Certificate entitles the visitor member to fly in NZ for 4 months unsupervised and exercise the privileges of their foreign licence.

To fly in NZ for longer than 4 months pilots must get a full membership and have their license converted using OPMF40 Overseas Rating Equivalency form.

All applicants for visiting pilot memberships or license conversions must complete a visual flight rules examination and provide exam cert with their application.

Licenses must be provided with English Translation.

Overseas Equivalencies Accepted	
Country	Qualification
International	Parapro or Safe Pro 3 or above, with no supervision requirements.
IPPI	
Australia	Intermediate or above
USA	H3 or P3.
Canada	Intermediate P2
Great Britain	Club Pilot
Switzerland	Pilot
Germany	A Licence
France	Brevet Pilot
Austria	Sonderpilotenschein or Grundberechtigung

Others may be accepted after checking the standards of the country that issued it. If your country is not on the list, the easiest option is to get an IPPI card from your own country before arriving to New Zealand. Processing times may take a couple of weeks so don't leave it to the last minute.

Restrictions

(a) A visiting pilot member is restricted to exercising no more than the privileges allowed under their overseas pilot rating.

(b) Instructor and commercial tandem privileges are not permitted for Visiting Pilot member Certificates. These must be applied for using <u>OPMF40 Overseas Rating Equivalency</u>.

(c) When the applicant has previously been declined Fit and Proper Person status or has had the status revoked, or in situations where their Fit and Proper Person status is questionable, their application for a Visiting pilot membership certificate must be submitted directly to the NZHGPA Chief Executive for consideration.

(d) The visiting pilot must agree to comply with all applicable CAR's, NZHGPA rules and other local club and site rules. It is the pilot's responsibility to obtain an adequate briefing from an instructor or club pilot familiar with the location before they fly.

Validity

(a) A Visiting Pilot membership is valid for four months from the date of issue and may only be applied for once in any membership year unless written dispensation is granted by the Chief Executive.

(b) To obtain and/or retain a Visiting Pilot member Certificate of the NZHGPA, the visitor member must hold current membership of the overseas organisation that issued their pilot qualifications.(c) IPPI cards are only valid when together with a current national license or rating card.