

SUGGESTED TOW-PILOT QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) An experienced glider tow plane pilot is a pilot having not fewer than 100 hours flight time as pilot-in-command on aeroplanes, including not fewer than 100 glider tow flights.
- 2) No person should act as the pilot-in-command of an aircraft towing gliders unless one of the following requirements is met or exceeded:
 - (a) If a tow plane pilot holds a Glider Pilot License and has performed a minimum of five training tow flights under in-flight supervision by an experienced glider tow plane pilot, they should:
 - i. hold a pilot license or permit valid for aeroplanes,
 - ii. have acquired not fewer than 45 hours pilot-in-command flight time in aeroplanes,
 - iii. have not fewer than 5 hours pilot-in-command flight time on the tow plane type.
 - iv. have a logbook entry certified by an experienced tow pilot including "skill level and experience satisfactory for towing gliders".
 - v. be thoroughly familiar with the operating limitations of the glider being towed and with necessary emergency procedures.
 - (b) If the tow plane pilot is not the holder of a Glider Pilot License but has performed a minimum of five training tow flights under in-flight supervision by an experienced glider tow pilot, they should:
 - i. hold a pilot license or permit valid for aeroplanes,
 - ii. have acquired not fewer than 65 hours as pilot-in-command flight time in aeroplanes.
 - iii. have not fewer than five hours pilot-in-command flight time on the tow plane type.
 - iv. have a logbook entry certified by an experienced tow pilot including "skill level and experience satisfactory for towing gliders".
 - v. be thoroughly familiar with the operating limitations of the glider being towed and with necessary emergency procedures.
 - (c) If the tow plane pilot has not performed five training tow flights under in-flight supervision by an experienced tow plane pilot and does not hold a Glider Pilot License, they should:
 - i. hold at least a Private License valid for aeroplanes,
 - ii. have acquired not fewer than 100 hours pilot-in-command flight time experience, of which 25 hours may have been acquired in gliders, and
 - iii. be thoroughly familiar with the operating limitations of the glider being towed and, with necessary emergency procedures.

Notes:

These are intended as minimum requirements for safety and insurance purposes. Club requirements may be higher.