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# News Release

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## CAA TO ENSURE RADIO OPERATORS SUITABLY QUALIFIED

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said today it planned to increase its oversight of aeronautical radio operators in the UK. The safety regulator said it intends to make the Radio Operators Certificate of Competence (ROCC) mandatory for anyone who provides a radio service to aircraft within the UK. The proposals have been put out to consultation.

The CAA said it proposed to amend the Air Navigation Order to make the ROCC a mandatory scheme with a legal requirement for aeronautical radio operators to be appropriately qualified.

The CAA said it had recently conducted a review of the ROCC scheme which had revealed a need to update the qualification, as well as to provide legal clarity to the legislation that underpins it.

The proposed amendment to the ANO states that a person must hold an ROCC in order to provide:

- an air/ground communications service;
- a service to give information to pilots of aircraft flying to or from offshore oil and gas installations and vessels and for other aircraft operating in the vicinity of these aircraft;
- a service to give information to pilots of aircraft flying for the purpose of the dropping of persons by parachute and to persons which have been dropped by parachute.


The consultation document is available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/2159/20110726ROCCProposedANOAmendments.pdf> and comments should be sent to [ats.documents@caa.co.uk](mailto:ats.documents@caa.co.uk). The consultation will close on 14 October 2011.

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