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The two parachute Part 149 organisations are the New Zealand Parachute Industry Association (NZPIA) and the New Zealand Parachute Organisation (NZPO).

“Operators need to ensure that employees are appropriately qualified and trained,” says Mac, “and that any equipment is appropriate to the task and properly maintained; and that key people are fit and proper to undertake their responsibilities.

“This applies whether you are running the operations yourself, or your helicopters are being leased to run the flights on behalf of a parachuting company.”

If you are looking at starting, or have been approached in relation to these operations, don't forget the CAA is here to help. If you have any doubts or questions, get in touch with the Flight Operations Adventure Aviation team, tel: 04 560 9457, or email Mac.Mccarthy@caa.govt.nz, or Mark.Houston@caa.govt.nz if it is about jump pilot ratings.

The Civil Aviation Rules are available on our web site, www.caa.govt.nz, under “Rules”. ■

BFR – Are You Current?

A Biennial Flight Review (BFR) is a flight review every two years. It gives you the chance to maintain and improve your skills.

During a BFR, the instructor reviews your current level of knowledge and proficiency. It is not a test where you have only one opportunity to pass. If you're not up to scratch, you'll get a chance to practise until you are.

The BFR is also an opportunity for you to confirm with your instructor that you are up-to-date with any changes to airspace and rules that may have been introduced since your last BFR.

Roger Shepherd, CAA Investigating Officer ARCs, says, “As a pilot, you should be aware of when your BFR is due and make sure you complete it on time. Your instructor will send the paperwork to the CAA after the successful completion of your BFR.”

“Don't leave it until the last minute,” he advises. “The review may take a number of flights. The rules allow you to complete your BFR 60 days before it is due to expire and it is deemed to have been completed on the required date.”

You must complete the BFR to be able to continue to use the privileges of your licence, unless exempted by one of the conditions in rule 61.39(b). If your BFR has expired, you can fly only as a student pilot (solo and under supervision).

The CAA has produced a free bookmark that slots into the pilot logbook. This bookmark has a space to note down your BFR renewal date – email info@caa.govt.nz for one.

Also, brush up on the techniques required for the BFR by referring to the *Flight Test Standards Guides*, available on the CAA web site, www.caa.govt.nz, “Pilots”.

More Information

Rule 61.39 *Biennial flight review*, available on the CAA web site, “Rules”.

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