

Flying your models in France - What you must know

This year a new regulation is applicable and this impacts model aircraft for leisure. All model flyers shall comply with this regulation, not only French nationals but also foreign visitors. This note resumes what you have to do, 2 steps :



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1/ Training certificate: All pilots must have a valid training certificate before flying a model weighing more than 800gr. This certificate is delivered by DGAC (French Civil Aviation Authority) it is free. To get this certificate, you have to go on the portal <https://fox-alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/en/> and follow the four on-line training modules. When you are ready, you can start the test by answering to several questionnaires. If you fail, you are invited to perform the test again. Trials number is unlimited and you get your certificate only once you achieve 100% of good answers. **Print your certificate and take it with you wherever you fly.**



2/ Models registration: All models weighting more than 800 g at take-off shall be registered at DGAC. The registration portal is : <https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/>

To register (it is free) a model you have to go through the following steps:

1- List of predefined models: For a model plane or glider (not a drone) select "Other" at top of list.

2-Type of aircraft: A list of model types is proposed. We recommend you select "motorized fixed wing" for an motorglider.

3-Manufacturer/Model name/Serial Number/Mass range: Just follow information ("i" button).

4-Equipment: You will be asked to mention if your model is fitted with an image sensor (camera) or an autopilot. You will notice that these features of equipment are those proposed by Finesse Plus to differentiate conventional model aircraft from drones. More info : [Model Aircraft vs Drones Differentiation](#)

Once your model registered, you get a registration certificate with the model identification: UAS-FR-XXXXXX and labelling your model by sticking a printed label or by simply writing it with an indelible felt pen. Inscription must be outside of the model (for a scale model, the label may be inside) legible at a minimum distance of 30 cm.

And now, where to fly ?

If you do not plan to fly at a registered flight site of a model club, then you have to check if the area where you intend to fly is allowed and if specific height limits are applicable. This can be done by looking at the website : <https://www.geoportail.gouv.fr/donnees/restrictions-pour-drones-de-loisir>.

This notice summarizes the regulations applicable to tourists. Visit the FinessePlus website for more information : <https://finesseplus.org/>

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