

Flying your models in France - What you must know

A new regulation is applicable to model aircraft flying for leisure. This note summarises what you have to do to comply. For more information visit www.finesseplus.org



1/ Training certificate: All pilots must have a valid training certificate before flying a model weighing more than 800gr. It is free :

<https://fox-alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/en>

Print your certificate and take it with you wherever you fly.



2/ Models registration: Models weighting more than 800 g at take-off shall be registered (it is free):

<https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/login.jsp>

To register a model you have to go through the following steps:

- 1-List of predefined models: for a model plane or glider, select "Other" at top of list.
- 2-Type of aircraft: Select "motorized fixed wing" for a powered glider.
- 3-Manufacturer/Model/ Serial Number/Mass range: Follow information.
- 4-Equipment: You will be asked to mention if your model **is fitted with an image sensor (camera) or an autopilot. Look at information before clicking options.**

You get a registration certificate with the model identification.

Apply it on your model or inside fuselage (scale model) by sticking a printed label or by simply writing it with an indelible felt pen with minimum character size 5mm.

And now, where to fly ?

If you do not plan to fly at a model club, 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 Geoportail website :

<https://www.geoportail.gouv.fr/donnees/restrictions-pour-drones-de-loisir>

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