

**Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka**  
**INFORMATION PAMPHLET**  
**PROCEDURE FOR**  
**Operation of Pilotless Aircraft**  
**(Unmanned Aerial Vehicles / Remotely Piloted Aircraft/ Drones /**  
**Quadcopters etc.)**



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➤ **Applicable Fee- Permission to Regular operations more than 30 days within the calendar year**

a. Evaluation an application for Issuance of Approval

Nominal code 82480 Income code 14-F (iii) a	Fee	25,000
	NBT	510
	VAT	2806
	<u>Stamp</u>	<u>25</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,341</b>

b. Grant of Certificate/ Authorization -Initial Issue

Nominal code 82481 Income code 14-F (iii) b	Fee	2,500
	NBT	51
	VAT	281
	<u>Stamp</u>	<u>250</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,082</b>

***Permission to Regular operations more than 30 days within the calendar year  
(Evaluation + Authorization)***

<b>28,341</b>
<b><u>3082</u></b>
<b><u>Total 31,423</u></b>

➤ **Applicable Fee- Permission to operate per event**

a. Evaluation an application for Issuance of Approval

Nominal code 82470 Income code 14-F (i) a	Fee	3,000
	NBT	61
	VAT	337
	<u>Total</u>	<u>3,398</u>

b. Grant of Certificate/ Authorization -Initial Issue

Nominal code 82471 Income code 14-F (i) b	Fee	300
	NBT	6
	VAT	34
	Stamp	30
	<u>Total</u>	<u>370</u>

<b>Permission to operate per event</b>	<b>3,398</b>
<b>(Evaluation + Authorization)</b>	<b><u>370</u></b>
	<b><u>Total 3,768</u></b>

➤ **Applicable Fee- Permission to Regular operations up to 30 days**

a. Evaluation an application for Issuance of Approval

Nominal code 82475 Income code 14-F (ii) a	Fee	10,000
	NBT	204
	VAT	1122
	<u>Total</u>	<u>11,326</u>

b. Grant of Certificate/ Authorization -Initial Issue

Nominal code 82476 Income code 14-F (ii) b	Fee	1000
	NBT	20
	VAT	112
	Stamp	100
	<u>Total</u>	<u>1232</u>

<b>Permission to Regular operations up to 30 days</b>	<b>11,326</b>
<b>(Evaluation + Authorization)</b>	<b><u>1232</u></b>
	<b><u>Total 12,558</u></b>

**Instructions to the Applicants:-**

1. Visit our web site [www.caa.lk](http://www.caa.lk) ([http://www.caa.lk/images/stories/pdf/implementing\\_standards/sn053.pdf](http://www.caa.lk/images/stories/pdf/implementing_standards/sn053.pdf)) to refer regulations on Drone operations in Sri Lanka. Pls perceive Implementing Standard 053 titled “Requirements for Operation of Pilotless Aircraft (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Remotely Piloted Aircraft)”.
2. If you are not certain about the procedure please go through information pamphlet & other assistance through the web site.
3. Appropriate Forms & Pamphlet are
  - CAA/AS/017 – Application for Operation of Pilotless Aircraft (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles / Remotely Piloted Aircraft/ Drones / Quadcopters etc.)
  - CAA/AS/017 (i)- Pamphlet\_ Procedure for Operation of Pilotless Aircraft (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles / Remotely Piloted Aircraft/ Drones / Quadcopters etc.)
4. If you wish to operate Drones in Sri Lanka, The operator must have an approval from the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Such an application should reach DGCA’s office in sufficient advance before commencement of the intended operation.

**The minimum notice required to process an application is three working days.**

Application to be submitted with the supportive documents as stated in the application (CAA/AS/017).

*Applications for such permits shall be submitted to the*  
Director General of Civil Aviation  
Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka  
No 04, Hunupitiya Road  
Colombo 02

via Post, by hand, Fax or email.

**Contact information for submission of application for approval & related matters;**

*Air Navigation Services Section - Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka*

Contact person:

- i. Senior Civil Aviation Inspector –  
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5. Pls note that approval of this authority on the payment of applicable fee, after obtaining Security clearance from the Office of the Chief of Defence Staff (OCDS).

The applicant have to obtain OCDS clearance directly.

Contact information for submission of request for OCDS clearance;

**Office of the Chief of Defence Staff**

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