



Recognised entities

Information for pilots

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1. Why are there recognised entities?

In order to be able to operate a drone in the 'specific' category under an EU standard scenario (STS), sound theoretical and practical knowledge is required in terms of pilot training. The pilot must first complete the training and pass an examination for the 'open' category A2. This consists of online training and a subsequent online examination with 70 questions. After passing this theory part, the pilot then has to complete **practical training at a recognised entity**.

2. What is the role of recognised entities?

Recognised entities declare to the FOCA that they wish to offer practical training for one or both of the standard scenarios defined by the EU (STS-01 and STS-02). These entities will then be audited by the FOCA to assess whether the legal requirements are met and that the right aspects are taught.

Once the pilot has completed the practical training, the recognised entity writes a report on the pilot's knowledge and notifies the FOCA whether the pilot has passed the practical part of the test.

3. Who are the recognised entities?

As yet there are no FOCA recognised entities in Switzerland. These will only become relevant when the new EU drone regulation comes into force and the standard procedures are applied. The FOCA plans to publish a list of all recognised bodies from this date. The list can then be downloaded from the website. It should be noted that this will be a dynamic document, the content of which will be updated at regular intervals.

