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BHPA Pilot Exam Revision Summary

The BHPA Pilot rating is an important part of your paragliding progression and it is an expectation that all CP pilots will work towards achieving the experience and level of knowledge to pass the exam. Achieving a pilot rating removes any ambiguity about 3rd party insurance cover and allows you to fly XC with confidence.

This document provides a summary of the requirements to be met and where you can find revision material for the exam.

If you need additional help or have any questions please get in touch with the club coaches (www.dscondors.co.uk/coaching) or ask on the clubs Telegram groups.

Pilot rating requirements

In order to be able to take the exam you must have all the practical pilot tasks signed off by a club coach or instructor. The pilot tasks are:-

https://www.bhpa.co.uk/documents/index.php?doc=Pilot_Tasks.pdf

The exam syllabus and Notes for Candidates can be found here:-

https://www.bhpa.co.uk/pdf/Pilot_Syllabus.pdf

The paper exam is still available but you are strongly advised to opt for the online exam as this has a number of advantages not least being able to retake after only 7 days rather than 4 months if you should happen to fail.

Pilot Exam Revision Material

[The BHPA Pilot Handbook](#) |(4th Edition) available from the BHPA shop this book by a former BHPA technical officer covers most of the syllabus

[The Skyways Code](#) (CAP1535) a free CAA publication primarily aimed at general aviation however it is a useful revision resource for certain topics and in particular the Meteorology and Airspace sections are relevant to free flight



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Human Factors a BHPA document providing revision material for the Human factors section of the exam. The information in this document is not included in any of the other revision aids and it is therefore essential reading for the exam.

Air Charts..... ideally you should purchase air charts to get a better understanding of how they are laid out and the information shown on each of the scales. There are numerous sources of these maps on the internet. You should purchase a 1:500,000 chart and a 1:250,000 chart

Chart legends Legends for both chart scales can be downloaded :- [1:500000](#) & [1:250000](#). There are numerous questions in the exam that will require you to be able to identify these chart symbols and interpret their meaning.

Other resources

There are a number of other resources that have been created to cover the pilot syllabus and aid with revision. Some of these may include out of date references and/or abbreviations so you should ensure that you cross reference with other revision material.

Subject Files

[Flight Levels](#) – A guide for the pilot exam

[Meteorology](#) – Old but still useful

[Flight Theory](#) – Old but still useful

Video Resources

[Flight Theory](#)

[Airlaw](#)

[Derbyshire Soaring Club Collection](#) – covers most of the topics

[James Allcock Collection](#) – Bite sized pilot exam revision