

 Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile	BPL HOT AIR BALLOON	☐ SKILL TEST
	INIT. ISSUE - REVAL. - RENEWAL SKILL TEST - PROF. CHECK	☐ PROFICIENCY CHECK Ref: BFCL.160(a)(2) / BFCL.160(c)
 	CHECK LIST Ref: AMC1 BFCL145 - AMC1 BFCL.160(a)(2)	

A APPLICANT DETAILS					
Applicant last name(s)		Licence type		Licence number	
Applicant first name(s)		ID card nr.		Signature	

BPL		BPL SKILL TEST PROFICIENCY CHECK		
MANOEUVRES / PROCEDURES		PASS	FAIL	N / A
0 SECTION 0 - THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE				
0.1	Theoretical knowledge	☐	☐	☐
Examiner initials				

1 SECTION 1 - PRE-FLIGHT OPERATIONS, INFLATION AND TAKEOFF				
1.1	Pre-flight operations including:			
	• License • Medical certificate • Permits for takeoff • Certificate of insurance			
	• Aeronautical charts • Aircraft Flight Manual • Logbook • Aircraft technical logbook • Checklist	☐	☐	☐
	• Flight planning • Weather briefing • NOTAM			
	1.2 Balloon inspection and servicing	☐	☐	☐
	1.3 Launch site suitability	☐	☐	☐
	1.4 Load calculation	☐	☐	☐
	1.5 Crowd control, crew and passenger briefings	☐	☐	☐
	1.6 Assembly and layout	☐	☐	☐
	1.7 Inflation and pre-takeoff procedures	☐	☐	☐
1.8 Takeoff	☐	☐	☐	
1.9 ATC liaison and R/T procedure compliance (if applicable)	☐	☐	☐	
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2	SECTION 2 - GENERAL AIRWORK			
2.1	Climb to level flight	☐	☐	☐
2.2	Level flight	☐	☐	☐
2.3	Descent to level flight	☐	☐	☐
2.4	Operating at low level	☐	☐	☐
2.5	ATC liaison and R/T procedure compliance (if applicable)	☐	☐	☐
		Examiner initials 		
3	SECTION 3 - EN-ROUTE PROCEDURES			
3.1	Dead reckoning and map reading	☐	☐	☐
3.2	Position and time marking	☐	☐	☐
3.3	Orientation and airspace structure knowledge	☐	☐	☐
3.4	Maintaining altitude	☐	☐	☐
3.5	Fuel management	☐	☐	☐
3.6	Communication with retrieving crew	☐	☐	☐
3.7	ATC liaison and R/T procedure compliance (if applicable)	☐	☐	☐
		Examiner initials 		
4	SECTION 4 - APPROACH AND LANDING PROCEDURES			
4.1	Approach from low level Missed approach Fly on	☐	☐	☐
4.2	Approach from high level Missed approach Fly on	☐	☐	☐
4.3	Pre-landing checks	☐	☐	☐
4.4	Passenger pre-landing briefing	☐	☐	☐
4.5	Landing field selection	☐	☐	☐
4.6	Landing Dragging Deflation	☐	☐	☐
4.7	ATC liaison and R/T procedure compliance (if applicable)	☐	☐	☐
4.8	Post flight actions: • Flight recording • Flight plan closing • Passenger briefing for balloon packing • Landowner contact	☐	☐	☐
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5	SECTION 5 - ABNORMAL AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES >>> Note 1: this Section may be combined with Sections 1 through Sections 4			
5.1	Simulated fire on the ground Simulated fire in the air	☐	☐	☐
5.2	Simulated pilot light and burner failures	☐	☐	☐
5.3	Other abnormal and emergency procedures as outlined in appropriate Flight Manual	☐	☐	☐
5.4	Simulated passenger health problems	☐	☐	☐
5.5	Oral questions	☐	☐	☐
		Examiner initials 		

B	FLIGHT EXAMINER			
Examiner details	Name		License number	
	Signature		Location and date	

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A1	APPENDIX 1 - GLOSSARY, CROSS-REFERENCE, DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS	
(a)	Takeoff site	The takeoff site should be chosen by the applicant depending on the actual meteorological conditions, the area which has to be overflowed and the possible options for suitable landing sites.
(b)	Flight planning, equipment and documentation	The applicant should be responsible for flight planning and ensure that all equipment and documentation for the execution of the flight are on board
(c)	Checks and duties	An applicant should indicate to the FE checks and duties carried out. Checks should be completed in accordance with the Flight Manual or the authorized checklist for the balloon on which the test is being taken. During pre-flight preparation for the test, the applicant should be required to perform crew and passenger briefing and demonstrate crowd control. The load calculation should be performed by the applicant in compliance with Operations Manual or Flight Manual for the balloon used
(d)	Test / check duration	The minimum flight time for the skill test should be 30 minutes
(e)	Test, check profile	Flight profile test / check is divided into different sections. An applicant shall pass all the relevant sections of the test. If any item in a section is failed, that section is failed. Failure in more than one section will require the applicant to take the entire test again. An applicant failing only in one section shall only repeat the failed section. Failure in any section of the retest, including those sections that have been passed on a previous attempt, will require the applicant to take the entire test again. Failure to achieve a pass in all relevant sections of the test in two attempts will require further training.
A2	APPENDIX 2 - FLIGHT TEST TOLERANCE	
Applicants shall demonstrate the ability to:		
(a)	Operate the ballon within its limitations	
(b)	Complete all manoeuvres with smoothness and accuracy	
(c)	Exercise good judgement and airmanship	
(d)	Apply aeronautical knowledge	
(e)	Maintain control of the balloon at all times in such a manner that the successful outcome of a procedure or manoeuvre is never in doubt	

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