

# UPDATED UK DRONE REGULATIONS: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

For UK Drone Users - Stay Legal, Stay Safe



## 1. THE 100G RULE: REGISTRATION & IDs

(Effective Jan 1, 2026)

### FLYER ID



Pass Free Online Theory Test



Required for **ANYONE** flying a drone **100g or MORE**.

### OPERATOR ID



Label on Aircraft Body



Required for person responsible for drones **250g+ or 100g+ with a camera**.

### NO ID NEEDED



Exempt from registration.

## 2. DRONE CLASS MARKINGS (UK & EU)

### UK CLASS MARKS



From Jan 1, 2026

New drone models on UK market must have **UK class mark**.

### EU TRANSITION



Recognized until Dec 31, 2027

Current C-marked drones recognized as UK equivalents.

### LEGACY DRONES



Drones without class mark. Restrictions based on **WEIGHT**.

## 3. THE OPEN CATEGORY: WHERE TO FLY

(Low-Risk Leisure & Commercial)

### A1 (Over People)



Fly over uninvolved people. **NEVER OVER CROWDS.**

### A2 (Near People)



Requires **A2 Certificate of Competency**. Stay **30m** (or **5m** in low-speed) from people.

### A3 (Far from People)



Stay **50m** from people; **150m** from residential/commercial/industrial areas.

## 4. REMOTE ID REQUIREMENTS

(Transmit Identity & Location)

**MANDATORY START FROM JAN 1, 2026**



All new drones with UK1, UK2, UK3 labels must transmit Remote ID.

**FULL ROLLOUT BY JAN 1, 2028**



**Privately Built**

Required for almost all drones over 100g with a camera, including legacy & privately built.

## 5. KEY SAFETY RULES FOR EVERY PILOT

### HEIGHT LIMIT



Never fly higher than **120m (400ft)** from surface.

### VISUAL LINE OF SIGHT (VLOS)



Must always see drone clearly with your **own eyes** (no screens) to avoid collisions.

### NIGHT FLYING



Drone **MUST HAVE** a flashing green light for ground identification.

### RESTRICTED ZONES



**CHECK FOR Flight Restriction Zones (FRZ).** Flying without permission is illegal.

## 6. INSURANCE & PRIVACY

### INSURANCE



**OPTIONAL** (Hobbyist <20kg)

Mandatory for commercial flights and drones 20kg or over.

### PRIVACY



### RESPECT PRIVACY

Do not record people where they expect privacy (e.g., homes, gardens).

Based on 2026 Regulations. Always Check Latest Guidance. [Infographic Design]