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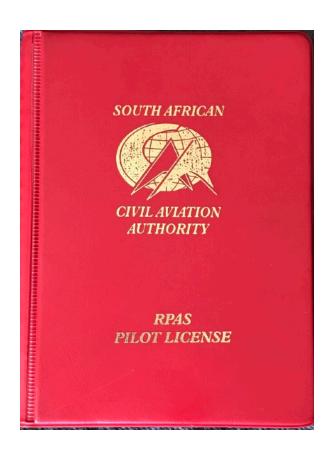
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SACAA RULES AND REGULATIONS The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) views any drone flying in the sky as an aircraft that must abide by the same law as manned aircraft. This means a commercial drone pilot must go through a number of certification processes, from getting a Remote Pilot's License (RPL) to a RPAS Operator Certificate (ROC). Not abiding by these laws can have serious implications for not only the pilot but also the company who hired the pilot. Using media collected by an unlicensed drone operating company is illegal. If any damage or injury is caused by the illegal operating of a drone, the pilot as well as the company contracting the pilot, will be held liable. Illegal drone companies also don't have liability insurance. Aerial Drone Solutions, operated by DC Geomatics (PTY) LTD, is a fully accredited drone operator and can deliver a legal aerial filming and photography service to your company.

5 Essential questions to ask your drone service provider:

1. DO YOU HAVE A LICENSE?

To fly drones commercially in South Africa the pilot must have a remote pilot license, also known as an RPL. The pilot must be able to show you his pilot license book.



2. ARE YOU FLYING UNDER AN R.O.C?

ROC stands for RPAS Operator Certificate or Drone Operator Certificate. This gives the drone pilot permission to do business with a drone. To operate legally, the pilot must fly under an R.O.C.





3. DO YOU HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE?

The pilot is required by law to have liability insurance. This protects not only the pilot but you as the customer from possible incidents. Liability insurance can only be obtained if the pilot is licensed and flying under an R.O.C.



4. DO YOU HAVE CONTROLLED AIRSPACE CERTIFICATION?

A lot of airspaces, especially around metropolitan areas, are classified as controlled airspace. Controlled airspace is usually near airports that have a traffic control tower. A special request has to be made to fly in controlled airspace and not all R.O.C.'s and drone pilots have this certification.



5. WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE?

Obviously, experience plays an important roll in the quality of the end product. Except for the pilot's flying skills, it is also very important that he/she has experience operating cameras because, at the end of the day, they are actually just flying a camera.



I hope this information helps you to make an informed and legal decision with your next drone operator. Please feel free to contact us if you need any more information or visit the Civil Aviation Authority website.

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You are also welcome to look at our information videos on our website:

https://www.aerialdronesolutions.co.za/vlog

SACAA Website:

http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/RPAS/

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