Basic permits

Three clear packages for starting operators and small drone companies building their first operational file.

STS-01 / STS-02

Flights within a European standard scenario (VLOS or BVLOS).

€ 2,500
excl. VAT

INCLUDED

- Operations Manual (1 UAS model)
- STS file (VLOS or BVLOS)
- Registration with the BCAA
- 2 fully developed standard flight preparations (OFP for CTR + G) and a blank template
- 1 hour of training to learn how to work with your documentation

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GENERIC PDRA

Flight profiles just outside the standard scenarios, within a risk analysis developed by EASA.

€ 5,250
excl. VAT

INCLUDED

- Operations Manual (1 UAS model)
- ConOps (description of the flight operation) & PDRA conformity table
- 3 fully developed standard flight preparations (OFP for CTR, G and harbour) + blank template
- Submission & feedback round with the BCAA
- 2 hours of training to learn how to work with your documentation

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GENERIC BASIC SORA*

Full risk analysis for operations outside any standard scenario, including BVLOS.

€ 5,500
excl. VAT

INCLUDED

- Operations Manual (1 UAS model)
- ConOps
- SORA 2.5: ground and air risk, TMPR, containment, OSOs
- 3 fully developed standard flight preparations (OFP for CTR, G and harbour)
- Submission & feedback round with the BCAA
- 2 hours of training to learn how to work with your documentation

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OPTIONAL MODULES (HOURLY RATE)

Tailored intake and analysis

We provide an additional intake in two situations:

1. when you already have **documentation that was not prepared by us** and we want to assess whether we can reuse it;
2. when you are still **unsure which drone** fits your planned operation.

One tailored location (custom OFP)

Do you already have a **specific location in mind**? We develop it fully for you and complete it with two standard locations in either controlled airspace (CTR), uncontrolled airspace (G) or a harbour. For example, if you want to fly in a harbour, we add a standard OFP in CTR and an OFP in G.

* SORA 2.5 from Q4 2026.

The package prices apply to drones under 25 kg, smaller than 3 meters, electrically powered, and for one UAS model per file. Multiple UAS models require a complex permit with a tailored price structure. Work carried out by Drone Architect is an obligation of means, not an obligation of result. Payment: we ask for an advance of 25% of the quoted amount. The remaining amount is invoiced upon submission to the BCAA. General terms and conditions apply.

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STS-01 / STS-02

For flights within a European standard scenario, VLOS or BVLOS. The full workflow per phase, with deliverables and who does what.

€ 2,500
excl. VAT

1 Information exchange

- You provide us with: the services you want to offer, drone specs, pilot licenses, insurance papers and relevant documentation.
- We verify everything we receive and confirm that (EU) STS-01 or STS-02 fits your case

2 Operations Manual

- We write a complete Operations Manual (OM) for (B)VLOS operations with one UAS model, in line with the EASA Specific Category (SAIL II). The OM is SORA 2.5 compatible, so you can expand it later.
- Organization and roles, procedures tailored to your drone, ERP (emergency response plan)
- Training structure, maintenance plan, technical parameters of your drone
- Excel templates for logbooks: pilots, flights, training, maintenance, observers

3 STS file (VLOS or BVLOS)

- Completion of the OM with the required elements for (EU) STS-01 or STS-02
- 2 fully developed standard flight plan preparations (CTR + G)
- Flight plan template, ready to use for a new location

4 Registration with the BCAA

- Submission of the declaration via the BCAA Drone Portal
- Guidance through the portal procedure and confirmations
- Receipt of the declaration that allows you to fly legally

5 Training

- You get one hour of training on the STS requirements, limitations and the Operational Flight Plan.
- Together we go through your new documentation so you can fly correctly under your declaration.

Generic PDRA

For flight profiles that fall just outside the standard scenarios, within a category recognized by EASA. The full workflow per phase, with deliverables and who does what.

€ 5,250
excl. VAT

1 Information exchange

- You provide us with: the services you want to offer, drone specs, pilot licenses, insurance papers and relevant documentation.
- We verify what we receive and confirm the right PDRA type for your case

2 Operations Manual

- We write a complete Operations Manual (OM) for (B)VLOS operations with one UAS model, in line with the EASA Specific Category (SAIL II). The OM is SORA 2.5 compatible, so you can expand it later.
- Organization and roles, procedures tailored to your drone, ERP (emergency response plan)
- Training structure, maintenance plan, technical parameters of your drone
- Excel templates for logbooks: pilots, flights, training, maintenance, observers
- Completion of the OM with the required elements for your PDRA type

3 Concept of Operations and compliance

- Concept of Operations (ConOps) that fully describes your planned flight operations
- Completed PDRA compliance table showing how you meet each specific requirement

4 3 fully developed standard locations

- One location in uncontrolled airspace, one in controlled airspace, one in a harbour environment. Selected by us.
- Completed Operational Flight Plan template per location
- This serves as evidence for the BCAA that you can assess new locations independently, for generic approval. (We submit 3 examples, so that you are allowed to start at new locations without having to get a flight plan approved by the BCAA in advance each time. You do have to prepare a flight plan for every new location, and the BCAA can request it during an audit.)

5 Submission and feedback

- Together we submit the full PDRA file via the BCAA Drone Portal.
- The BCAA feedback is processed as quickly as possible. Does the BCAA then approve your application? You will receive a payment invitation from the BCAA, and once paid you will have your permit 1 to 2 weeks later.

6 Training

- Two hours of training on your new documentation and how to use it.
- Together we go through your new documentation so you can fly correctly under your Operational Authorisation.

Generic basic SORA

Full risk analysis for VLOS operations outside any standard scenario, in SAIL II. The full workflow per phase, with deliverables and who does what.

€ 5,500
excl. VAT

1 Information exchange

- You provide us with: the services you want to offer, drone specs, pilot licenses, insurance papers and relevant documentation.
- We verify what we receive and confirm that you fall under the basic SORA permit.

2 Operations Manual

- Complete Operations Manual (OM) for VLOS operations with one UAS model, in line with the EASA Specific Category.
- Organization and roles, procedures tailored to your drone, ERP (emergency response plan)
- Training structure, maintenance plan, technical parameters of your drone
- Excel templates for logbooks: pilots, flights, training, maintenance, observers
- Completion of the OM with the SORA-specific elements for your operation

3 Concept of Operations

- Full Concept of Operations that describes your planned flight operations in detail
- Including operational scenarios, drone parameters and operational limits

4 SORA file

- Full risk analysis: ground risk, air risk, TMPR (tactical mitigations), containment, Flight Termination System
- Operational Safety Objectives (OSOs) aligned with the SAIL level
- Required argumentation and evidence, ready for evaluation by the BCAA

5 3 fully developed standard locations

- One location in uncontrolled airspace, one in controlled airspace, one in a harbour environment. Selected by us.
- Completed Operational Flight Plan template per location
- This serves as evidence for the BCAA that you can assess new locations independently, for generic approval. (We submit 3 examples, so that you are allowed to start at new locations without having to get a flight plan approved by the BCAA in advance each time. You do have to prepare a flight plan for every new location, and the BCAA can request it during an audit.)

6 Submission and feedback

- Together we submit the full SORA file via the BCAA Drone Portal.
- The BCAA feedback is processed as quickly as possible. Does the BCAA then approve your application? You will receive a payment invitation from the BCAA, and once paid you will have your permit 1 to 2 weeks later.

7 Training

- Two hours of training on your new documentation and how to use it.
- Together we go through your new documentation so you can fly correctly under your Operational Authorisation.

How long until you can fly?

The answer differs greatly per track. For STS you are ready in a few weeks. For PDRA and SORA, take the BCAA waiting time into account, which we cannot speed up.

STS-01 / STS-02 | A few weeks *from approval to flying*

Documentation	BCAA declaration	Ready to fly
A few weeks	Immediate	Right after payment to the BCAA

We prepare your Operations Manual and STS file. Once they are ready, we submit your declaration to the BCAA together. For an STS, a declaration is enough and no approval is required. You may fly immediately after you have submitted your declaration and paid.

PDRA / SORA | 6 to 7 months *from approval to permit*

BCAA WAITING TIME, OUTSIDE OUR CONTROL

Documentation	*Waiting for review*	Feedback	Permit within
3 weeks *(also depends on how quickly you or your drone supplier provide input)*	4 to 5 months	Processed immediately after delivery by the BCAA	1 to 2 weeks after payment to the BCAA

Within a few weeks, we prepare your Operations Manual and PDRA or SORA file, and we submit it together for approval to the BCAA. Due to limited capacity, the BCAA currently has a waiting time of 4 to 5 months before your file is processed. When we receive feedback, we process it immediately. Because the comments are usually small details, this goes quickly. After resubmission you will receive a payment invitation from the BCAA. Once paid, you can expect your permit 1 to 2 weeks later.