

The information shown below applies to the part of the Manual and the version shown in brackets. It will be incorporated in a new version of that part when it replaces the previous version on the ABF website.

Part 6 FRP (Version 1)

*Change to private balloon flights in controlled airspace*

CAO 95.54 paragraph 4.2(h) was amended by CASA in June 2006 to allow private balloon operations in Class E airspace in VMC, as well as in Class G airspace, without any other prior approval. As Class E airspace normally has a lower limit of 8,500ft AMSL, balloon flights in this airspace are unlikely to be made except in special circumstances.

Note that:

- VFR flights in Class E airspace must carry and use radio
- VFR flights entering Class E airspace do not require a clearance
- Avoid published IFR routes where possible
- Monitor the Class G area frequency
- Take appropriate action to avoid potential conflict

The ABF Ops Manual currently requires a private pilot to be endorsed to fly in any controlled airspace. Until further notice, any pilot seeking endorsement to fly in Class E airspace should contact the ABF Operations Manager.