

# DGCA Operator Permit (NSOP/AOP) Guide

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

## Background

Explains the DGCA operator permit process — non-scheduled (NSOP) or scheduled operator permit — eligibility, documents, the five-phase certification and timelines. Use it before applying to operate flights commercially.

## Purpose of this tool & output

Get an operator permit from DGCA

## How the output is used

Use it to get a DGCA operator permit (NSOP for non-scheduled, or scheduled operator permit) — the eligibility, manuals, fleet and inspection steps.

## Who receives it

The application goes to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), through the office of the Director of Air Transport / Flight Standards.

## How to submit / file it

File the application with the company and security-clearance documents, financial capacity, fleet and lease papers, operations and other required manuals, and go through the document scrutiny, inspection and proving-flight stages.

## Fees & charges

DGCA application and permit fees plus the substantial cost of the manuals, personnel and proving flights; the permit is renewable.

## Who should vet it

The DGCA flight-standards and air-transport officers who scrutinise the documents, inspect the organisation and clear the proving flight.

## Important cautions

Operator-permit requirements, phases and timelines are exacting and change and certification typically takes many months; ownership-and-control and financial criteria apply. Confirm the current process and CARs with DGCA and engage experienced aviation consultants.

## Companion documents

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- Aviation Approvals Roadmap
- Aircraft Registration & Airworthiness Guide
- Operations Manuals & SMS Documentation Guide
- CAR Compliance Navigator
- BCAS Aviation Security Programme Guide
- Aerodrome / Helipad / Base Approval Guide

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