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AUTHORISED BALLOON PILOT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION VALID FROM - 1 APRIL 2026 to 31 MARCH 2027

Incomplete or inaccurate forms could result in the form being returned to you, which may result in a delay in processing your membership. Processing of membership application forms can take up to 10 days. Please complete in block capitals.

Please Note: British Skydiving Balloon Pilot Authorisations are valid for a maximum of 12 months and will be renewable on the 31st March each year (British Skydiving Authorised Skydiving Pilot Renewal Form 109). The application for renewal must be signed by an individual who meets part 2 requirements and is satisfied that the applicant is current with skydiver dropping techniques, emergency procedures and relevant British Skydiving Operations Manual requirements. **If a renewal is not effected within two years of expiry, then a pilot must fulfil all the initial requirements for Authorisation.**

PART 1 - MEMBER DETAILS

BRITISH SKYDIVING MEMBERSHIP _____ BRITISH SKYDIVING PILOT NUMBER _____

TITLE _____ FIRSTNAME _____ SURNAME _____

GENDER _____ DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY) _____ HEIGHT (m) _____ WEIGHT (kg) _____

ADDRESS _____

POST TOWN _____ POST CODE _____ COUNTY _____ COUNTRY _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ EMAIL _____

LICENCE TYPE _____ LICENCE NUMBER _____

HOURS ON TYPE(S) _____ TOTAL BALLOON FLYING HOURS _____

RATINGS _____

TYPE(S) _____ BBAC MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

TITLE _____ FIRSTNAME _____ SURNAME _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

ADDRESS _____

POST TOWN _____ POST CODE _____ COUNTY _____ COUNTRY _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ EMAIL _____

DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018. We collect only necessary personal data to service your membership. As part of your membership, you will receive communications from British Skydiving by email. You can control your preferences at any time using the links provided in our emails.

PART 2 - RECOMMENDATION

This can only be signed by:

- either a) A British Skydiving Category System Instructor or Team Leader, who has previously made a balloon jump.
- or b) A Balloon Pilot who has already dispatched 2 or more skydivers from a balloon.

I confirm that I have given the above-named balloon pilot ground instruction on current skydiver dropping techniques and emergency procedures. I also confirm that they have read and understood the guidelines contained in Form 109A. I consider them to be suitable for an

Authorisation to drop skydivers and confirm that the details above are correct. I have checked their logbook(s), licence and medical certificate and certify that all are valid.

NAME	BRITISH SKYDIVING OR BBAC NO
QUALIFICATION	
SIGNATURE	DATE

INTROUCTION AND TRAINING OF BALLOON PILOTS IN ORDER TO DROP SKYDIVERS

PART 3 – BALLOON PILOT QUALIFICATIONS

A balloon pilot shall not act as PIC of a Balloon for a flight during which British Skydiving 'B' Licence and above skydivers are to be dropped unless they meet the following minimum requirements:

Licence.	They hold a valid Pilot's Licence for the balloon to be flown on the intended flight.
Experience.	They have at least 60 hours PIC of Balloons.
Training.	They have received ground instruction on skydiver dropping techniques and procedures given by at least a Category System Instructor or Team Leader who has made a minimum of one skydive from a balloon or by a Balloon Pilot who has already dropped two or more skydivers. This must include the procedures to be followed in the event of emergencies. They must also have read the British Skydiving Guidelines for Skydiving from Hot Air Balloons, (Form 109B) and the British Skydiving Operations Manual, in particular the Flying Section.
Recency.	For any skydiver dropping flight, logbook evidence is required of flight within the 90 days preceding the date of the intended flight, as PIC of the Class of balloon to be used. For the privileges of a professional licence to be exercised on a skydiver dropping flight, a Certificate of Experience is also required – valid for 13 months.
Documentation.	Having satisfied the above, Form 109A is to be completed and sent to the British Skydiving HQ who will then issue an email confirmation and update the pilot's Skyvault account. This confirmation will be valid for a maximum of 12 months and will be renewable on the 31 st March each year.
Renewal.	The renewal procedure is the same as the initial application and is made on the same form. (Form 109A).

PART 4 – MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT AND RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This agreement sets out the terms under which individuals participate in skydiving activities as members of **British Skydiving**, the trading name of the **British Parachute Association Ltd**.

By applying for membership and participating in skydiving activities, you agree to the following.

1. Compliance with Rules and Policies

Members must comply with:

- the **Articles of Association**
- the **Operational Regulations and Safety requirements**
- the **British Skydiving Code of Conduct**
- all **Safeguarding policies and procedures**
- any lawful instructions given by instructors or authorised officials.

The current versions of these documents are available online.

2. Authority of British Skydiving

British Skydiving has the authority to investigate alleged breaches of its rules, regulations or policies.

Following investigation, British Skydiving may take disciplinary action including:

- suspension of membership
- restriction or removal of ratings or privileges
- revocation of membership.

British Skydiving shall not be liable for any financial loss, loss of earnings or consequential loss arising from such action.

3. Acknowledgement of Risk

Skydiving is an inherently dangerous activity.

Even when conducted with appropriate training, supervision and equipment, participation carries a **risk of serious injury or death**.

By participating in skydiving activities, members voluntarily accept these risks.

4. Medical Fitness

Members must ensure they are medically fit to participate in skydiving activities.

Members must complete any required **medical self-declaration or medical certification** required by British Skydiving.

If a member's health status changes in a way that may affect their ability to skydive safely, they must seek appropriate medical advice and inform the relevant instructor or Parachute Training Organisation before participating again.

Information about medical requirements is available online.

5. Safety Responsibilities

Members must:

- follow all instructions given by instructors and authorised officials
- comply with all safety procedures and operational requirements
- only undertake skydiving activities at **British Skydiving affiliated Parachute Training Organisations**, unless otherwise authorised.

6. Incident Reporting

Members must notify British Skydiving or the relevant Parachute Training Organisation **as soon as reasonably practicable** of any accident or incident involving injury to a third party or damage to property arising from a skydiving activity undertaken by them.

7. Data Protection

British Skydiving processes personal data in accordance with the **UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)** and the **Data Protection Act 2018**.

Details of how personal data is used can be found in the Privacy Notice online.

8. Age Requirements

The minimum age for skydiving in the United Kingdom is **16 years**.

Applicants under the age of 18 must have consent from a **parent or legal guardian** before participating in skydiving activities.

9. Governing Law

This agreement is governed by the **laws of England and Wales**.

I declare that I am 18 years of age or over / Over 16 and under 18 years of age* (delete as appropriate)

I agree to comply with the conditions set out in Part 4 of the agreement.

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the current British Skydiving Operations Manual, **in particular section 9 (Flying) and paragraph 1 (Pilots) for pilot requirements**, which is available to download from the British Skydiving website in the Skydiving, Safety Manuals section. I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for British Skydiving members, which is available to download from the British Skydiving website on [Form 288](#).

SIGNED _____ **PRINT NAME** _____ **DATE** _____

If under 18 years of age, the following must also be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the proposed member.

I (NAME) _____

of (ADDRESS) _____

being the parent/legal guardian* of the proposed member, who is now aged _____ years, hereby confirm that I have given my permission for the proposed member to make skydiving descents and that I agree to be bound in the same terms as those contained in the agreement signed by the proposed member and set out above.

SIGNED _____ **PRINT NAME** _____ **DATE** _____

PART 5 - PAYMENT

*Balloon Pilot Membership: **£25.00** ☐

You do not need to provide your payment details with this form. Once received, your membership will be set up on our database and an invoice will be emailed to you. Please follow the instructions in the email and make payment for your membership online.

Our office will be notified when you have paid, and completion of your membership will be actioned. Please allow up to 10 working days from payment for your membership to be actioned.