



British Gliding Association

NOTES FOR BGA MGIR INSTRUCTORS AND EXAMINERS

The BGA Motorglider Instructor Rating (BGA MGIR)

1. The BGA Motorglider Instructors Rating (BGA MGIR) entitles the holder to teach gliding exercises only on self launching motorgliders under the auspices of a BGA member club. None of the instruction that a student receives from an instructor holding a BGA MGIR will count towards the qualifications for any CAA licence or rating. Nor is the holder of a BGA MGIR permitted to supervise solo flying on SLMG by any pilot who does not hold a PPL with a valid SLMG or TMG rating.
2. To qualify for the BGA MGIR, a candidate must undergo a course of training. The qualifying requirements to start the course are:
 - A. Approval by club CFI
 - B. Hold a valid PPL with current SLMG or TMG rating
 - C. Hold a valid PPL medical certificate
 - D. Hold a current BGA Gliding Instructors Rating (not Basic Instructor).
 - E. Have at least 5 hours P1 on the type of motorglider for which the initial qualification is received.
3. Only authorised examiners, a list of whom can be obtained from the BGA office, can conduct courses for the initial issue of a BGA MGIR.
4. Training for the BGA MGIR on fixed engine motorgliders, is divided into three stages, successful completion of which qualify the candidate to teach the appropriate exercises. For details see BGA Laws and Rules and the BGA website. In the case of a very experienced candidate, the examiner may permit training for all three stages to be conducted concurrently. On the other hand, he may require a less experienced person to carry out, say 10 or 20 hours of instruction between stages 2 and 3, or between all three stages. It is a matter for his discretion.
5. The BGA MGIR will normally be issued valid for only one class of motorglider (wooden types or GRP types). However, when the candidate has more than 5 hours P1 experience (including right hand seat conversion) on the other class of motorglider, the examiner has the right to extend the rating without a test. (He may on the other hand decide to test the candidate in the other class of motorglider.) Otherwise, any extension of the rating to include other stages is by test.
6. There is provision for a BGA MGIR valid on retractable engine motorgliders, but so far, there has been little call for it. Any instructor wishing to instruct on that class of motorglider, should contact the BGA SRE SLMG.
7. Examiners should renew the BGA MGIR by testing the candidate in the air on at least one exercise from each stage for which the candidates rating is valid. It is only necessary to test the candidate on one class of motorglider, even if the rating is valid for more than one class. Pre-flight briefings should also be tested. The depth of any renewal test is at the examiners discretion.
8. It must be noted that the renewal of a CAA SLMG FIR does not automatically renew the BGA MGIR. Both ratings are entirely separate regarding initial issue and renewal. Also, the holding of a CAA SLMG FIR does not entitle the holder to exercise the privileges of a BGA MGIR. A separate BGA MGIR must be held to teach gliding exercises.

Administration of the MGIR

Initial Issue

Initial issue of the MGIR follows a test by an approved examiner (see 3 above). The examiner and applicant should complete a BGA Instructor Form 1 which must be forwarded to the BGA office. The examiner issues an MGIR Rating Card (gold coloured).

Variation

Additions or variances to the MGIR should be recorded by the examiner on the instructors MGIR Rating Card (gold coloured). The examiner must retain the test record.

Revalidation

Revalidations of the MGIR should be recorded by the examiner on the instructors MGIR Rating Card (gold coloured). The examiner must retain the test record.

Renewal

Where a rating has lapsed, renewal is by test. The examiner and applicant should complete a BGA Instructor Form 2 which must be forwarded to the BGA office. The examiner issues an MGIR Rating Card (gold coloured).