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Do I need permission to fly my drone?

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I use it **for work** or **research** (anything beyond the fun of flying)

- No → It weighs **more than 35 kg**
  - No → (green hexagon)
  - Yes → (red hexagon)
- Yes → It weighs **more than 25 kg**
  - Yes → (red hexagon)
  - No → It weighs **1 kg or less**
    - Yes → I have read and understand the **exemption conditions** for UAVs that weigh 1 kg or less and can meet all conditions
      - No → (red hexagon)
      - Yes → (blue hexagon)
    - No → I have read and understand the **exemption conditions** for UAVs that weigh above 1 kg up to and including 25 kg and can meet all conditions
      - No → (red hexagon)
      - Yes → (blue hexagon)

You don't need permission, but you do have to follow the rules and fly safely

You must apply for a Special Flight Operations Certificate
Learn more

You don't need permission, but you must meet the exemption conditions AND notify Transport Canada with:

1. Contact information
2. UAV model/serial number (where appropriate)
3. Description of operation
4. Geographic boundaries of operation
5. Confirmation that you will maintain the required minimum distances from aerodromes and built-up areas

Fill the form

Fly your drone

- Less than 90 m above the ground
- At least 5.5 km away from aerodromes (any airport, seaplane base, or areas where aircraft take-off and land)
- At least 1.8 km away from heliports or aerodromes used by helicopters only

Consult the full list of rules for recreational drones

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