Do I need permission to fly my drone?

START

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

No

Yes

It weighs more than 35 kg

No

Yes

It weighs more than 25 kg

Yes

No

It weighs 1 kg or less

Yes

No

You don’t need permission, but you must apply for a Special Flight Operations Certificate Learn more

I have read and understand the exemption conditions for UAVs that weigh 1 kg or less and can meet all conditions

No

Yes

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

Yes

No

Yes

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

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

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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