

5.8 Operation of RPA Near Aerodrome (A)

Operations around airports will take considerably more planning, as you will be operating in areas with higher levels of other air traffic. Regulations do not permit operations within 3NM of a controlled aerodrome (one with and active control tower), or under the approach and departure paths of the runways without approval.

Non Military Controlled Aerodromes

Approval comes from Airservices Australia (through CASA). Airservices Australia provides a traffic impact and risk assessment for operations at aerodromes that are controlled by Airservices Australia. An operator must apply to CASA directly for this approval.

Military Controlled Aerodromes

In partnership with the Department of Defence, CASA simplified the process for RPA operator's certificate (ReOC) holders to fly in the no-fly zone of military controlled aerodromes.

From 30 April 2023, ReOC holders who intend to fly below 400 ft AGL in the no-fly zone of a military controlled aerodrome do not need to apply to CASA, however, they **must**:

- add a copy of Instrument 23/23 to their operator's manual (updated manuals do not need to be sent to CASA)
- get approval from the military control tower prior to the operation by contacting the tower or military unit where you intend to fly.

When flying in the no-fly zone of a military controlled aerodrome, you **must** issue a NOTAM regardless of the altitude, the NOTAM may be issued by the military control tower, or other NOTAM Originators.

This is a condition of CASR 101.030 and Instrument 23/23.

You can find it here...

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2023N00069>