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  Yes

It weighs more than 35 kg.

No  Yes

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

It weighs more than 25 kg.

Yes  No

You must apply for a Special Flight Operations Certificate. Learn more

No  Yes

It weighs 1 kg or less.

Yes  No

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.

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

Fly your drone:

- below 90 m above the ground
- at least 5.6 km away from aerodromes (any airport, seaplane base, or areas where aircraft take-off and land)
- at least 1.9 km away from heliports or aerodromes used by helicopters only.

Consult the full list of rules for recreational drones.

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