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Reference: F0007412

Dear Name,

Thank you for your request of 31 May 2025, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). For reference your original enquiry was as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting statistical data regarding drone Operator IDs and Flyer IDs registered with the Civil Aviation Authority.

Could you please provide the following information, broken down for each calendar year from the commencement of the scheme in 2019 up to and including the most recent data available for 2025 (year-to-date)?

For Operator IDs, for each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (year-to-date):

The total number of active Operator IDs registered in total at the end of each specified year (or current number for 2025 YTD).

The number of new Operator IDs registered during each specified year. The number of Operator IDs that were renewed during each specified year.

The number of Operator IDs that were not renewed (i.e., expired without renewal) during each specified year.

For Flyer IDs, for each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (year-to-date):

The total number of active Flyer IDs registered at the end of each specified year (or current number for 2025 YTD).

The number of new Flyer IDs registered during each specified year.

The number of Flyer IDs that were renewed for 2024 and 2025 so far The number of Flyer IDs that were not renewed (i.e., expired without renewal) during each specified year.

Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held by the CAA; please find attached the information being released to you.

Please note that expired Operator ID & Flyer ID figures are cumulative figure as this is how the information is recorded within CAA systems.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House, Beehive Ring Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH6 0YR. www.caa.co.uk

Email: foi.requests@caa.co.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at FOI - Freedom of Information (caa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

Communications & Engagement Team
Information Rights Specialist
Civil Aviation Authority

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- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;

- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.