



Civil Aviation Authority
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Airborne Flying Display Directors – New Requirements

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All Display Pilots, Display Authorisation Evaluators and Flying Display Directors
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Display Pilots, Display Authorisation Evaluators and Flying Display Directors

1 Introduction

- 1.1 2021 will see the introduction of a mandatory course to accredit Airborne Flying Display Directors (AFDDs).

2 Scope

- 2.1 **All Display Pilots** who have a valid Display Authorisation (DA) and intend to act as an AFDD at any event, from 1 January 2021 onwards, are required to have successfully completed the online AFDD course and therefore be AFDD accredited.
- 2.2 Applications for permissions for Flying Displays where a display pilot intends to act as an AFDD, but where that pilot is not AFDD accredited, will not be accepted. If a display pilot is already accredited and current as a ground based FDD, they are not required to complete the online AFDD course.
- 2.3 The AFDD course is available online until the end of January 2021 and will be run again on an annual basis. Display Pilots undertaking the mandatory AFDD course need to be thoroughly familiar with and adhere to all requirements in CAP 403, in particular Chapters 2, 5, 6, 8 and Appendix A, if AFDD accreditation is to be successfully achieved.

2.4 All upcoming FDD Course dates are below (please see [here](#) for more details, and sign up to a course [here](#)):

- 19 January 2021 – FDD Revalidation Course.
- 23 – 24 March 2021 – FDD Initial Course.
- 2 November 2020 – 31 January 2021 – AFDD Course.

2.5 All other requirements contained within CAP 403 and CAP 1724 remain extant.

3 Queries

3.1 Any queries as a result of this Safety Notice should be directed to the Air Display Regulation Manager through GA@caa.co.uk.

4 Cancellation

4.1 This Safety Notice shall remain in force until further notice.