



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
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## Aircraft Noise Regulations – Overview

The Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations require all aircraft operating in Australian airspace to comply with noise standards and recommended practices introduced under the Convention on Civil Aviation. These standards are set out in the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) document Annex 16, Environmental Protection - Volume I.

Aircraft verified as complying with the ICAO standards are issued with a Noise Certificate. Under the Regulations aircraft without a noise certificate and those that have been noise certificated at Annex 16 Chapter 2 noise standards, are not permitted to operate in Australia.

The Regulations carry strict penalties for operating an aircraft without a noise certificate.

### What if my aircraft does not have a noise certificate?

If an aircraft does not have a noise certificate an aircraft owner/operator may apply to *Airservices Australia* for a *noise assessment* of their aircraft. If the aircraft is found to comply with the applicable ICAO Annex 16 noise standards a noise certificate will be issued.

**Airservices Australia website:** <http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aviationenvironment/noise/certification.asp>

### What if my aircraft is not eligible for a noise certificate?

In certain circumstances conditional permission to operate without a noise certificate may be granted by the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (the Department) for an aircraft that does not meet ICAO Annex 16 noise standards.

An aircraft owner/operator may apply to *the Department* for *permission to operate without a noise certificate*. Permissions are issued for specific purposes, including Adventure Flight operations and Air Display participation; most must be renewed annually and are subject to conditions.

A permission may be revoked if it is found that the aircraft is not used for the purpose stated in the permission or if it has been operated in contravention of a condition set out in the permission.

**Department of Infrastructure website:** <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/environmental/noise.aspx>