

BFCL.345 FI(B) - Assessment of competence

Regulation (EU) 2020/357

1. Applicants for the issue of an FI(B) certificate shall pass an assessment of competence on a balloon to demonstrate to an examiner qualified in accordance with point [BFCL.415\(c\)](#) the ability to instruct a student pilot to the level required for the issue of a BPL.
2. The assessment shall include:
 1. the demonstration of the competencies described in point [BFCL.325](#) during pre-flight, post-flight and theoretical knowledge instruction;
 2. oral theoretical examinations on the ground, pre-flight and post-flight briefings, and in-flight demonstrations in the appropriate balloon class;
3. exercises adequate to evaluate the instructor's competencies.

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General

1. The format and application form for the assessment of competence are determined by the competent authority.
2. The balloon that is used for the assessment should meet the requirements for training aircraft.
3. The FE(B) acts as the PIC, except in circumstances agreed upon by the FE(B) when another FI(B) is designated as PIC for the flight.
4. The 'student' is either a real balloon student pilot under training or, in all other cases, the FE(B) or another FI(B). The applicant is required to explain the relevant exercises and to demonstrate their conduct to the 'student', where appropriate. Thereafter, the 'student' executes the same manoeuvres which can include typical mistakes of inexperienced students. The applicant is expected to correct mistakes orally or, if necessary, by intervening physically.
5. If more than one flight is necessary in order to complete all relevant exercises, these flights should be completed as close together in time as practicable and, in any case, within a period of 6 months. In principle, failure in any exercise requires a retest covering all exercises, with the exception of those that may be retaken separately. The FE(B) may terminate the assessment at any stage if they consider that a retest is required.
6. The total flight time of the assessment of competence should be at least 45 minutes.

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Content of the assessment of competence

- (a) The content of the assessment of competence for the FI(B) should be the following:

Section 1: Oral theoretical knowledge examination	
1.1	Air law
1.2	Aircraft general knowledge
1.3	Flight performance and planning
1.4	Human performance and limitations
1.5	Meteorology
1.6	Navigation
1.7	Operational procedures
1.8	Principles of flight
1.9	Training administration
1.10	Assessment of a BPL student’s readiness for first solo flight
1.11	Particularities of pre-flight briefing prior to the first solo flight of a BPL student
Section 2: Pre-flight briefing	
2.1	Visual presentation
2.3	Technical accuracy
2.4	Clarity of explanation
2.5	Clarity of speech
2.6	Instructional technique
2.7	Use of models and aids
2.8	Student participation
Section 3: flight	
3.1	Arrangement of demonstration
3.2	Synchronisation of speech with demonstration
3.3	Correction of faults
3.4	Aircraft handling
3.5	Instructional technique
3.6	General airmanship and safety
3.7	Positioning and use of airspace
Section 4: Post-flight de-briefing	
4.1	Visual presentation
4.2	Technical accuracy
4.3	Clarity of explanation
4.4	Clarity of speech
4.5	Instructional technique
4.6	Use of models and aids
4.7	Student participation

(b) Section 1, the oral theoretical knowledge examination part of the assessment of competence, is divided into two parts:

(1) The applicant is required to give a lecture under test conditions to other ‘student(s)’, one of whom will be the FE(B). The test lecture is to be selected from items of Section 1. The amount of time for the preparation of the test lecture is agreed upon beforehand with the FE(B). Appropriate literature may be used by the applicant. The test lecture should not exceed 45 minutes.

(2) The applicant is tested orally by an FE(B) for knowledge of items of Section 1 and the core instructor competencies (teaching and learning content given in the FI(B) training course).

(c) Sections 2, 3 and 4 comprise exercises to demonstrate the ability to be an FI(B) (for example, instructor demonstration exercises) chosen by the FE(B) from the flight syllabus of the FI(B) training course. The applicant is required to demonstrate FI(B) abilities, including briefing, flight instruction and de-briefing.

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APPLICATION AND REPORT FORM FOR THE FI(B) ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCE

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I hereby apply for the issue of a flight instructor certificate for balloons (FI(B)) in accordance with Annex III (Part-BFCL) to Regulation (EU) 2018/395.			
1 Applicant's personal particulars:			
Applicant's last name(s):		First name(s):	
Date of birth:	Telephone:	Email:	
Address:		Country:	
Date:		Signature of the applicant:	
2 Licence details			
Licence number (BPL):			
Class extension(s): <i>(tick as applicable)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot-air balloons/Groups: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> Gas balloons <input type="checkbox"/> Hot-air airships		
Additional privileges: <i>(tick as applicable)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tethered hot air balloon flight rating <input type="checkbox"/> Night rating		
3 Precourse flying experience			
Flying hours in different classes	Hot-air balloon	Gas balloon	Hot-air airship
PIC			
Total time			
4 Preentry assessment			
I recommendfor the FI(B) course.			
Name of ATO/DTO:		Date of preentry assessment:	
Name (capital letters) of HT of the ATO/DTO:			
Name (capital letters), licence number and signature of the FI(B) conducting the flight assessment (if applicable):			
5 Declaration by the ATO/DTO			
I certify that has satisfactorily completed an approved course of training for the FI(B) certificate in accordance with the relevant syllabus.			
Flying hours during the course:		Takeoffs during the course:	
Name(s) of HT:			
Signature:			
Name of ATO/DTO:			
FROM HERE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EXAMINER			
6 Result of the assessment of competence			
Oral theoretical knowledge examination	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially passed <input type="checkbox"/> Failed	Practical part:	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially passed <input type="checkbox"/> Failed



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Reasons and details in case of fail or partial pass/other remarks as necessary:	
In case of fail: (tick as applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> I recommend further ground training before retest. <input type="checkbox"/> I recommend further flight training with an FI(B) before retest. <input type="checkbox"/> I do not consider further flight or theoretical instruction necessary before retest.
I, the undersigning examiner: - have received information from the applicant regarding their experience and instruction, and found that the experience and instruction comply with the applicable requirements of Annex B(C) Part B Regulation (EU) 2018/395; - confirm that all the required manoeuvres and exercises have been completed, unless specified otherwise above in the case of fail; and - where applicable, have reviewed and applied the national procedures and requirements of the applicant's competent authority which is different from the competent authority that issued my examiner certificate.	
Examiner's certificate number:	Examiner's BPL number:
Examiner's name (capital letters):	Date and examiner's signature:
7 Attachments	
Detailed report as per AMC2 BFCL.345 to be attached	
Copy of the FE(B) certificate (in cases where the competent authority of the applicant is different from the competent authority of the examiner)	

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