

## **FCL.815 Mountain ratings**

(a) *Privileges.* The privileges of the holder of a mountain rating are to conduct flights with aeroplanes or TMG to and from surfaces designated as requiring such a rating by the appropriate authorities designated by the Member States.

### **The initial mountain rating may be obtained either on:**

- (1) Wheels, to grant the privilege to fly to and from such surfaces when they are not covered by snow; or
- (2) Skis, to grant the privilege to fly to and from such surfaces when they are covered by snow.
- (3) The privileges of the initial rating may be extended to either wheel or ski when the pilot has undertaken an appropriate additional familiarization course, including theoretical knowledge instruction and flight training, with a mountain flight instructor.

(b) *Training course.* Applicants for a mountain rating shall have completed, within a period of 24 months, a course of theoretical knowledge instruction and flight training at an approved training organisation. The content of the course shall be appropriate to the privileges sought.

(c) *Skill test.* After the completion of the training, the applicant shall pass a skill test with an FE qualified for this purpose. The skill test shall contain:

- (1) a verbal examination of theoretical knowledge;
- (2) 6 landings on at least 2 different surfaces designated as requiring a mountain rating other than the surface of departure.

(d) *Validity.* A mountain rating shall be valid for a period of 24 months.

(e) *Revalidation.* For revalidation of a mountain rating, the applicant shall:

- (1) have completed at least 6 mountain landings in the past 24 months; or
- (2) pass a proficiency check. The proficiency check shall comply with the requirements in (c).

(f) *Renewal.* If the rating has lapsed, the applicant shall comply with the requirement in (e)(2).