Draft AC 139.A-03 v1.0 - Application of aerodrome standards and Draft AC 139.B-01 v1.0 - Applying for aerodrome certification (Part 139 consequential ACs)

**Overview**

An [amendment to Part 139 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations (CASR)](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L00176) was made on 21 February 2019.

Effective 22 August 2020, the amended Part 139 of CASR:

* + establishes a single certification framework for regulated aerodromes (certified)
	+ mandates that an aerodrome must be certified based on the publication of a terminal instrument flight procedure
	+ sets out the standards for the construction, maintenance and operation of certified aerodromes
	+ defines the requirements for aerodrome radiocommunication services at all aerodromes
	+ requires the identification of hazards, on aerodromes and within the prescribed airspace.

The revised Part 139 (Aerodromes) Manual of Standards (the Part 139 MOS) was published on 06 September 2019 and will also come into effect on 22 August 2020, replacing the Part 139 Manual of Standards – Aerodromes (version 1.14).

Processes or elements on an aerodrome, that are not able to be grandfathered must comply with the revised rules on the commencement date. The only exception are those elements that are captured in the transitional provisions.

**Advisory Circulars to Part 139 of CASR**

Advisory Circulars (ACs) will be progressively published and circulated to industry to provide guidance in understanding the new rules.

Through this consultation process CASA invites you to review and provide comment on the following:

* Draft AC 139.A-03 v1.0 – Application of aerodrome standards
* Draft AC 139.B-01 v1.0 – Applying for aerodrome certification

Please note, each AC has its own page in this consultation.

**Why are we consulting**

CASA recognises the valuable contribution that community and industry consultation makes to the regulatory development process. For this reason, we are seeking feedback on whether the draft ACs provide adequate guidance on:

* the process to certify an aerodrome
* how to apply the new aerodrome standards

A copy of each draft AC is provided below and on the survey page for each AC.

Please read the guidance documents before providing your feedback.

Comments should be submitted through the online response form.

Information about how we consult and how to make a confidential submission is available on the [CASA website](https://www.casa.gov.au/rules-and-regulations/landing-%20page/consultation-process).

To be notified of any future consultations, you can subscribe to our [consultation and rulemaking mailing list](https://mailinglist.casa.gov.au/?p=subscribe&id=3).

# **File uploads**

# Please note: CASA can no longer offer the option to upload files because of the potential risk of malware.

# **Using an iPad**

If you are using an iPad to complete the survey you will be asked to 'download the relevant PDF'. Depending on the software you have on your iPad you may need to download the free viewer to review the single document PDF files. Where a file is a 'multi-file or portfolio PDF you will need to source the Adobe free view - available from iTunes.

**What** **happens** **next**

At the end of the consultation period, we will review each submission received through the online response form. All submissions will be publicly available on the CASA website, unless you request your submission remain confidential. We will also publish a Summary of Consultation which summarises the feedback received, outlines any intended changes and our plans for the ACs.

**Give Us Your Views** (appears on the overview page near the bottom)

Online Survey (hyperlinks to the online survey pages)

**Related** (appears on the overview page near the bottom)

1. Draft AC 139.A-03 v1.0 – Application of aerodrome standards
2. Draft AC 139.B-01 v1.0 – Applying for aerodrome certification

## **Audiences**

[x]  Aerodrome owner/operators

[x]  Air operators

[x]  Pilots

[x]  Aerodrome industry consultants

[x]  Aircraft owner/operator

[x]  CASA Staff aerodrome inspectorate

## **Interest groups**

[x]  In-house training

[x]  CASA staff

[x]  Airspace and infrastructure

# **Page: Consultation Contents**

This consultation is seeking feedback on two of the consequential ACs to Part 139 of CASR.

This consultation has been designed to give you the option to provide feedback on the survey in its entirety or to provide feedback on the ACs that are of interest to you.

We will ask you for:

* **personal information**, such as your name, any organisation you represent, and your email address
* **your consent** to publish your submission
* **your responses** to the proposed ACs
* **any comments** you may want to provide
* **demographic information** to help us understand your interest in the ACs

When you have completed the sections on which you wish to provide feedback, select the ‘Finish’ button at the bottom right of this page.

Our [**website**](http://www.casa.gov.au/rules-and-regulations/landing-page/consultation-process)contains more information on making a submission and what we do with your feedback.

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**PAGE 1: Personal Information**

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Email

If you enter your email address you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

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## Do your views officially represent those of an organisation?

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

* Yes, I am authorised to submit feedback on behalf of an organisation
* No, these are my personal views.

## If yes, please specify the name of your organisation.

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Which of the following best describes the group you represent?

*Please select only one item*

[ ]  Aerodrome owner/operator

[ ]  Industry consultants

[ ]  Aircraft owner/operator

[ ]  Pilot

[ ]  Other

Please specify ‘Other’ if selected.

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**PAGE 2: Consent to publish Submission**

In order to provide transparency and promote debate, we intend to publish all responses to this consultation. This may include both detailed responses/submissions in full and

aggregated data drawn from the responses received.

Where you consent to publication, we will include:

* your name, if the submission is made by you as an individual or the name of the organisation on whose behalf the submission has been made
* your responses and comments.

We **will not** include any other personal or demographic information in a published

response.

(Required)

*Please select only one item*

* Yes - I give permission for my response/submission to be published.
* No - I would like my response/submission to remain confidential but understand that de-identified aggregate data may be published.
* I am a CASA officer.

Information about how we consult and how to make a confidential submission is

available on the [CASA website](https://www.casa.gov.au/rules-and-regulations/landingpage/consultation-process)**.**

**PAGE 3:** Draft AC 139.A-03 v1.0 – Application of aerodrome standards

**Purpose**

The purpose of this AC is to provide guidance to industry on the:

* application of aerodrome certification under Part 139 CASR, and subsidiary Part 139 (Aerodromes) MOS 2019
* timeframes and requirements for transitioning to the revised Part 139 MOS
* scalable certification standards based on the complexity of aerodrome operations
* determination and nomination of key aerodrome facilities
* grandfathering or upgrade and replacement of aerodrome facilities
* election to opt-in to the revised standards
* identification and management of non-compliant facilities
* identification and management of non-preferred elements.

**Audience**

This AC applies to:

* aerodrome owners/operators
* third parties engaged by aerodrome owners/operators to assist in the operation and maintenance of their aerodrome
* aircraft operators.

Please provide any comments you may have on draft AC 139.A-03 v1.0 in the comments box below.

**Fact Bank – see online consultation**

Draft AC 139.A-03 v1.0

**Comments**

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**PAGE 4:** Draft AC 139.B-01 v1.0 – Applying for aerodrome certification

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Advisory Circular (AC) is to provide guidance to applicants on the process to be followed when seeking to certify an aerodrome.

In support of this process, several forms have been identified for development. The forms will aid in transparency of the certification process and ensure all matters of compliance (as applicable) have been considered and met.

Topics covered by this AC include:

* fundamentals of aerodrome certification
* preparing to apply for an aerodrome certificate
* application process
* post certification obligations.

**Audience**

This AC applies to:

* future applicants seeking to certify an aerodrome
* consultants engaged to act on behalf of the aerodrome owner/operator

Please provide any comments you may have on draft AC 139.B-01 v1.0 in the comments box below.

**Fact Bank – see online consultation**

Draft AC 139.B-01 v1.0

**Comments**

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