

BGA Instructor Suspension and Reinstatement Process

Suspension

BGA Laws and Rules clearly describe that a gliding instructor rating is automatically suspended following any gliding accident.

An accident can be considered to be an event involving a pilot or pilots in charge of a glider(s) or a motor glider(s) that results in physical damage and/or personal injury.

The suspension process is not punitive but is designed to protect where there may be skill, knowledge or other issues to be reviewed. CFI's should ensure any gliding instructor from their club involved in a gliding accident is aware of his or her responsibilities regarding suspension.

Reinstatement

The instructor's suspension is immediate following a gliding accident (gliders or motor gliders). To minimise any delay, the instructor's CFI should contact the Senior Regional Examiner (or in his/her absence, the Chairman of the BGA Instructors Committee) to discuss the situation. A decision on what will be required to reinstate the rating (training, discussion, etc) can be made at that point providing an accident report is available.

Note that the most likely source of delay in this reinstatement process is the absence of a completed accident report with any supporting documents and information.

The reinstatement process should be agreed by the instructor concerned, the CFI and the SRE.

Once the agreed reinstatement process has been completed, the SRE should provide written or email confirmation of reinstatement to the instructor concerned and inform the instructor's CFI.