



## *British Gliding Association*

### **NOTES FOR BGA CFI's RELATING TO SLMG INSTRUCTOR RATINGS**

(Refer also to "Laws And Rules For Glider Pilots")

#### **Introduction**

There are two entirely separate motorglider instructor ratings, the CAA SLMG FIR (motorglider flying instructor rating) and the BGA MGIR. These ratings are entirely separate, both in relation to initial issue and renewal.

#### **The BGA MGIR (formerly the restricted MGIR)**

This rating is issued separately on three groups of motorglider: wooden, GRP and retractable engine. In addition to the above three groups, each group has three separate stages. The stages are explained in detail in BGA Laws and Rules and on the BGA website.

The BGA MGIR is renewed bi-annually by a test with a Regional Examiner or a Senior Regional Examiner, (note:-not all RE's and SRE's are motor glider examiners). Details of the BGA MGIR administration process are contained within the document 'Notes for MGIR Examiners and Instructors'.

As CFI, you must not allow motorglider instructors to instruct beyond the limits of their rating, and they must hold a current, signed MGIR rating card. Please check your instructors validity if in doubt.

#### **The CAA SLMG FIR (formerly the Full MGIR)**

This is a CAA instructor rating, and its privileges allow the holder to instruct pupils for the UK NPPL SLMG. The rating is issued and renewed by test with a CAA approved BGA examiner, renewed bi-annually, and signed for in the holder's licence, on the FCL 1/8 Flying Instructors Rating Certificate of test. The holder of a CAA MGIR may **NOT** use a motorglider to teach gliding exercises, unless they hold a BGA MGIR.

The renewal of a CAA SLMG FIR is also separate from any other power instructor ratings the holder may have. The renewal of a JAR SEP instructor rating does not automatically renew the CAA SLMG instructors rating. This has to be renewed separately as the renewal requirements for the JAR instructor ratings are quite different from the renewal requirements for the CAA SLMG instructors rating. They also have different periods of validity. There has been confusion in the past by people being told that the renewal of a SEP (JAR) instructors rating 'cascades' down to the SLMG instructors rating. This is not the case. For further information on this matter, contact the BGA SRE SLMG via the BGA office.

#### **Note**

For the continuing validity of either of these motorglider instructor ratings, the holder must have a current medical as required by the relevant regulations. Also, the holder of a BGA MGIR must maintain a current BGA Full Glider Instructor Rating to maintain the validity of his BGA MGIR.

There are no currency (hours per year) requirements for the renewal of either of these motorglider instructor ratings. The holder has only to prove their competence on the renewal test, (plus the maintenance of a full glider rating for the BGA MGIR).

For any further information on these ratings, please contact the **BGA SRE SLMG** via the BGA office.