

BMGC Post Solo to Silver C Development Syllabus

Post solo to Silver C development syllabus – introduction

Depending on whom you are, mid-week winter flying, being able to go further afield or flying in our more challenging conditions needs instructor supervision unless you have a Silver C or more. There is currently no clear path or structure at BMGC to bridge the gap between solo and Silver C.

The Silver C requirement restricts what you can do locally, just because you haven't got a national qualification rather than a local BMGC one.

In addition, just because you can do a 50km cross country doesn't mean you can deal with some of our local flying. So the Silver C for me has never been a robust qualification.

This development syllabus replaces that need to have a Silver C at BMGC and therefore the need for direct supervision from an instructor.

The syllabus is there to help you develop into a competent BMGC pilot.

It is designed to provide you and your instructors with a syllabus to follow and sign off as you progress.

Once complete you would in theory be an **unrestricted BMGC Bronze C (Licensed) glider pilot** working towards their Silver.

EASA – Licensing.

Post April 2015 we will all have to have transitioned onto EASA licences either LAPL(S) or SPL.

Evidence of all training completed will have to be submitted if you have not completed Bronze C before March 2015; after which the Bronze will be replaced by the licence.

The only evidence you will have that could be used will probably be your BGA pre-solo and now this BMGC Post solo – Silver C development cards.

So you will have to make sure both development cards are complete and signed off.

If you are not sure have a look at the BGA website. Suitable EASA related web links can be found in the useful references document attached.

Below is also an excerpt from a BGA Q&A on the subject.

If I'm learning to glide but don't reach a standard where I can convert to an SPL or LAPL(S) prior to April 2015, will any training carried out under BGA requirements be wasted?

No, it will not be wasted. Specific stages of flight training carried out under BGA requirements where correctly recorded may be credited towards EASA Part-FCL training requirements for SPL and LAPL(S), that must be complied with from 7th April 2015. Advice on this specific issue will be made available to clubs once a credit reporting process has been agreed with the CAA. Meanwhile, it remains important to maintain accurate training records.

I'm a BGA qualified glider pilot. Surely I can avoid the conversion and just fly in future as a 'student pilot'?

You could - providing that you can find an instructor willing to authorise and take responsibility for every flight you undertake. It might be far more effective to simply fill in an application form and obtain an SPL or LAPL(S). A valid medical certificate is required whether flying solo under supervision or as a licenced pilot.