

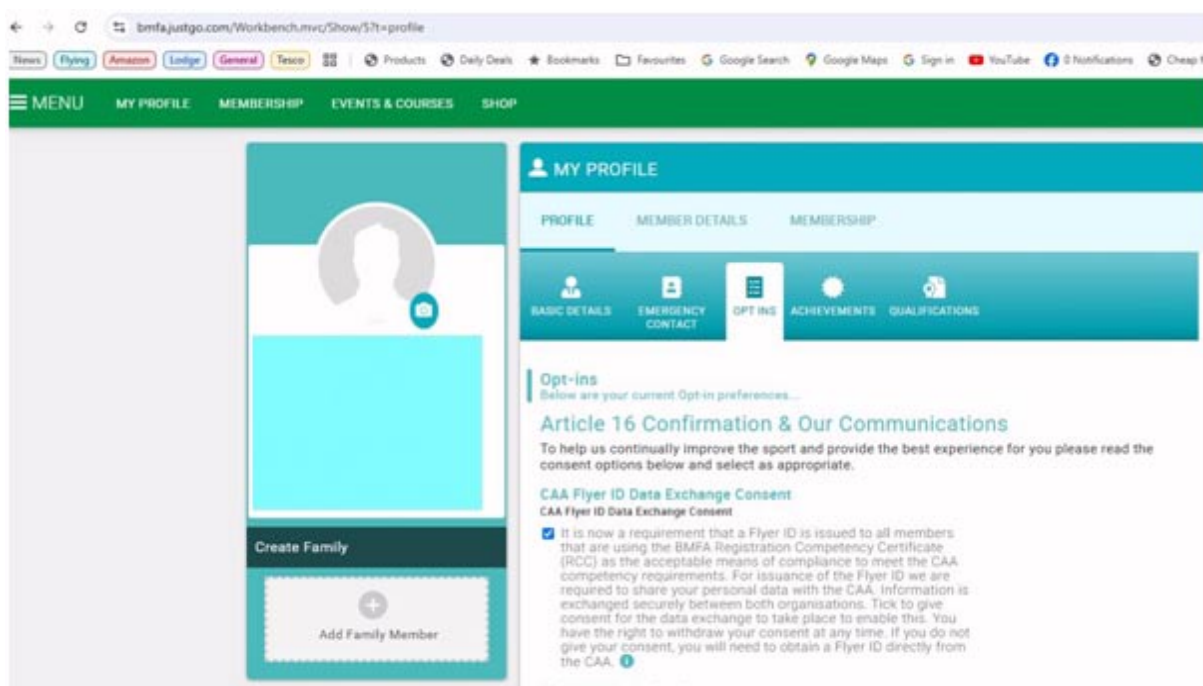
Guidance notes for new trainee members

Flyer ID's

This takes the form **GBR – RP – XX12345XX123**. Note the letters GBR-RP which always appear in a Flyer ID

It is a legal requirement that you have a Flyer ID in order to fly. A flyer ID does not cost anything to obtain other than passing an on-line test. There are 2 ways of getting this but the BMFA route is recommended for a number of reasons.

One route is to complete the multiple choice on-line DMARES test with the CAA who will then send you a Flyer ID when successfully completed. Our recommended route is to do the BMFA RCC on-line test <https://rcc.bmfa.uk/rcc>. This test, when successfully completed will get you their RCC certificate. When you receive this, follow their instructions and ensure that you have uploaded the certificate to the BMFA portal where it will appear against your achievements. Please then go to the BMFA portal - <https://bmfa.justgo.com/> - and go to your profile. Go to the Opt - Ins tab and click in CAA Flyer ID data exchange box. This will allow the BMFA to apply for your Flyer ID on your behalf. (see screenshot below).



The test is mainly common sense and can be taken as many times as necessary in order to pass. When completed you will be shown the correct answers to the questions you get wrong so it is also a useful training tool. Note that you lose a mark for each wrong answer or each answer you should have given but don't..

When you finish your training and take the 'A' test the completion of the RCC will mean you are not asked any of the otherwise mandatory questions (getting any one of which would mean an instant

failure with no discretion). If you have done the DMARES test instead you do not get this benefit so the RCC is advantageous.

Instruction

You will have been made a member of the WhatsApp LMFC Training group. You can either request whether an instructor is available (best not to be specific, just ask if anyone can give training on the day you are available) or instructors may offer training if they are available. We would appreciate you stating your window of availability and you making this as big as possible. We often have many people requesting training on any given day and if you give us the best flexibility you can (earliest available time, latest time to depart) then we can try and accommodate everyone. Unnecessarily limiting your window may result in you losing out! We try to be fair and ensure equal allocation if there are lots of requests, Please note the flying hours of the club which are on our website <https://leatherheadmfc.bmfa.club/flying-information> We do not normally provide training outside of these hours and is totally dependent upon Instructor availability. All Instructors do so on a voluntary basis and make no charge for their time (they also like to fly their own models too!)

XC Weather app

We are very dependent upon the weather for our hobby. We don't fly in the rain (The electronics in the transmitters don't like getting wet) though we can dodge showers and we need light winds, especially in the early stages of training.

Always check the forecast before making a request for training. We find XC Weather good at predicting wind conditions (<https://www.xcweather.co.uk/forecast/leatherhead>). Ideally we want both the average wind speed and gusts to have a light blue background - i.e. less than 12mph. We can cope with gusts with light green background but higher values make it unpleasant for the trainees, especially in the early stages. There is also a local weather station that provides live feed of the weather conditions. There is a link to this on our website <https://leatherheadmfc.bmfa.club/flying-field-weather-conditions>

After heavy rain our field can become quite muddy so suitable footwear is recommended. Also if there has been a lot of rain then the River Mole can flood some of the field. There are links and guidance on water levels on our website. This can prevent normal flying activities but some of us take advantage of the conditions and fly sea planes (float planes) when this occurs ☺ While training this obviously isn't an option but could be something to look forward to!

Operator ID

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All models suitable for flying at our field **MUST by law** display an Operator ID on every model you own and fly. The annual fee is currently £11.13 (Jan, 2025). It must be placed on planes where it can easily be viewed without use of special tools. It can only be held by adults (>18) and they are responsible for who flies the model. It can be obtained directly from the CAA or through the BMFA.

All our training models have their Operator Id displayed but you are responsible for your own models. The correct display of the ID is part of the A test

We look forward to seeing you at the flying field!