

**CHAPTER 55**

**LICENSING OF AERONAUTICAL ACTIVITIES**

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**16:55-1.1 Purpose, scope and applicability**

(a) This chapter:

1. Lists and defines those aeronautical activities (also generally known as fixed base operators or airport service operators) required to be licensed in the State of New Jersey;

2. Outlines the procedures for obtaining license(s);
3. Specifies the requirements which licensees must observe;
4. Specifies the liability for failure to observe the requirements; and
5. Describes the procedure for requesting exemption from these rules.

(b) No person offering or rendering aeronautical services, or acting as a Fixed Base Operator as defined in Title 6 of the New Jersey Statutes, whether or not they are required to be licensed under this chapter, is exempted from the requirement to comply with the legitimate rules, regulations, contractual requirements, or other terms of use or access applicable to any licensed aeronautical facility.

Amended by R.1983 d.476, effective November 7, 1983.  
See: 15 N.J.R. 1453(a), 15 N.J.R. 1870(b).  
Amended by R.2009 d.56, effective February 17, 2009.  
See: 40 N.J.R. 6414(a), 41 N.J.R. 890(b).  
Section was "Scope".

**16:55-1.2 Applicability**

(a) The licensing provisions of this chapter apply to the following aeronautical activities:

1. Aerial advertising;
2. Aerial application;
3. Sport parachute center.

Amended by R.1983 d.476, effective November 7, 1983.  
See: 15 N.J.R. 1453(a), 15 N.J.R. 1870(b).

**16:55-1.3 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Aeronautical activity" means any of the following services in which any person engages in giving, offering to give, advertising, representing or holding himself out as giving to the public with or without compensation or other reward (unless otherwise indicated):

1. "Aerial advertising": Airborne display of any type of advertising (banner, electric lights, smoke);
2. "Aerial application": Application by aircraft of liquid or solid sprays for the purpose of insect, plant, animal or fungus control, fertilization or seeding;
3. "Sport parachute center": An operation organized by an individual, club or business entity to foster, control, supervise and regulate sport parachuting of person(s) sponsored or trained by said individual, club or business entity.

“Division” means the Division of Aeronautics in the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

“Drop zone” means an area of defined dimensions, on the earth’s surface, designated for the landing of sport parachutists.

“Sport parachuting” means the act of descending from an aircraft to the earth’s surface by means of a parachute, or similar device, except when such descent is made under emergency conditions for the purpose of saving life.

“Sport parachutist” means anyone engaging in or about to engage in sport parachuting.

Amended by R.1983 d.476, effective November 7, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1453(a), 15 N.J.R. 1870(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.242, effective November 3, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1988(a), 35 N.J.R. 5141(a).

Added “Division”, “Drop zone”, “Sport parachuting”, and “Sport parachutist”.

#### 16:55-1.4 General requirements for aeronautical licensing

(a) All persons engaged in New Jersey in any one or more of the aeronautical activities listed in N.J.A.C. 16:55-1.3, shall:

1. Submit application in a form and manner prescribed by the Manager of Aeronautics to the Division of Aeronautics. Applications can be obtained by phone at (609) 530-2900, by mail at New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, P.O. Box 610, Trenton, N.J., 08625 or on the Department’s website at: [www.nj.gov/airwater/aviation](http://www.nj.gov/airwater/aviation);
2. Maintain a principal business office, in New Jersey, with a mailing address in the name to be shown on the license at which adequate and suitable facilities and equipment are available to properly maintain required files and effectively operate the business;
3. As required, be prepared to provide relevant data and information as requested by the Division of Aeronautics at a public hearing or special hearing in regard to their license and operation of the aeronautical activity;
4. Display license(s) at a conspicuous place at the principal business office readily accessible to aeronautical inspectors and the aviation public. If the principal business office is not located at the facility from which the aeronautical activity is being carried out, licensee will retain a copy of the license in his possession while carrying out the aeronautical activity and make it available for inspection to State inspectors, law enforcement personnel and the aviation public, upon request.

Amended by R.1983 d.476, effective November 7, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1453(a), 15 N.J.R. 1870(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.424, effective November 3, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1988(a), 35 N.J.R. 5141(a).

In (a), amended N.J.A.C. reference in the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2009 d.56, effective February 17, 2009.

See: 40 N.J.R. 6414(a), 41 N.J.R. 890(b).

In (a)1, substituted “Manager” for “Director”, substituted a period for a semicolon at the end of the first sentence, and inserted the last sentence.

#### Case Notes

Rule provision giving airport owner uncontrolled discretion to prevent issuance of fixed base operator’s license held invalid as an unlawful and uncontrolled delegation of administrative power to a private person (citing former N.J.A.C. 16:55-1.3(c)). *New Jersey Dep’t of Transportation v. Brzoska*, 139 N.J.Super. 510, 354 A.2d 650 (App.Div.1976).

#### 16:55-1.5 Specific requirements for licensing

(a) In addition to complying with the general requirements listed in N.J.A.C. 16:55-1.4, all persons engaged in New Jersey in any one or more of the aeronautical activities listed in N.J.A.C. 16:55-1.3, shall comply with the applicable specific requirements listed below. Where any requirement listed below calls for the maintenance of any data or other information, no particular method of recordkeeping is specified. No change in the system of records customarily kept by the person concerned is required, so long as the records supply an adequate basis for examination.

##### 1. Aerial advertising:

- i. Own or have arrangements for use of a minimum of one currently Federally certificated and airworthy aircraft equipped for aerial advertising operations;
- ii. Provide, when requested, aircraft logbook for inspection containing certified notations of the installation of the particular equipment required for the type of aerial advertising offered. Such equipment and installation shall be FAA approved;
- iii. Utilize pilots who are Federally certified as commercial or airline transport pilots and properly rated for the aircraft used;
- iv. Provide names, addresses, ratings and certificate numbers of pilots employed in the operation;
- v. Insure that only essential crew members are embarked while aircraft are being utilized for aerial advertising (this restriction does not apply to balloons or rigid airships);
- vi. Provide copy of current FAA waiver (if applicable);
- vii. Maintain records of all aerial advertising flights made, which shall be retained for 12 months. These records shall contain at least the following information:

- (1) Aircraft “N” number;
- (2) Date of flight;
- (3) Takeoff and landing time;
- (4) Name of pilot;
- (5) Flight coverage area.