

BGA AIRWORTHINESS AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

PART 2, LEAFLET 2-6

APPLICATION FOR BGA M3 MAINTENANCE APPROVAL

INTRODUCTION

1. A Gliding Club or Maintenance workshop may apply for extension of the BGA M3 approval, CAA reference no; DAI/8378/73 to their maintenance facility. There are two levels of approval, firstly for Motor Glider C of A renewals and secondly for Tug C of A renewals. The latter category excludes all other general aviation and is only applicable for BGA glider tugs.

M3 approval is NOT required for any glider, sailplane or self sustainer sailplane maintenance with a BGA C of A.

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2. Initial application should be made to the BGA requesting an M3 information pack. The pack will contain the application form and audit/check list, some useful information and guidance. An outline of the requirements is to be found in AMP Part 2, Leaflet 2-2.

3. For the grant of M3 approval the organisation will be required to appoint some or all of the following personnel:

- A) Chief Engineer
- B) Motor glider inspectors
- C) Tug Manager (Gliding Clubs with Tug M3 only)
- D) Licensed Aircraft Engineers (Tug M3)
- E) BGA Tug inspectors (Tug M3)

The above personnel will probably already be in place in the majority of clubs seeking M3 approval. The candidates should be advised of the additional responsibilities associated with M3 approval.

4. Application is made by completing form BGA 253 for motor glider maintenance and BGA 254 for Tug maintenance. Following completion of the application form, arrangements should be made with the CTO for a visit where an audit will be carried out using BGA 255 audit report. This form is included in the information pack for your information. Additionally the CTO will carry out an audit of a selection of "G" registered aircraft that are to be associated with the BGA M3.

5. Successful applicants will be advised and their details added to the BGA Exposition and forwarded to the CAA.

6. The CAA, as part of their statutory duties, advises applicants that they are liable for audit.

7. There are no fees to the applicant for BGA M3 approval. The BGA retains a proportion of the C of A fee to finance the M3 approval. However in the interests of fair play, the BGA reserves the right to review this policy should, in the view of the BGA Executive, a particular site is requiring a greater level of supervision or visits. The applicant will be advised if this is the case.