

USUA Training Program Information

Exemption 4274 Overview

USUA Basic Flight Instructors are subject to the privileges, conditions and limitations listed in the USUA Ultralight Airmen Registration Program and FAA Exemption No. 4274, including but not limited to the following:

1. Conduct flight instruction in a USUA registered* powered fixed wing, powered weightshift, powered parachute or powered paraglider ultralight vehicle not exceeding the vehicle parameters as described in the FAA Exemption:
2. Authorize students for supervised solo training flight in a USUA registered ultralight vehicle.
3. Administer a written, oral and flight evaluation to an Ultralight Pilot applicant.
4. Uphold and comply with all the requirements and responsibilities listed in FAA Exemption No. 4274 and USUA Ultralight Airmen Registration Program.

** USUA registered ultralight vehicles will display minimum 6" high numbers on the lower left wing. The first two digits will be numbers between 10 and 19. The next three digits will be letters.*

FAA Exemption 4274 permits individuals authorized by USUA to give instruction in powered ultralight vehicles that have a maximum empty weight of not more than 496 pounds, have a maximum fuel capacity of not more than 10 U.S. gallons, are not capable of more than 75 knots calibrated airspeed at full power in level flight, and have a power-off stall speed which does not exceed 35 knots calibrated airspeed. The exemption is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

1. Each operation must comply with all sections of Part 103 of the FAR except § 103.1(a) and (e) (1) through (e) (4).
2. Each ultralight operated under the exemption must permanently display the following placard: "To be used for instruction only." This placard must have letters at least 1/2 inch in height and be displayed in a location easily visible and legible to all persons entering the ultralight vehicle.
3. All flights carrying two occupants must be used for instruction only, and one occupant must be recognized in writing by USUA as qualified and authorized to give instruction in an ultralight vehicle.
4. All single-occupant flights are restricted to those associated with instruction. Such flights include, but are not limited to, the following: ferrying the vehicles between locations where instruction and proficiency and competency checks will be conducted, maintenance test flights, and new vehicle test checkouts, provided those flights are operated by a person authorized in Condition No. 3 of this exemption to give flight instruction. Solo flights by students may be permitted in a two-place powered ultralight vehicle provided that those flights are for instructional purposes only and are conducted under the close supervision of an instructor authorized to give instruction.
5. Before all two-occupant flights, the instructor must inform the student that the flight is conducted under an exemption granted by the FAA and that the FAA does not establish certification standards for powered ultralight vehicles, pilots or instructors.
6. For identification purposes, USUA must issue an individual authorization to each person allowed to conduct operations under this exemption. Each authorization must include an identification number and a copy of this exemption. USUA must have a procedure to rescind this authority when needed.
7. An individual authorized to operate under this exemption may operate an ultralight vehicle covered by this exemption that is owned by another entity, provided the ultralight vehicle displays the placard required by condition No. 2 of this exemption.
8. Each individual authorized under this exemption shall provide USUA with his or her name, address, telephone number, qualifications, flight experience, and a list (including the manufacturer, model, type, specifications and registration/identification number, if any) of the ultralight(s) he or she expects to operate for the purpose of giving instruction under this exemption. The individual must update this list every 6 months.
9. The information provided to USUA under condition No. 8 must be retained for a minimum 3 years and made available to the FAA on request.
10. Each individual who operates an ultralight under the authority of this exemption must be familiar with its provisions and must have in his or her possession, for each operation, a copy of the authorization issued by USUA and a copy of this exemption. These documents must be presented for inspection upon request by the FAA.
11. Each individual who operates an ultralight under this exemption and is involved in any incident, accident or mechanical malfunction as defined in condition No. 12 of this exemption must promptly provide to USUA the information identified in Condition No. 12 of this exemption.