
REQUIREMENTS FOR BRITISH SKYDIVING AFFILIATION OF A NEW PARACHUTE TRAINING ORGANISATION (PTO)

1. Applicants must apply to British Skydiving Council to open a new PTO and should allow several months for processing to enable any investigations to be undertaken, and the results evaluated.
2. It is a condition of application that applicants to agree without reservation to comply with the requirements of the Operations Manual of British Skydiving.
3. A full physical inspection of the PTO drop-zone/parachute landing area(s) and its facilities will be undertaken by the Safety and Technical Officer (STO), Chief Operating Officer (COO) or Examiner nominated by the STO or COO. The outcome of this inspection must satisfy British Skydiving
4. A full set of maps showing everything of relevance must accompany the application. All dimensions must be indicated.
5. Applications for Affiliation must be made on Form 147.
6. An additional Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) document should be included, together with a Risk Assessment. This must cover any special circumstances pertaining to the operation in question, and all standard operational procedures. These documents must satisfy British Skydiving.
7. The Council may require satisfactory assurances as to the applicant's financial standing and arrangements for funding the operation.
8. Environmental considerations should be set out in the application. These will include whether planning permission exists or may be obtained. Also, the strength of local opposition, if any, to the proposed operation; and any effect on the Association's insurance liability if, for example, the proposed drop-zone is also on a busy licensed airfield.

The opinions of the STO or COO may be sought in relation to the last two considerations.

9. The advantages and disadvantages to British Skydiving and its members of the applicant Club or Centre becoming Affiliated will be considered.
10. The views of the proposed operation's neighbouring drop zones will be considered. Any such objections will not necessarily preclude an application from being granted if, in British Skydiving's view, other considerations outweigh them.