
NON-BRITISH SKYDIVING ACCELERATED FREE FALL INSTRUCTOR (AFFI), CONVERSION COURSE SYLLABUS

This paper is designed to guide the non-British Skydiving qualified Accelerated Free Fall Instructor (AFFI) through the British Skydiving AFFI course.

Below are the British Skydiving Operations Manual and Training Syllabus requirements to becoming a British Skydiving Accelerated Free Fall Instructor.

ACCELERATED FREE FALL INSTRUCTOR (AFFI)

Non-British Skydiving rated AFF Instructors wishing to make AFF instructional descents at British Skydiving Affiliated PTOs must be 'Full' members of British Skydiving, have a good knowledge of the English language, successfully complete a written examination on the requirements of the British Skydiving Operations Manual, have received a Methods of Instruction, Drop Zone Management and a British Skydiving Incident Procedures lecture, given by at least a British Skydiving Advanced Instructor. Prepared and delivered (to a CI) the relevant 'ground school' for the rating being applied for. Have a written recommendation from a CI prior to attending a British Skydiving AFF Instructor Conversion Course. Successfully carry out the relevant 'ground school' on the course and be evaluated in air as directed by the Instructor Examiners on the course (at least two descents). They must also fulfil the specific requirements to attend, below:

To become an Accelerated Free Fall Instructor the candidate must successfully complete an Accelerated Free Fall Instructor Conversion Course, organised by the STO or COO.

Requirements to attend:

- a. Hold an AFF rating acceptable to the skydiving governing organisation of the country where the rating was obtained.
- b. Have a minimum of 1000 jumps and has a minimum of 10 hours free fall time.
- c. Have a minimum of 100 AFF instructional jumps.
- d. A written recommendation from the candidate's CI.
- c. Completed and fulfilled the requirements of the British Skydiving Non-British Skydiving rated AFF Proficiency Card (Form 254g).
- d. Hold a current Parachuting Radio Operators Certificate of Competence.
- e. Hold a British Skydiving Canopy Handling (CH) coach qualification.
- f. Have a British Skydiving Solo Skydiving Instructor Medical Certificate (Form 116a).

Evaluation jumps

Candidates must make at least two evaluation jumps (or as directed by the Instructor Examiners on the course).

On successful completion of the above course, two Instructor Examiners will sign the qualification of the candidate. The candidate will then be awarded British Skydiving AFFI status and be qualified to instruct/coach AFF Student Skydivers.

Course Syllabus

During the Course the following aspects will be examined (where possible):

- a. Ground Training
- b. Learning Objectives for various Levels
- c. Procedures
- d. Ground School
- e. Briefing and Debriefing
- f. In Aircraft, Exits and Emergencies
- g. Equipment and Checks
- h. In Air Emergencies
- i. Malfunctions and Emergency Drills
- j. Responsibilities of Primary Instructor
- k. Responsibilities of Secondary Instructor
- l. The AFF Levels
- m. Consolidation Jumps
- n. Training Aids
- o. Training Records
- p. Jumpsuits/Weights
- q. Lesson Plans

Prior to any jumping taking place the candidate must satisfactorily complete the following (in order, each with a 70% pass mark):

- a. A British Skydiving closed book written test on the Operations Manual and on aspects of AFF instruction.
- b. A basic AFF syllabus classroom lesson.
- c. An AFF progression brief.
- d. An Additional Canopy Training (CT) brief.
- e. A "20-minute brief"

Once the candidate has successfully demonstrated sufficient teaching ability, they may be assessed on their skydiving ability, which will consist of at least two jumps. If unsuccessful the candidate may be recommended to re-attend the course or if the IEs see fit the candidate may have to attend a basic instructor course in basic instruction

During the remainder of the course, the candidates must be assessed on (and pass with at least a 70% pass mark) a further AFF syllabus classroom lesson and/or a "Level 1 retrain", in addition to the required skydiving assessments.

After successful completion of the Course the candidate will be awarded British Skydiving Accelerated Free Fall Instructor (AFFI) status.

N.B. Candidates on the Course will be given a folder containing British Skydiving AFF, FS and Operations manuals, together with an Introduction to the Course.

Candidates are advised to obtain as much information and practice on as many aspects of the British Skydiving AFF Instructor Course as possible before attending the Course.

AFF Instructor Rating Renewal

As per existing British Skydiving Operations Manual requirements, Section 4 (Instructors), Paragraph 12 (Instructor Rating Renewals).

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