

'The importance of adhering to CAA Rules has been reinforced by the Christchurch District Court case finding a UAV operator breached controlled airspace', said Shaun Mitchell, Chair of industry organisation UAVNZ.

As an emerging industry, it is important that all operators of UAVs recognise the importance of safe flying. This means operating in accordance with Civil Aviation Authority Rules, taking personal responsibility for knowing what the Rules require, and complying with them.

UAV operators must also operate in accordance with Air Traffic Control requirements, including registering and logging flights in controlled airspace with airshare www.airshare.co.nz

The UAVNZ industry association (a division of Aviation NZ) has been formed to maximise the benefits from UAV technologies and develop a world-class commercial UAV industry in New Zealand by:

- Connecting: suppliers and customers, hosting forums and networking events.
- Promoting: UAV companies and services, the benefits of UAV technology, and safe and professional operating practices.
- Supporting: companies by providing templates and standards, engaging with the CAA and the wider aviation industry.

UAVNZ has already developed a code of conduct which all members must comply with. It also has Privacy Guidelines and a risk assessment template to help ensure members understand and operate in accordance with CAA Rules.

'These initiatives through UAVNZ and the close relationship with Airways and the airshare website provide some good foundations for the safe growth of the industry', said Mitchell.

UAVNZ has 74 members who are either Rule Part 102 certificated or aspire to this certification, training organisations, systems suppliers, research institutions and government organisations.

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About UAVNZ

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Following continued industry growth, UAVNZ became a Division of Aviation NZ in December 2014

An amended Rule Part 101 and a new Rule Part 102 became effective on 1 August 2015. Rule Part 101 only applies to RPAS of 25kg and under that can fully comply with the rules in Part 101. Where aircraft are above this weight or where operations cannot comply with Part 101, the operator must be certificated under Part 102.

For more information please visit <http://www.aia.org.nz/Divisions/UAV+NZ.html>

Resources on UAVs:

[CAA](#)

[UAVNZ](#)

www.airshare.co.nz

Key facts about Aviation New Zealand

Aviation New Zealand exists to lead, inspire and grow the New Zealand aviation industry.

It was established in 1950 to encourage the safe growth of the aviation industry in New Zealand. In more recent years, it has also become involved in helping the international development of its members.

- Aviation New Zealand has over 300 members and over 1300 on its database
- Members include agricultural companies, air operators (fixed wing and rotary), aircraft designers and manufacturers, the UAV industry, airports, aviation trainers, emergency and medical services companies, helicopter companies, and parts manufacturers.

Key facts about aviation in New Zealand

An 'early adopter' in aviation terms – first international customer for Boeing; first pilot training school 1915; first airmail 1919; and quick appreciation of the suitability of aviation for agriculture, tourism and forestry.

4639 aircraft in New Zealand, one per thousand people, give New Zealand one of the highest aircraft per capita ratios in the world.

Decades of policy innovation to support competition, safety and growth; 30m km² of safely managed airspace; and exports to over 100 countries on all continents.

Aircraft fit-outs, new aircraft (including UAVs), GPS track and tracing systems, high precision processes (for example bait and fire fighting), composites, titanium powders, and aviation industry business and operational systems are just some of the exciting technologies and practices developing in New Zealand which set the scene for growth in the next 100 years.