



**DESIGNATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF PARACHUTISTS**  
**(BPA OPERATIONS MANUAL - SECTION 2)**

1. **Parachutists are Designated as follows:-**

**Student Parachutist**            Below BPA 'A' Licence.

**BPA Licence Holders**        See Paragraph 3 (below).

2. **Parachutists are also Classified in several ways:**

**British Parachute Association (BPA) Parachutist Licence.** Issued by the BPA and recognised by the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, (see BPA Parachutist Licence below).

**The Category System.** BPA Operations Manual, Section 2, Paragraph 4.

**Accelerated Free Fall (AFF) Levels.** BPA Operations Manual, Section 2, Paragraph 5.

**The Grading System.** BPA Operations Manual, Section 2, Paragraph 6.

**Student Tandem Parachutists.** BPA Operations Manual, Section 2, Paragraph 7.

3. **BPA PARACHUTIST LICENCE**

**BPA 'A' Licence**    **Category 8 & Canopy Handling Grade 1 (CH1) – BPA Form 190A**

The BPA Parachutist Licence will be sent to the applicant, with the 'A' Licence section endorsed and with a CH1 sticker included.

**BPA 'B' Licence**    **BPA 'A' Licence, 50 descents and at least Canopy Handling Grade 2 (CH2) and Jump Master Grade 1 (JM1) – BPA Form 190B**

Before the BPA 'B' Licence is applied for, an Advanced Instructor must have endorsed and stuck into the 'A' Licence at least an CH2 & JM1 Grading System stamp. The BPA Licence will then be returned to the applicant, with the 'B' Licence section endorsed

**BPA 'C' Licence**    **BPA 'B' Licence, 200 descents and at least one further 'Grade 1' – BPA Form 190C**

Before the BPA 'C' Licence is applied for, an Advanced Instructor must have endorsed and stuck into the Licence the appropriate Grading System stamp. The BPA Licence will then be returned to the applicant, with the 'C' Licence section endorsed

**BPA 'D' Licence**    **BPA 'C' Licence, and 1000 descents – BPA Form 190C**

The BPA Licence will be returned to the applicant, with the 'D' Licence section endorsed.

**Note:**                    *Once BPA 'A' Licence has been obtained, all subsequent Grading System stamps are to be endorsed and stuck into the Licence by an Advanced Instructor.*

*Remember!*

The Advanced Instructor's endorsement

Your photos

The payment

Form 240 – CH1 Written Examination