

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

Parachutists are Designated as follows:-

- Student Parachutist** Below Category 8
- Intermediate Parachutist** Holds an FAI 'A' Certificate (Red) and above, but below FAI 'B' Certificate (Red)
- Experienced Parachutist** Holds an FAI 'B' Certificate (Red) and above

Parachutists are also Classified in several ways:-

Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) Certificates (Red). Issued by the BPA on behalf of the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom, (see FAI - British Standard - Certificates (Red), below).

The Category System. BPA Operations Manual, Section 2, Paragraph 5.

Accelerated Free Fall (AFF) Levels. BPA Operations Manual, Section 2, Paragraph 6.

The Grading System. BPA Operations Manual, Section 2, Paragraph 7.

Student Tandem Parachutists. BPA Operations Manual, Section 2, Paragraph 8.

Traditional. A Student Parachutist using equipment containing flat circular or conical type parachutes with a front mount reserve, trained within the Category System.

Ram Air Progression System (RAPS). A Student Parachutist using 'Piggyback' equipment (excluding AFF), trained within the Category System.

FAI (BRITISH STANDARD) CERTIFICATES (RED)

'A' Certificate Category 8

The FAI Certificate will be sent to the applicant, with the 'A' Certificate section endorsed.

'B' Certificate FAI 'A' Certificate, 50 descents and at least 'IC Grade 1'

Before the FAI 'B' Certificate is applied for, an Advanced Instructor must have endorsed and stuck into the (A) Certificate at least an IC1 Grading System stamp. The FAI Certificate will then be returned to the applicant, with the 'B' Certificate section endorsed

'C' Certificate FAI 'B' Certificate, 200 descents and at least one further 'Grade 1'

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

'D' Certificate FAI 'C' Certificate, and 1000 descents

The FAI Certificate will be returned to the applicant, with the 'D' Certificate section endorsed.

Note:

Once FAI 'A' Certificate has been obtained, all subsequent Grading System stamps are to be endorsed and stuck into the Certificate by an Advanced Instructor.

If an applicant is applying for an 'A' & 'B', or 'A' – 'C' or 'D' Certificate together, the FAI Certificate will be returned to the applicant, with the 'B' Certificate section endorsed and with an 'IC Grade 1 (IC1)' stamp included. The applicant must then ensure that an Advanced Instructor endorses the IC1 'stamp'. Further Grade 1 stamps (required for 'C' Certificate) must also be inserted in the Certificate and endorsed by an Advanced Instructor.

<i>Remember!</i>	Your photos	The instructor's endorsement	
			The payment

