

International Parachutist Certificate



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FAI International Parachuting Certificates of Proficiency

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At it's Annual Conference in San Diego, USA in January 2001, the International Parachuting Commission agreed on a world-wide standard of International Parachuting Certificates of Proficiency (commonly known as 'licences'). This agreement arose from the fact that the requirements for the FAI Parachuting A, B, C, D, etc. CoP's varied widely from country to country, and also because a large number of prominent parachuting nations issued no FAI Certificates or "licences" at all. It was concluded that, particularly the traveling parachutist and all drop zone operators, would benefit if one standard of FAI Certificate of Proficiency were applied throughout the world.

Although FAI member national parachuting associations will still be able to issue "national", as opposed to "international" Certificates of Proficiency" in parallel, thus enabling them to create their own 'licencing standards' applicable in their own country, the FAI International Certificates is intended to be the benchmark for world-wide recognition. FAI member nations are encouraged to meet or exceed the recommended FAI International Standards, and drop zones throughout the world are urged to welcome visiting parachutists whose level of expertise in sport parachuting is certified by their FAI member nation through the official FAI INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY'. [Home](#) » [FAI International Parachuting Certificates of Proficiency](#)

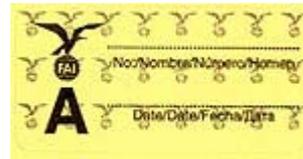
What a Certificate looks like...

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certificate cover:



"A" certificate sticker: "Parachutist"



"B" certificate sticker: "Freefall Parachutist"



"C" certificate sticker: "Experienced Parachutist"



"D" certificate sticker: "Senior Parachutist"



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The revised FAI Programme of the 'International Certificate of Proficiency' (CoP) was officially launched in August 2002 when the new certificates became available at the FAI headquarters in Lausanne. The National Parachuting Associations and Aero Clubs of FAI Member nations, are now requested to place orders for the new FAI Certificates of Proficiency, and begin to issue these documents to their members. The standards for each level of CoP (A, B, C, or D) are printed in the four official FAI languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish). Each CoP booklet will require a photograph of the applicant, and his/her signature. The issuing national association will certify the qualifications of the applicant by placing a 'sticker' for each level of Certificate in the appropriate space. The numbering system is based on the 'country codes' of the International Olympic Committee. Thus, for example, the CoP code for Kenya is KEN, for Ireland is IRL, etc. Only one number is issued for each person holding a CoP. Thus, applicant John Smith from Kenya would, for instance, hold CoP number KEN 0005. When he was issued his CoP, his A level qualification was signified by an appropriate sticker. Once he meets the qualifications for the Category B or higher level, his CoP booklet (No. KEN 0005) would be endorsed with a 'B' sticker, etc.

The International Parachuting Commission of the FAI encourages all member nations to support this programme and make an effort by 2003 to either meet or exceed the standards agreed by the FAI member nations. All national associations are urged to make available the new FAI International Parachuting Certificates of Proficiency to its members. In this context, it is noted that several FAI member countries have already begun to issue the new certificates (e.g. Kenya, Ireland) and that substantial interest has been shown by Canada, Estonia, New Zealand and other countries.

1. FAI International Parachuting Certificates of Proficiency are issued, by National Parachute Associations or Federations, on behalf of FAI.
2. The Certificates and A, B, C, D stickers will be purchased from FAI by national organisations only and each national organisations may set a charge, as it sees fit, for the issue of the initial certificate, A, and further levels, B, C and D.
3. The A, B, C, D stickers, indicating the certificate level of the holder, shall be retained and issued only by the national organisation. The certificate should be returned to the national organisation, with the appropriate documentation, for B, C and D stickers to be added.
4. Each sticker shall be marked with the number of the Certificate of Proficiency holder, and the date of issue of the particular certificate (sticker). Spaces are provided on the stickers for these details.
5. FAI International Parachuting Certificates of Proficiency may be issued only to current members of a National Association.
6. National Parachute Associations or federations shall keep a full record of all International C. of P.s issued to their members. An application form will be designed by each national organisation to suit their particular needs and to integrate the recording of the issue of FAI International Parachuting Certificates of Proficiency with their own membership recording system.
7. An FAI International Parachuting Certificate of Proficiency shall have a number, in two parts :
 - (a) The country code, followed by
 - (b) The number of the certificate allocated to the individuale.g If Kevin O'Connor is the sixth applicant for a C. of P. in Ireland his number will be IRL 0006.
8. The IOC three-letter identification code is that which is used by each country for the country code (a) 4, above. **See the page listing FAI member countries to confirm the codes for each country.**
9. The holder of an FAI International Parachuting Certificate of Proficiency shall have the same country and certificate number for A, B, C and D certificates.

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The International Parachutist Certificate is issued on behalf of the International Parachuting Commission of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale.

The qualifications for the International Certificates of Proficiency, as specified by the International Parachuting Commission, (Sporting Code, Section 5, Chapter 2) are –

'A' Certificate: 'Parachutist'

1. 25 freefall jumps.
2. 5 minutes of freefall time.
3. 5 formation skydives involving at least two participants OR 5 freefly jumps under the supervision of an instructor.
4. Demonstrate control of the body in all axes (backloops, turns, barrel rolls etc.)
5. Ability to pack a main parachute.
6. Demonstrate ability to land a parachute within 50 meters of a target, on at least 10 jumps.

'B' Certificate: 'Freefall Parachutist'

1. 50 freefall jumps.
2. 30 minutes of freefall time.
3. Successful completion of ten formation skydives, OR ten formation freefly jumps, at least five of which, in either discipline, must involve at least 3 participants.

'C' Certificate: 'Experienced Parachutist'

1. 200 freefall jumps.
2. 1 hour of freefall time.
3. Successful completion of fifty formation skydives, OR fifty formation freefly jumps, at least ten of which, in either discipline, must involve at least 4 participants.

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'D' Certificate: 'Senior Parachutist'

1. 500 freefall jumps.
2. 3 hours of freefall time.

Notes

An '**A**' **Certificate Holder** may only participate in formation skydiving or freefly jumps under the supervision of a qualified instructor.

'**B**', '**C**' and '**D**' **Certificate Holders** may jump under self-supervision