



Flight Operations Standards Directorate
General Aviation & Training Section
BPL- Free Balloon/ Tethered Balloon (Hot Air Balloon - Gas Balloon) Skill Test / Proficiency Check
 ICAR-PART ARO(1&2)

• Applicant Name		• Examiner Name	
• ATO Name		• Date of Test	
• Balloon Type & Number		• Flight Time	
• Skill Test Attempt Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> Tethered Balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Air Balloon
• Skill Test Result	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed
• Examiner Remarks			

Note: Use of checklist(s), airmanship, control of balloon by external visual reference, lookout procedures, etc. apply in all sections.

Section 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Free Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Tethered Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Air Balloon PRE-FLIGHT OPERATIONS, INFLATION AND TAKE-OFF						
		1 attempt		2 attempt		Remarks
		pass	fail	pass	fail	
a	Pre-flight documentation (license, medical certificate, permits to take off, insurance certificate, aeronautical charts, aircraft flight manual (AFM), logbook, technical logbook, checklists, etc.), flight planning, NOTAM(s) and weather briefing					
b	Balloon inspection and servicing					
c	Suitability of launch site					
d	Load calculation					
e	Crowd control, crew and passenger briefings					
f	Assembly and layout					
g	Inflation and pre-take-off procedures					
h	Take-off					
i	ATC compliance (if applicable)					
		pass		fail		examiner's signature

Section 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Free Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Tethered Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Air Balloon GENERAL AIRWORK						
		1 attempt		2 attempt		Remarks
		pass	fail	pass	fail	
a	Climb to level flight					
b	Level flight					
c	Descent to level flight					
d	Operating at low level					
e	ATC compliance (if applicable)					
		pass		fail		examiner's signature

Section 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Free Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Tethered Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Air Balloon EN-ROUTE PROCEDURES						
		1 attempt		2 attempt		Remarks
		pass	fail	pass	fail	
a	Dead reckoning and map reading					
b	Marking positions and time					
c	Orientation and airspace structure					
d	Maintenance of altitude					
e	Fuel management					
f	Communication with retrieve crew					
g	ATC compliance (if applicable)					
		pass		fail		examiner's signature





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Section 4		APPROACH AND LANDING PROCEDURES				
		1 attempt		2 attempt		Remarks
		pass	fail	pass	fail	
a	Approach from low level, missed approach and fly on					
b	Approach from high level, missed approach and fly on					
c	Pre-landing checks					
d	Passenger pre-landing briefing					
e	Selection of landing field					
f	Landing, dragging and deflation					
g	ATC compliance (if applicable)					
h	Actions after flight (recording of the flight, closing flight plan (if applicable), briefing passengers for packing balloon, contact landowner)					
		pass		fail		examiner's signature

SECTION 5		ABNORMAL AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES				
		1 attempt		2 attempt		Remarks
		pass	fail	pass	fail	
This section may be combined with Sections 1 through 4.						
a	Simulated fire on the ground and in the air					
b	Simulated pilot light and burner failures					
c	Other abnormal and emergency procedures as outlined in the appropriate flight manual					
d	Simulated passenger health problems					
e	Oral questions					
		pass		fail		examiner's signature

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Skill Test Guide:

- *Some of these items may be combined at the discretion of the Flight Examiner
- If any item in a section is failed, that section is failed
- Failure in more than one section will require the applicant to take the entire test again
- An applicant failing only one section shall take the failed section again
- Failure in any section of the re-test, including those sections that have been passed on a previous attempt, will require the applicant to take the entire test again
- All sections of the skill test shall be completed within (6) months
- **Failure to achieve a pass in all sections of the test in (2) attempts will require further training as determined by CARC**

