



## **SAMJA Turbine Proficiency Rating (effective date 01 December 2019)**

- 1.1 The emphasis of the SAMJA Turbine Proficiency Rating (VLAMGAT) is on the safe operation of turbine powered fixed wing aircraft. Both safe turbine operation and safe flying skills are required to qualify for this rating.
- 1.2 The purpose of the flight test is for the turbine applicant to demonstrate his/her skills, knowledge, and understanding of how to safely operate and fly a turbine model aircraft.
- 1.3 The SAMJA Turbine Proficiency Rating can be acquired in two ways:
  - a) Firstly, by the applicant passing a formal test as outlined in the SAMJA sporting code. The onus is on the candidate to organise the test and invite the examiners.
  - b) Secondly, by the applicant citing an official SAMJA-run contest where the candidate realised a flight score of 60% or more in the basic / scale sport jet class. The onus is on the candidate to submit a copy of the published results of the contest which is cited (within 6 months). Such application will only be considered if the flight score was achieved within one calendar year preceding the application date.
- 1.4 The examination of the Proficiency Rating must be conducted by SAMJA approved judges (see SAMJA website for approved names and contact numbers of judges). At a minimum, the two elected judges must have the following proficiency, of which one must always have a Vlamgat rating:
  - a) SAMJA Vlamgat rating;
  - b) SAMAA Gold Fixed Wing rating.
- 1.5 In order to operate a fixed wing turbine aircraft at any SAMAA recognised flying site (club) in South Africa, the following minimum proficiency requirements are required:
  - a) SAMAA Silver Fixed Wing rating.

- 1.6 In order to operate a fixed wing turbine aircraft at any SAMAA recognised flying site in South Africa during a club organised “*fly-inn*” or a “*fly-inn*” at either your home club or away from your home club, where members of the public will not be present as spectators, the following minimum proficiency requirements are required:
- a) SAMAA Silver Fixed Wing rating;
  - b) SAMJA Vlamgat rating.
- 1.7 In order to operate a fixed wing turbine aircraft during an “*airshow*” or “*public*” display”, at any SAMAA recognised flying site in South Africa, or an event at a non-registered (but temporary-approved) field in the presence of spectators, the following minimum proficiency requirements are required:
- a) SAMAA Gold Fixed Wing rating; and
  - b) SAMJA Vlamgat rating.
- 1.8 In order to operate a fixed wing turbine aircraft during a full size airshow (if invited), the following minimum proficiency requirements are required:
- a) SAMAA Fixed Wing Instructor rating;
  - b) SAMJA Vlamgat rating; and
  - c) SAMJA Top Gun Pilot rating.
- 1.9 In order to compete at any SAMJA recognised competitions (F3S, F4J and any National Team selection event) at any SAMAA recognised flying site in South Africa, the following minimum proficiency requirements are required:
- a) SAMAA Silver Fixed Wing rating; and
  - b) SAMJA Vlamgat rating.
- 1.10 Should a pilot not be a paid-up SAMJA member, any Vlamgat rating awarded will be withdrawn until such stage as membership fees are brought up to date. Depending on the time period of the lapse, and the pilot’s flying activity / or lack thereof during the period, a re-test may be called upon by the SAMJA Committee.