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CLASSIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT

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1 Introduction and applicability

- 1.1 This Aviation Specifications 11 – Classification of Aircraft is published by the Director-General of Civil Aviation.
- 1.2 For the purpose of the Air Navigation (47 – Aircraft Registration) Regulations 2026 and paragraph 23(3) of the Air Navigation Order, the classification of aircraft is described in the Table in paragraph 2.

2 Table of General Classification of Aircraft

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
		Non-power-driven	Free Balloon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spherical free balloon • Non-spherical free balloon 	
			Captive Balloon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spherical captive balloon • Non-spherical captive balloon 	
		Power-driven	Airship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigid airship • Semi-rigid airship • Non-rigid airship 	
Aircraft		Non-power-driven	Glider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land glider • Sea glider 	
			Kite		
			Aeroplane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landplane • Sea plane • Amphibian • Self-launching motor glider 	
	Heavier than air	Power-driven	Rotorcraft	Gyroplane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land gyroplane • Sea gyroplane • Amphibian gyroplane
				Helicopter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land helicopter • Sea helicopter • Amphibian helicopter
			Powered Lift	Tilt rotor	
			Ornithopter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land ornithopter • Sea ornithopter • Amphibian ornithopter 	