

AVIATION SPECIFICATIONS 11

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	
Aircraft	Lighter than air	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		
		Heavier than air	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		
	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		