

## **EXTRACT FROM CAP 168 AERODROME LICENSING**

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### **6 General Requirements for the Grant of a Licence**

6.1 Before a licence is granted the CAA will require to be satisfied that the physical conditions on the manoeuvring area, apron and in the environs of the aerodrome are acceptable; and that the scale of equipment and facilities provided are adequate for the flying activities which are expected to take place. The criteria which will be applied in making this assessment are given in the chapters which follow. The CAA also will require to be satisfied that the applicant for the licence is able to ensure an effective safety management system and, in those activities which are related to the safe operation of the aerodrome, to provide staff who are competent and where necessary, suitably qualified.

6.2 For these purposes the CAA's Inspectors will visit the aerodrome and determine the extent to which the aerodrome, its facilities, equipment and operational organisation meet the licensing requirements. Following the initial grant of a licence, Inspectors from the CAA's Aerodrome Standards Department will visit each aerodrome periodically as part of their audit/inspection programme. The Inspectors will assess compliance with requirements, audit the management of safety, and assess the competence of those responsible for safety. Normally, prior notice will be given to the holder of the licence, but inspections may take place without such prior notice. Inspectors will be 'authorised persons' as defined in the Air Navigation Order and normally will be allocated responsibility for certain aerodromes so that a helpful continuity will develop and improve the value of contacts between them and the management of the aerodrome.