Guide to:

1. Applying for an Aviation Reference Number (ARN);
2. RPA Operator Accreditation.

**Note:** these steps are not required if you already hold a Remote Pilot Licence (RePL).

**Applying for an Individual Aviation Reference Number (ARN)**

An aviation reference number (ARN) is like an account or customer number. You will need it for interacting with CASA.

This must be obtained prior to applying for RPA Operator Accreditation.

See <https://www.casa.gov.au/standard-page/individual-aviation-reference-number> for information on applying for an ARN.

**Applying for RPA Operator Accreditation**

This accreditation was introduced in September 2020, and since 28 January 2021, is required prior to conducting operations using SLSNSW equipment.

See <https://www.casa.gov.au/drones/accreditation> for information on applying for accreditation.

A step-by-step guide is also available here:   
<https://www.casa.gov.au/files/transcript-how-get-operator-accreditation>

Once you have received the accreditation certificate, please email it to [uav@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:uav@surflifesaving.com.au) to store on your file.

Please contact [uav@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:uav@surflifesaving.com.au) with any questions, including screenshots/description of your problem.