

2025 No. 66

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Blackpool)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - 23rd January 2025

Coming into force - - 9th August 2025

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended holding of flying displays that are scheduled to take place there.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Blackpool) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 9th August 2025.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning at 1200 hours and ending at 1700 hours on each of the two days commencing on 9th August 2025 and concluding on 10th August 2025, no aircraft is to fly below 5,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 534856N 0030325W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) flying in accordance with a clearance issued by the—
 - (i) Blackpool Airshow flying display director, or
 - (ii) Air Traffic Control Unit at Blackpool Airport, or
- (b) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) a Police Air Support Unit,
 - (ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or
 - (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

23rd January 2025

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Blackpool, Lancashire due to the intended holding there of the Blackpool Seafront Air Display on the 9th and 10th August 2025.

Many aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the displays and therefore the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Blackpool Airshow flying display director may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 0330 1382734.