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## **REQUIREMENTS FOR BRITISH SKYDIVING AFFILIATION OF A NEW PARACHUTE TRAINING ORGANISATION (PTO)**

1. Applicants must apply to British Skydiving Board of Directors (Council) to open a new PTO and should allow several months for processing to enable any investigations to be undertaken, and the results are evaluated.
2. It is a condition of application, that applicants agree without reservation to comply with the requirements of the [Operations Manual](#) of British Skydiving.
3. A full physical inspection of the PTO drop-zone/parachute landing area(s) and its facilities will be undertaken by the Head of Safety, Training & Competitions (HoSTC), Safety & Training Officers (STOs) or an Instructor Examiner (IE) nominated by either the HoSTC or STOs. The outcome of this inspection must comply with British Skydiving regulations.
4. A full set of Google maps, aerial photographs showing everything of relevance must accompany the application. All dimensions must be indicated, as per Section 7, Parachute Landing Areas / Dropping Zones, of the British Skydiving Operations Manual. This must include any hazards within a 500 metre diameter of the Centre of the proposed Parachute Landing Area.
5. Applications for Affiliation must be made on Form 147.
6. An additional Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) document should be included, together with a Risk Assessment. This must cover any special circumstances pertaining to the operation in question, and all standard operational procedures. These documents must satisfy British Skydiving. Guidelines can be found on [Forms](#) 172 & 244a.
7. The Council may require satisfactory assurances as to the applicant's financial standing and arrangements for funding the operation.
8. Environmental considerations should be set out in the application. These will include whether planning permission exists or may be obtained. Also, the strength of local opposition, if any, to the proposed operation; and any effect on the Association's insurance liability if, for example, the proposed drop-zone is also on a busy licensed airfield.  
  
The opinions of the HoSTC and STOs may be sought in relation to the last two considerations.
9. The advantages and disadvantages to British Skydiving and its members of the applicant Club or Centre becoming Affiliated will be considered.
10. The views of the proposed operation's neighbouring drop zones will be considered. Any such objections will not necessarily preclude an application from being granted if, in British Skydiving's view, other considerations outweigh them.