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This document forms part of the SAMAA Manual of Procedures. It is to be used by SAMAA Members and Registered Clubs in all activities associated with the flying of model aircraft in the RSA.

**POLICY ON TEMPORARY  
CEILING HEIGHT EXTENSION**

**1. Purpose**

The height that any Model Aircraft may fly above ground level is presently restricted by Law to 150 feet.

Since a medium sized model (5 to 6 foot wingspan) cannot be comfortably or safely flown by the average pilot at this height, especially if even basic manouvres are to be done an application was submitted to the CAA some 5 years ago to have this height increased, at SAMAA Registered Clubs or Approved Flying Sites, to the Internationally accepted and recognized level of 400 feet AGL, provided that the flying area or site is at least 5 NM from an aerodrome.

This procedure PR12, has been produced to ensure that any Club or Competition Group who need to fly at a height greater than 400 feet must submit an ‘**Application for a Temporary Ceiling Height Extension**’, or an ‘**Exemption from Civil Aviation Regulations Form**’ to SAMAA.

This submittal/request is to be done in a formal manner, by submitting the Form “ Application for a Temporary Ceiling height extension” complete with all relevant information, to SAMAA, for submission to the CAA.

The request must be submitted at least 60 days before the Event.

**2. Applicable Documents**

This procedure is to support the request for height extension, in conformance with the requirements of CAR Part 94, and must be submitted to SAMAA office on Form F13.

**3. Policy**

The SAMAA requires that model aircraft conform to ceiling height as defined by CAR Part 94. If a extension to the designated ceiling height is required then application shall be made through SAMAA to the C.A.A. for a temporary extension to the ceiling height.

**4. Definitions**

**Registered Club**

An site approved by SAMAA for the operation of Model Aircraft.

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**Ceiling Height**

The Maximum height above ground level that a model aircraft is permitted to operate.

**CAR**

Civil Aviation Regulations

**Club**

SAMAA registered Club

**SAMAA**

South Africa Model Aeronautical Association

**CAA Authorised**

The organization approved by C.A.A. to administer a designated aviation activity

**5.Procedures**

- (a) The Club , Group or Association that requires a temporary ceiling height extension shall complete the ‘SAMAA Application for Temporary Ceiling Height Extension’ form F13
- (b) The completed form together with a site plan and map, is to be sent to SAMAA for processing at least 60 days prior to the dates required.
- (c) The SAMAA shall Consider the application and check that all details have been provided
- (d) The SAMAA shall decide whether to support the application or not.
- (e) If application is supported, the completed form noting the SAMAA approval shall be forwarded to the appropriate C.A.A. office for their consideration.
- (f) Upon receiving the CAA` s reply to the application, the SAMAA shall send a copy to the applicant Club.

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**6. Responsibilities**

- (a) The applicant Club, Group or Association is responsible to identify when and why temporary ceiling height extensions are required.
- (b) The applicant Club or Association is responsible to ensure that all the documentation required, is sent to the SAMAA within the time required prior to the date the extension is required.
- (c) The Association is responsible to check the application and if approved pass the application onto the relevant C.A.A. Office for consideration.
- (d) The SAMAA is responsible to advise the applicant of the CAA.'s decision
- (e) The Club, on receipt of an Approval, is responsible to ensure that all model aircraft flying, conforms to the ceiling height approved and the conditions attached , if any, of the Approval.

**7. Forms**

Application for Temporary ceiling Height Extension form – Form F10 is available from the SAMAA Office.

**It is preferable that SAMAA MOP Form F12 Exemption from Civil Aviation Regulations be used.**

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