



### 2.10 CLASS 'D' HELICOPTER RESCUE FAQs

#### 2.10.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- 2.10 Class 'D' Helicopter Rescue
- 2.10 Procedures
- 2.12 Search and Rescue Policy
- 2.12 Procedures
- 2.12 Annex
- Ground Search and Rescue Group Additional Capability Application

#### 2.10.2 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(1) How do we apply for Class 'D' Helicopter Rescue capability (Helicopter Level 3)?

A demonstrated need for the capability must be shown. Is there a group(s) within a reasonable response time that already has this capability? How often is mutual aid being requested for this resource?

- Complete a Ground Search and Rescue Group Additional Capability Application, available from the EMBC regional office.

(2) We are already approved to conduct Class 'D' Helicopter Rescue (Helicopter Level 3) utilizing fixed line techniques. Do we have to re-apply to add Hoist/Winching to our capabilities?

Yes. Send a letter to your Regional EMBC Office for review and consideration outlining your request to add hoisting/winching and include the following with your submission:

- A copy of the current MOU with the Air Carrier including guidelines for training, operations and maintenance of proficiency as set out in EMBC approved Helicopter Operations Training Program regarding the provision of Class 'D' Helicopter Rescue;
- Copies of training and equipment records that relate to Winch/Hoist operations (this in order to ensure that training and equipment meets Transport Canada requirements); and
- Written recognition and/or assurance that the Hoist/Winch Operator must be provided by the Air Carrier and that this individual shall not be a SAR Volunteer.

(3) We would like to form a regional Class 'D' Helicopter Rescue team. What is the process?

Each GSAR Group that wishes to participate as part of a Regional Specialty Team must complete the "Ground Search and Rescue Group Additional Capability Application". Submit the completed form to the Regional EMBC Office for consideration and approval along with the required supporting documentation.