



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 5224

Covid-19 – Outbreak: Extension of Validity Periods of Completed Theoretical Knowledge Examinations for the Issue of Licences and Type Ratings

- 1) Due to the continuing urgent unforeseeable circumstances caused by the current Covid-19 outbreak, the UK Civil Aviation Authority, pursuant to Article 71(1) of the Basic Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, hereby grants temporary exemption from the applicable requirements of Aircrew Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 (as amended) to individuals completing examinations or training subject to the conditions specified below.
- 2) The purpose of this exemption is to enable the extension of validity periods of theoretical knowledge examinations completed as part of training courses for pilot licences, ratings and certificates carried out in compliance with Part-FCL of the Aircrew Regulation.
- 3) Each relevant validity period shall continue to apply unless the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic prevent it. In these cases, the expiry date of the validity periods may be extended to a future date which shall be no later than 31 January 2021.
- 4) This exemption applies to the validity periods of completed theoretical knowledge examinations that are due to expire on any date from 16 March 2020 to 31 January 2021 inclusive, and covers:
 - a) recommendations for taking theoretical knowledge examinations, issued by the DTO or the ATO responsible for the applicant's training, in accordance with FCL.025(a)(3);
 - b) theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per (c)(1) and (c)(2) of FCL.025;
 - c) the time periods specified in FCL.725(c) regarding the following:
 - i) the 6-month time period between the commencement of the type rating training course and the passing of the skill test; and
 - ii) the 6-month time period between the passing of the skill test and the application for the issue of the class or type rating;
 - d) the time period specified in any of the following, if validity ends between 16 March 2020 and 22 January 2021 inclusive:
 - i) FCL.735.A(b) (MCC);
 - ii) FCL.735.H(b) (MCC);
 - iii) Part-FCL Appendix 3 Section H(1) (ATP Modular Course – Helicopters);

- iv) FCL.810(a)(1) and (b)(2) (Night Rating).
- 5) Applicants for a licence, rating or certificate benefiting from this exemption shall receive further training determined by the DTO or the ATO based on the needs of the applicant. Any such further training shall be recorded in the applicant's training record.
- 6) This exemption shall take effect from 02 December 2020 until 31 January 2021, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Notes:

1. The CAA is aware that applicants may have difficulty in completing the required training and checking during the current period of increased COVID-19 infection. This exemption is to provide some assistance.
2. Anyone with queries regarding the application of this exemption should contact the CAA at Covid-19_licensingexemptions@caa.co.uk.
3. The CAA will keep this exemption under constant review and shall react as necessary to the circumstances which are expected to change.
4. It is the intention of the CAA to resume normal licensing requirements as soon as the situation returns to normality.