

Guidance for pilots on ORS4 Exemptions issued during COVID-19 pandemic

ORS4 No. 1353

What does it cover?

Extension to Theoretical Knowledge (TK) Examination validity period for the issue of an EASA LAPL and PPL.

(This exemption also covers CPL, ATPL and IR Theoretical Knowledge examinations).

This applies to examinations conducted under the UK CAA only.

What does it mean?

The exemption allows for a 6-month extension to the 18-month TK examination validity period.

This means that if the 18-month validity of your examinations expires before 18 September 2020, the results will remain valid for a further 6 months.

If your 18-month validity period expires after 18 September 2020, the exemption does not apply at this time. It will be reviewed in due course if necessary.

What action do I need to take?

Student pilots training towards the issue of an EASA LAPL or PPL must have already completed at least one TK examination to be covered by this exemption.

Candidates can request an extension to their examination validity period by emailing FCL-EEExams@caa.co.uk and should also send a copy of that e-mail to their Flying School.

ORS4 No. 1370 *(formerly No. PENDING)*

What does it cover?

Continued use of UK Pilot Medical Self-Declaration

What does it mean?

Previously any pilot holding an EASA LAPL or PPL for Aeroplanes or Helicopters who was operating under the UK National Medical Self-Declaration system would have been required to obtain an EASA medical certificate by 8 April 2020.

Due to the current COVID-19 self-isolation measures and the pressure on Authorised Medical Examiners, UK pilot Medical Self-Declaration use with EASA LAPL or PPL when flying a UK (G) registered EASA aircraft, has been extended until 8 November 2020.

It is important to note that:

- i) a student pilot cannot utilise the Medical Self Declaration system to obtain an EASA pilot licence.
- ii) the exemption is only applicable to pilots who have not suffered from a decrease in medical fitness during this period.

What action do I need to take?

You must have already made a valid Medical Self-Declaration before 8 April 2020.

There are a number of conditions attached to this exemption. These are listed in Paragraphs 3 and 4 on the ORS.

You should carry a copy of the ORS exemption with your licence.

ORS4 No. 1412

(Formerly No. 1385 & 1374)

What does it cover?

This exemption applies to UK CAA issued EASA LAPL, PPL, CPL and ATPLs where not operating in Commercial Air Transport.

It deals with the extension of validity, and other time periods, for EASA licences, ratings, privileges, endorsements and certificates of aeroplane and helicopter pilots, instructors and examiners.

What does it mean?

If you are the holder of an EASA licence which includes any of the following due to expire on or after the 16 March 2020 and before 31 October 2020. The validity periods can be extended until 22 November 2020.

This covers Aeroplanes and Helicopters and the following:

- i) Class, type and Instrument ratings
- ii) Instructor and Examiner Certificates
- iii) Medical Certificates
- iv) LAPL recency requirement

A number of other privileges are also covered by this exemption.

What action do I need to take?

For Class, type and Instrument ratings and for the LAPL Recency period requirement, pilots require a briefing by a suitable Instructor (CRI, FI, IRI or TRI) or Examiner before 22 November 2020 covering safe operations, abnormal and emergency procedures. This can be completed remotely if necessary so that social distancing requirements are not compromised.

For LAPL holders, the Instructor / Examiner will supply a certificate which should be affixed into the pilot logbook. This will extend licence privileges to 22 November 2020.

For Class / type or instrument rating validities. The Pilot must scan a copy of the Certificate of Revalidation in their licence and send this to the Instructor or Examiner who will extend the privilege to 22 November 2020, before returning the scanned copy back to the pilot. Where the Medical certificate expires, the only action require is for the holder to carry a copy of the exemption with the Licence/ Medical.

For Instructor and Examiner validity periods to be extended, the certificate should be scanned and sent to an appropriate Examiner who may endorse this with the date of the briefing, extending the privilege to 22 November 2020, before returning a scanned copy back to the pilot.

For both LAPL and other licence holders, where the revalidation has been completed, the Instructor / Examiner will complete form SRG1100F, copies of which are held by themselves and the pilot revalidating, whilst a further copy is sent to the CAA.

ORS4 No. 1414 (Formerly No. 1378)

What does it cover?

This exemption applies to UK CAA National, NPPL, PPL, CPL and ATPLs where not operating in Commercial Air Transport or Public Transport.

It deals with the extension of validity and other time periods for licences, ratings, privileges, endorsements and certificates for aeroplane (including microlights), helicopters, gyrocopters, balloons and airships pilots, instructors and examiners.

What does it mean?

If you are the holder of an UK National licence which includes any of the following due to expire on or after the 16 March 2020 and before 31 October 2020. The validity periods can be extended until 22 November 2020.

- i) Class, type, IMC and Instrument ratings
- ii) Instructor and Examiner Certificates
- iii) Medical Certificates

What action do I need to take?

For Class, type, IMC and Instrument ratings pilots require a briefing by a suitable Instructor or Examiner covering safe operations, abnormal and emergency procedures before 31 October 2020. This can be completed remotely if necessary so that social distancing requirements are not compromised.

Confirmation that this briefing has been conducted is to be recorded in the logbook by one of the following methods:

- i) the instructor /examiner will confirm by electronic means and this should be printed and affixed to the logbook; or,
- ii) the instructor /examiner confirms by letter and this is affixed in the logbook; or
- iii) the instructor/ examiner makes an entry in the logbook; and a copy of the ORS exemption is also carried as part of the licence

If the Medical Certificate expires during the time period covered by the exemption, aircrew should carry their (expired) medical certificate and a copy of the exemption notice as part of the licence.

For Instructor and Examiner validity periods, the requirements are identical to those stated above for class, type, IMC and Instrument Ratings.

Example of extension by logbook entry

Date (dd/mm/yy)	Departure		Arrival		Aircraft		Single-Pilot Time		Total Time of Flight
	Place	Time	Place	Time	Make, Model, Variant	Registration	SE	ME	
17/04/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Landings		Operational condition (time)		Pilot Function (Time)				Remarks and Endorsements
Day	Night	Night	IFR	PIC	Co-Pilot	Dual	Instructor	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Safety briefing by A N Other CAA Ref 121456A

In addition, for clarity the Instructor could add a logbook entry statement.

An example of such text is:

I certify that a briefing in accordance with CAA ORS4 No. 1378 / 1385 / 1414 (delete as applicable) was provided to XXX. This briefing authorises the LAPL/ National Licence recency period to be temporarily extended from 24 months to 32 months. This authorisation lasts until 22 November 2020 after which the period reverts to 24 months. This briefing does not count as a flight with an instructor.

Name

CAA Licence Number

Date

Example Certificate of Revalidation

Rating Certificate Endorsement	Date of Rating Test	Date of IR Test	Valid until	Examiner's Certificate Number	Examiner's Signature
SEP(Land)	ORS4-1385	N/A	22/11/2020	123456A	ANOther
IR SP-SE	N/A	ORS4 1385	22/11/2020	123456A	ANOther
FI(A) SP SE	ORS4-1385	N/A	22/11/2020	123456A	ANOther
R22	ORS4-1385	N/A	22/11/2020	123456A	ANOther
Microlight	ORS4 1378	N/A	22/11/2020	123456A	ANOther