



Miscellaneous

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Covid-19 – Outbreak: Extension of Validity and other Time Periods for EASA Licences, Ratings, Privileges, Endorsements and Certificates of Aeroplane and Helicopter Pilots, Instructors and Examiners Conducting Flying Operations other than within an Organisation Holding a National Air Operator’s Certificate, Police Air Operator’s Certificate or Required to Comply with Part-ORO

- 1 In response to the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 outbreak and in line with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) guidance, the Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), on behalf of the United Kingdom and pursuant to article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, exempts all aeroplane and helicopter pilots, instructors and examiners for whom the CAA is the Competent Authority from the validity and other time periods of licences, ratings, privileges, endorsements and certificates issued in accordance with Annex I (Part-FCL) to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 detailed in paragraph 2 subject to any conditions specified in paragraph 3.
- 1.1 This Exemption is not applicable to pilots involved in operations subject to the organisation being required to hold a National Air Operator’s Certificate, Police Air Operator’s Certificate or required to comply with Part-ORO of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 (EASA Air Operations), who are subject to the General Exemptions applied by Official Records Series 4 No. **1410** and **1411**.
- 2 Relevant aeroplane and helicopter pilots, instructors and examiners are exempted from the standard validity or other time periods of any of the following that expire on or after 16 March 2020 and before **31 October 2020**, which may be extended until the end of the validity period of this exemption:
 - a) class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings, including the instrument rating (restricted), endorsed in Part-FCL pilot licences;
 - b) mountain ratings;
 - c) Part-FCL instructor and examiner certificates;
 - d) language proficiency endorsements in accordance with FCL.055;
 - e) recommendations for taking theoretical knowledge examinations, issued by a DTO or by an ATO in accordance with FCL.025(a)(3);
 - f) theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per (c)(1) and (c)(2) of FCL.025;

- g) the time periods specified in FCL.725(c) with regard to the following:
 - i) the 6 month time period between the commencement of the type rating training course and the pass of the skill test; and
 - ii) the 6 month time period between the pass of the skill test and the application for the issue of the class or type rating;
- h) the time period specified in any of the following, provided that the regular time period ends between 16 March and 22 November 2020 inclusive:
 - i) FCL.055(c)(1) and (2) (Language Proficiency);
 - ii) FCL.735.A(b) (MCC);
 - iii) FCL.735.H(b) (MCC);
 - iv) Part-FCL Appendix 3 Section H(1) (ATP Modular Course – Helicopters);
 - v) FCL.810(a)(1) and (b)(2) (Night Rating);
 - vi) FCL.815(b) (Mountain Rating);
 - vii) FCL.825(c) and (g) (En Route Instrument Rating); and
 - viii) FCL.915(e)(3) (Instructors)
- i) the time period specified in the following is extended as follows:
 - i) the last 32 months for FCL.140.A(a) (LAPL(A) recency) and FCL.805(e) (towing rating recency); and
 - ii) the last 20 months for FCL.140.H (LAPL(H) recency).

3 The conditions mentioned in paragraph 2 are:

- a) **Holders of class ratings, type ratings, instrument ratings, mountain ratings or language proficiency endorsements** benefiting from 2(a), (b) or (d) of this exemption shall comply with all of the following:
 - i) hold or held on 16 March 2020 a valid relevant rating and, if applicable, a valid language proficiency endorsement;
 - ii) have received a briefing since 16 March 2020 from an instructor who holds relevant instructional privileges in order to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge to safely operate the applicable class or type and to safely carry out the relevant manoeuvres and procedures, as applicable. That briefing shall be based on the content of the appropriate Examiner Report form for the rating and include class or type specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate. The briefing may be carried out remotely.
- b) Upon successful completion of the briefing as per point 3(a)(ii), the new expiry date of the relevant rating and, if applicable, the language proficiency endorsement, shall be recorded in the normal way appropriate to the licence held. This endorsement may be carried out remotely (see Note 4(d)) and should be:
 - i) Endorsement of the licence of the pilot by one of the following:
 - 1) an instructor holding an appropriate Instructor Certificate in accordance with FCL 945 privileges (for SEP /TMG only);

- 2) an examiner acting in accordance with FCL.1030; or
- 3) exceptionally, by the CAA.

(See Note 4a.)

- ii) For LAPL holders only, the endorsement of the personal pilot logbook of the pilot by the instructor (see Note 4(c)).
 - c) **Instructors and examiner certificate holders** benefiting from 2(c) of this exemption shall hold a valid instructor and, if applicable, a valid examiner certificate. The new expiry date of the certificate shall be endorsed in the licence or certificate of the pilot, either by an examiner acting in accordance with FCL.1030, or exceptionally the CAA as applicable (see Note 4(b)). The endorsement may be carried out remotely (see Note 4(d)).
 - d) Applicants for a licence, rating or certificate benefiting from (2)(e), (f), (g) and (h) of this exemption shall have received additional training, if deemed necessary by the ATO or the DTO. This shall be recorded in the individual's training records.
 - e) **Holders of LAPL licences** benefitting from point 2(i) of this exemption shall, during the validity period of this exemption, have received a briefing from an instructor who holds relevant instructional privileges in order to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge to safely operate the applicable aircraft and to carry out the relevant manoeuvres and procedures, as applicable. That briefing shall be based on the content of the appropriate Examiner Report form for the licence proficiency check and include specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate to the endorsement(s) on the licence, as well as to the relevant kind of privileges, as applicable. The briefing may be carried out remotely. On completion the instructor shall endorse the personal pilot log book of the pilot (see Note 4(c)), or the endorsement may be carried out remotely (see Note 4(d)).
- 4 This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4, No. 1385, which is revoked.
 - 5 This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 22 November 2020, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Notes:

1. The CAA is aware that operators and individual licence holders may have difficulties in completing training and checking during the period of the COVID-19 infection and has issued this exemption in line with the template devised by EASA and provided to all Member States. This exemption does not preclude the revalidation of licences, ratings or certificates so long as the participants do not breach legal prohibitions on non-essential activities, Government COVID-19 public health guidance or CAA guidance, and they can be carried out safely.
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 react as necessary to the circumstances which are expected to change.
4. Recording of extension of privileges:
 - a) Licence holders: Recording the extension of the validity period of the rating privileges for licence holders is to be inserted on the Certificate of Revalidation page of the licence, the Rating Certificate Endorsement to show the relevant endorsement as would normally be entered. At the Date of Rating Test and/or Date of IR Test as applicable, enter 'CAA **ORS4 No. 1412**', at 'Valid' enter the new expiry date as permitted by this exemption. The Examiner's Certificate Number and Examiner's Certificate and signed entries will be completed as normal.
 - b) Examiner certificate holders: Recording the extension of the validity period of privileges for examiner certificate holders, the authorised person is to enter on the Examiner's Certificate 'Extended to DD/MM/YYYY as permitted by CAA **ORS4 No. 1412**' stating their Examiner's Certificate Number and signed.
 - c) LAPL holders: When endorsing a personal pilot log book, the instructor or examiner should enter date and details of the briefing in the 'other' column together with their Instructor or Examiner Certificate Number.
 - d) Where the licence or log book endorsement at 3(b), (c) or (e) is carried out remotely, the instructor or examiner shall provide the pilot with a Temporary Certificate Extending Validity of Licence Privileges (Form SRG1100F). This may be done electronically or by post and the pilot shall carry a hard copy of the temporary certificate with their licence. (Should the form SRG1100F be used for a LAPL holders the entry should state "LAPL extension" in the "Class/type rating" box.)
5. It is the intention of the CAA to resume normal licensing requirements as soon as the situation returns to normality.
6. All recreational pilots should be aware of HM Government's and the relevant devolved Government's current positions on recreational flying, prior to any flights.
7. The reason for the amendment of ORS4 No. 1385 is the transfer of all medical elements into a single document, **ORS4 No. 1408**, to assist in the recovery phase of aviation during the COVID-19 pandemic.
8. The CAA is looking at the use of Self-Declaration of Medicals for UK EASA Medical certificate holders at Class 2 and LALP Medical level, as this would assist commercial pilots in returning to ICAO norms as soon as possible, such Declarations would be restricted to flights within UK airspace, we hope to publish further information shortly.