



Miscellaneous

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### General Exemption E 5128

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#### COVID-19 Outbreak: Extension of Validity Periods for National Licences, Ratings and Certificates of Flight Crew

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), pursuant to Article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ('the Order'), exempts holders of a United Kingdom Flight Crew Licence from the requirements of Articles 154, 155 and 157 of the Order.
- 2) Subject to the conditions in paragraphs 5 and 6 flight crew licence holders are exempt from the validity requirements of Class, Type, Instrument, Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC) Ratings and Class Rating Instructor (CRI) and Flight Instructor (FI) Certificates endorsed within the flight crew licence in accordance with Schedule 8 of the Order and 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.
- 3) For the purpose of this exemption a United Kingdom Flight Crew Licences means:
  - a) National Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes), (Helicopters) and (Microlights),
  - b) Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes), (Helicopters), (Gyroplanes), (Microlights), (Balloons and Airships).
  - c) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes), (Helicopters), (Gyroplanes) and (Balloons).
  - d) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes and Helicopters).
- 4) For the purpose of this exemption a class and type rating means:
  - a) a single pilot, non-complex<sup>1</sup> and non-high-performance aeroplane including TMGs and SLMGs,
  - b) a single pilot helicopter,
  - c) any single engine gyroplane,
  - d) any balloon or airship,

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<sup>1</sup> Complex aircraft as defined in the EASA Basic Regulation (Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2018/1139).

- 5) For Class, Type, Instrument and IMC Ratings:
  - a) The licence holder must:
    - i) hold a valid class or type rating, valid after 16 March 2020;
    - ii) where applicable, hold a valid Instrument or IMC Rating, valid after 16 March 2020; and
    - iii) have received refresher briefing from a CRI or FI applicable to the class, type, Instrument or IMC Rating to be maintained. The training briefing should include abnormal and emergency procedures.
  - b) Upon completion of the briefing mentioned in paragraph 5(a)(iii), the means to confirm the extension of licence validity shall be as per note 4 by a FE, CRE or Revalidation Examiner or an instructor with FCL.945 privileges.
- 6) For holders of Instructor and examiner privileges:
  - a) The holders of Instructor and examiner privileges must:
    - i) hold a valid instructor and/or examiner privileges, valid after 16 March 2020; and
    - ii) have received an appropriate briefing from an appropriately qualified instructor or examiner with the relevant privileges or a training organisation approved to conduct Refresher Training appropriate to the qualifications being extended.
  - b) Upon completion of the briefing, the licence/certificate shall be endorsed by means stated in Note 4 to this exemption.
- 7) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1378, which is revoked.
- 8) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until **22 November 2020**, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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**Explanatory Notes:**

1. The CAA is aware that training organisations 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.
2. Any queries regarding the application of this exemption should be made, in the first instance, for training organisations to the relevant FOI or LSI or affiliated associations, for individual pilots to the General Aviation Unit at [ga.ga@caa.co.uk](mailto:ga.ga@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 of the extension of the recency validity period should be subject to a briefing that can be conducted via preferably an electronic audio-visual link or telephone or in person maintaining social distancing requirements, covering theoretical knowledge and flight safety subjects.
    - i) The confirmation of this briefing is to be recorded in the logbook in one of the following methods:
      - 1) the instructor will confirm by electronic means (scanned copy), and this is to be printed and affixed to the logbook; or
      - 2) the instructor will confirm by letter, which is to be affixed to the logbook; or
      - 3) the instructor to make an entry in the logbook.
    - ii) The licence holder must carry a copy of the exemption notice as part of their licence.
5. It is the intention of the CAA to resume normal licensing requirements as soon as the situation returns to normality.
6. All pilots should be aware of HM Government's and the relevant devolved Government's current positions on recreational flying prior to any flights.
7. If possible, recreational pilots should take advantage of using a Self-Declaration of Medical status, as this would assist commercial pilots to return to ICAO norms as soon as possible. Such Declarations would be restricted to flights within UK airspace.