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## Covid-19 – Recovery: Extension of Validity Periods of Theoretical Knowledge Examinations and Training for the Issue of Licences and Type Ratings

### Background

1. This exemption is being issued due to the disruption caused by the Covid-19 outbreak and to assist an appropriate recovery from the consequent difficulties. The terms of this exemption may need to be changed subject to developing infection rates and relevant advice of the public health bodies of the four Governments of the United Kingdom.
2. This exemption will enable the extension of validity periods of theoretical knowledge examinations currently being undertaken or completed as part of training courses for flight crew licences, ratings, and certificates delivered in compliance with Annex 1 of the Aircrew Regulation.

### Interpretation

3. In this exemption, references to EU regulations are to those regulations as retained and amended in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and are referenced as “UK Regulation (EU) year/number” or “UK Regulation (EU) No. number/year”.

### Exemption

4. The Civil Aviation Authority, pursuant to Article 71(1) of UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, exempts pilots under training for the issue of a UK Part-FCL licence from the requirements of Annex 1, FCL.740(a), of UK Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 applicable to individuals completing examinations or training, subject to the conditions specified below.
  - a. All theoretical knowledge examinations candidates under **FCL.025(b)(2)** whose examinations were due to expire between 19 March 2020 and 31 May 2021 are granted an additional 6 months to complete their examinations until 30 November 2021.
  - b. All theoretical knowledge examinations candidates under **FCL.025(b)(2)** where the candidate examinations were affected by COVID-19 between 19 March 2020 and 31 May 2021, and whose examination are due to expire in the month as shown in the table Annex 1 under original completion month are granted additional time as shown in the table Annex 1.

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- c. All theoretical knowledge examinations candidates under **FCL.025(b)(2)** where the candidate has commenced the examination process during the period of 19 March 2020 and 31 May 2021 are granted additional time as shown in the table Annex 2.
  - d. All candidates whose theoretical knowledge examinations validity period under **FCL.025(c)(1)(i)** and **(ii)** spanned the period of 19 March 2020 and 31 May 2021 are granted an additional 6 months to the standard 24 months for a non-commercial licence, or 36 months for a commercial licence, instrument rating (IR) or en route instrument rating (EIR), to complete their flight training hours.
  - e. The validity periods specified in FCL.725(c) completed until 31 May 2021 shall be extended by 6 months regarding the following:
    - i. the 6-month period between the commencement of the type or class rating training course and the passing of the skill test; and
    - ii. the 6-month period between the passing of the skill test and the application for the issue of the class or type rating.
  - f. The period specified in any of the following, if current validity ends between 16 March 2020 and 31 May 2021 inclusive, shall be extended by 6 months:
    - 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).
  - g. Airline Transport Pilot Licence theory examinations that were due to expire at the 7-year point from the expiry of the Instrument Rating on or after 16 March 2020 but before 31 April 2021 in accordance with **FCL.025(c)(2)(i)**, are extended until 30 November 2021.
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 supersedes Official Record Series 4 No.1464 which is hereby revoked.

#### **Date in Force**

7. This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 31 May 2023, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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## Annex 1

The additional time provided to examination candidates, ensures that the individual is able to complete the process taking into account the disruption caused at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic:

<b>Original completion month</b>	<b>New completion month</b>
June 2021	December 2021
July 2021	January 2022
August 2021	February 2022
September 2021	March 2022
October 2021	April 2022
November 2021	May 2022
December 2021	June 2022
January 2022	July 2022
February 2022	August 2022
March 2022	September 2022

The above allows an additional period six months from the period when restrictions started to end, taking into account that training organisations and examination centres were not able to function normally.

## Annex 2

The additional time provided to examination candidates, ensures that they are able to complete the process taking into account some disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic:

Start month	New completion month
April 2020	April 2022
May 2020	May 2022
June 2020	June 2022
July 2020	July 2022
August 2020	August 2022
September 2020	September 2022
October 2020	October 2022
November 2020	November 2022
December 2020	December 2022
January 2021	January 2023
February 2021	February 2023
March 2021	March 2023
April 2021	April 2023
May 2021	May 2023

The above allows an additional period six months to the candidate, taking into account there would have been some disruption to the candidates training programme.

### Notes:

1. The Civil Aviation Authority is aware that some individual candidates may have issues in completing licence theoretical knowledge instruction or in completing the required training and checking during this period when COVID-19 which may also pose a health risk to individuals.
2. Anyone with queries regarding the application of this exemption should contact the CAA at [Covid-19\\_licensingexemptions@caa.co.uk](mailto: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.

### Additional Information

The aim of this exemption is to provide applicants with an opportunity to complete theoretical training that may have been disrupted by the Pandemic and will permit those who were due to complete examinations or training between 19 March 2020 and 31 May 2021 additional time to do so.

For those whose examinations or training spanned the period 19 March 2020 until 31 May 2021, this exemption will provide an additional time to the normal periods specified within regulation UK (EU) Regulation 1178/2011 (the UK Aircrew Regulation).

This exemption includes individuals who have transferred into the UK licensing systems as a result of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.