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PERSONNEL LICENSING

GENERAL

PERSONNEL LICENSING – VALIDATION OF FOREIGN PILOT LICENCES

☞ Indicates changes

☞ This AIC replaces AIC 30-7 dated 05-09-30.

At present the validation of foreign crew member licences is regulated by regulation 2.17 of the Air Navigation Regulations, 1976.

1. **The requirements for the issuing of a foreign country's pilot licence must be to the equivalent standard of a similar South African licence.** In a case where the requirements of a foreign country are lower than that of the Republic of South Africa, the Commissioner may direct that an applicant meet the higher requirement before granting a validation.

☞ No validation will be considered if a prospective applicant has been refused a licence in South Africa before, or if the applicant's SA licence has been refused in the past.

☞ Validations will only be granted to foreign license holders once confirmation/verification has been received from such issuing Authority.

Therefore the issuance of a validation might take anything between 48 hours up to 10 days.

2. **CONDITIONS OF ISSUE**

A licence validated by the Commissioner will be subject to the limitations and restrictions of the validated licence and in addition, to such conditions and limitations as the Commissioner may deem necessary, but shall nevertheless not permit privileges in excess of the equivalent South African licence.

3. **VALIDITY PERIOD**

The validity period of a validation issued by the Commissioner shall be:

(a) 12 months calculated from the date of issue of such validation; or

(b) in accordance with the validity period of the licence issued by the foreign authority, whichever period is the lesser.

4. **VALIDATION OF A LICENCE FOR PRIVATE FLYING ONLY**

A validation of the above licence will have to be to the level of proficiency of a South African private pilot licence.

The Commissioner may further impose and endorse on the validation, such conditions as he/she deems necessary.

Any acceptable valid foreign licence may be validated by the Commissioner on application for private flying.

All applicants must:-

- (a) pass a practical flight test with a grade I or II flight instructor who is rated on the type of test conducted, who will also be required to assess the candidates cross-country, navigational proficiency. (Only ATP foreign license holders are not required to do a cross-country); and
- (b) be a holder of a valid foreign radio licence.
- ☞ (c) According to the level of experience of the candidate, be required to:
pass an examination in Air Law at an approved training organisation.

The aforementioned validation does not include the validation of an instrument rating.

If the validation is to include an instrument rating or in the case of those licences where the **instrument rating** is an integral part of the licence, the following requirements are to be complied with:
- ☞ (d) Provide full medical records in English language to the Aviation Medical Division of the CAA in accordance with SA-CATS-MR,
- ☞ The Medical records should include:

Private Pilots under the age of 40 years.

- History and examination form (in English).
- Eye examination including colour vision testing every 2 years.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) every 2 years.
- Resting and Stress ECG at the initial medical examination.
- Lung Function Test at the initial medical examination.

Private Pilots between 40 and 60 years

- History and examination form annually
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually
- Resting and Stress ECG every 2 years.
- Lung Functions Test every 2 years.

Private Pilots above 60 years

- History and examination form (in English).
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually.
- Resting and Stress ECG annually.
- Lung functions Test annually.

If the validation is to include an instrument rating or in the case of those licences where the **instrument rating** is an integral part of the licence, the following requirements are to be complied with:

For issue of a validation for private flying including IF, the applicant must:-

- ☞ a) pass a practical flight general test and a instrument rating test with a designated examiner, who is rated on the type the test is conducted according to experience levels and as the Commissioner may decide.

and must:-
- a) pass an examination in Air Law and Procedures with the CAA; and
- b) be a holder of a valid foreign radio licence.

5. VALIDATION OF A COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENCE (CPL) (for commercial purposes)

- 5.1 A validation of the above licence will have to be to the level of proficiency of a Commercial pilot licence, the Commissioner may further impose and endorse on the validation, such conditions as he deems necessary.

To qualify, the applicant must:-

- (a) be in possession of a valid equivalent licence and, if applicable, a valid instrument rating;
- (b) have flown a minimum of 200 hours total time of which a minimum of 100 hours shall be as pilot in command;
- (c) pass an examination in Air Law and Procedures with the CAA;
- (d) be a holder of a valid radio licence; and
- (e) pass a practical flight test with a designated examiner who is rated on the type of test conducted, who shall also be required to assess the candidates cross-country and navigational proficiency.
- (f) Provide full medical records to the Aviation Medical Division of the CAA,

☞ The Medical records should include:

Commercial Pilots under the age of 40 years.

- History and examination form (in English).
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually.
- Resting and Stress ECG every 4 years.
- Lung Function Test every 4 years.

Commercial Pilots between 40 and 60 years

- History and examination form (in English) annually.
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually.
- Resting and Stress ECG every 2 years.
- Lung Functions Test every 2 years.

Commercial Pilots above 60 years

- History and examination form (English), annually.
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually.
- Resting and Stress ECG annually.
- Lung functions Test annually.

☞ 5.2 The applicant may be required to pass an examination in any other subjects that may be required by the Commissioner according to experience.

☞ 5.3 For operations conducted commercially outside South African Airspace, the applicant shall pass an examination in South African Air Law.

6. VALIDATION OF AN AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT LICENCE

6.1 A validation of the above licence will have to be to the level of proficiency of a South African Airline Transport Pilot licence.

The Commissioner may further impose and endorse on the validation, such conditions as he deems necessary.

To qualify, the applicant must:-

- (a) be in possession of a current, valid ATP.
- (b) have flown a minimum of 1 500 hours total time, of which at least 100 hours shall be night flight and 75 hours instrument flight.
- (c) pass an examination in Air Law and Procedures with the CAA.
- (d) Be a holder of a valid foreign radio licence; and

(e) pass a practical flight test conducted by a **designated examiner** who is rated on the type of test conducted, who may also be required to assess the candidates cross-country and navigational proficiency.

(f) Provide complete medical records to the Aviation Medical Division of the CAA,

➤ The Medical requirements include the following tests:

ATP under the age of 40 years.

- History and examination form (in English).
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually.
- Resting and Stress ECG every 4 years.
- Lung Function Test every 4 years.

ATP above the age of 40 years.

- History and examination form (in English)
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually
- Resting and Stress ECG every 2 years.
- Lung Functions Test every 2 years.

Private Pilots above 60 years.

- History and examination form (English).
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually.
- Resting and Stress ECG annually.
- Lung functions Test annually.

➤ 6.2 For operations conducted commercially outside South African Airspace, the applicant shall be required to pass an examination in South African Airlaw.

➤ 6.3 The applicant may be required to pass an examination in any other subject as may be directed by the Commissioner according to experience.

7. VALIDATION OF INSTRUCTOR RATINGS

NO INSTRUCTOR RATINGS WILL BE VALIDATED.

In exceptional cases where a suitably qualified flight instructor is not locally available for training on a particular type of aircraft, the Commissioner for Civil Aviation may designate, in writing, a person holding a validation and instructors rating, with the appropriate type on his/her original licence, to conduct such training.

8. OTHER RATING REQUIREMENTS

Holders of validated licences must note that no additions can be made to a licence regarding the types that may be flown and thus only the types authorized by the licence of the country of issue, may be flown. This also applies to other ratings.

9. VALIDATION OF A FLIGHT ENGINEER (FE) LICENCE (Regulation 63.01.3 of the CAR)

➤ A validation of the above licence may be granted on the following conditions:

To qualify, the applicant must:-

(a) be in possession of an acceptable, current flight engineering licence;

(b) have served a minimum of 100 hours as flight engineer;

(c) pass a practical flight test conducted by a Designated Examiner; and

(d) pass an examination in Air Law and Procedures and any other subjects as directed by the Commissioner;

➤ (e) Provide medical records to the Aviation Medical Division of the CAA.

☞ These medical requirements include the following tests:

Flight Engineer under the age of 40 years.

- History and examination form (in English).
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually.
- Resting and Stress ECG every 4 years.
- Lung Function Test every 4 years.

Flight Engineer above the age of 40 years.

- History and examination form (in English)
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually
- Resting and Stress ECG every 2 years.
- Lung Functions Test every 2 years.

Flight Engineer above 60 years.

- History and examination form (English) annually.
- Eye examination including colour vision testing annually.
- Full Audiogram (not just a whisper test) annually.
- Resting and Stress ECG annually.
- Lung functions Test annually.

10. EXEMPTIONS

In exceptional cases - such as test flights, ferry flights, demonstration flights, specific instruction and on new aircraft, - issue of validations to meet short term operational requirements may be considered by the Commissioner, subject to the requirements, as determined by him according to the particular case, being met.

11. RENEWAL OF VALIDATIONS

Renewal of Validations is subject to the candidate submitting proof that he or she has complied with all requirements of the country of issue in respect of maintenance and proficiency as prescribed for the relevant licence and any other ratings.

☞ **12. UPGRADING OF LICENCES**

12.1 *The holder of a valid foreign licence and a valid South African PPL Validation may upgrade to a South African CPL on account of the validation, by fulfilling all the prescribed requirements for the issue of a South African CPL.*

12.2 *The holder of a valid foreign licence and a valid South African CPL Validation may upgrade to a South African ATP on account of the validation, fulfilling all the prescribed requirements for the issue of a South African ATP.*

☞ **13. APPLICATION FOR VALIDATION**

An application for validation shall be directed to:

**The General Manager: Air Safety Operations
Civil Aviation Authority
Private Bag x 73
Halfway House
1685**

Or fax +27 11 545 1456

The application for a validation shall be accompanied by:

- the fee as prescribed by Part 187 of CAR 1997;*
- a certified true copy of the valid Foreign Licence;*

- iii) a certified true copy of the valid medical pertaining to the licence;
- iv) Logbook currently used by the applicant; and
- v) in the case of a validation for private flying:
 - (a) The Air Law Examination results, and
 - (b) flight test results, as may be required by the Commissioner; and
- (vi) in the case of a validation for commercial purposes:
 - (a) copy of the examination results as may be required by the Commissioner in each case;
 - (b) a summary of the logbook to substantiate the hours flown.
 - (c) be a holder of a foreign radio certificate.
- (vii) Two passport colour photos

NB: As from the 1st of March 2007, applications without photos won't be accepted.


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