



Miscellaneous

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

- 1) Due to the continuing urgent unforeseeable circumstances caused by the current Covid-19 outbreak, the Civil Aviation Authority, pursuant to Article 71(1) of the Basic Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, hereby grants temporary exemption from the applicable requirements of Aircrew Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 (as amended) to individuals completing examinations or training subject to the conditions specified below.
- 2) The purpose of this exemption is to enable the extension of validity periods of theoretical knowledge examinations currently being undertaken or completed as part of training courses for pilot licences, ratings and certificates carried out in compliance with Annex 1 of the Aircrew Regulation.
- 3) Each relevant validity period shall continue to apply unless the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic prevent it. In these cases, the expiry date of the validity periods may be extended to a future date which shall be no later than 31 May 2021.
- 4) This exemption applies to the period in which examinations are to be completed within UK Approved Training Organisations (ATOs) and Declared Training Organisations (DTOs) and to the validity periods of completed theoretical knowledge examinations that are due to expire on any date from 16 March 2020 to 31 May 2021 inclusive, and covers:
  - a) recommendations for taking theoretical knowledge examinations, issued by the DTO or the ATO responsible for the applicant's training, in accordance with FCL.025(a)(3);
  - b) theoretical knowledge examinations FCL.025(b)(2) where the candidate has commenced the examination process, having completed at least one examination sitting by 19 March 2020;
  - b) theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per (c)(1) and (c)(2) of FCL.025;
  - c) the time periods specified in FCL.725(c) regarding the following:
    - i) the 6-month time period between the commencement of the type or class rating training course and the passing of the skill test; and
    - ii) the 6-month time period between the passing of the skill test and the application for the issue of the class or type rating;

- d) the time period specified in any of the following, if validity ends between 16 March 2020 and 31 May 2021 inclusive:
    - 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).
  - e) in addition, for Air Transport Pilot licence theory examinations that were due to expired at the 7-year point from the expiry of their Instrument Rating on or after 16 March 2020 in accordance with FCL.025(c)(2)(i), are extended until 31 May 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) References to EU regulations exemption are to those regulations as retained and amended in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.
  - 7) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 31 May 2021, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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**Notes:**

- 1. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) 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.