



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 5077

Covid-19 – Outbreak: Delay to Implementation of the Six-Month Validity Rule Applied to Skills Test or Assessment of Competence

- 1) The Civil Aviation Authority on behalf of the United Kingdom (the CAA), and pursuant to article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, exempts all licence applicants from the requirements of FCL.015(f) to Annex 1 of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011, BFCL.015(g) to Annex III of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2018/395 and SFCL.015(g) to Annex III of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1976, until 1 December 2020.
- 2) This general exemption is applied to all licence applicants for whom the UK CAA is the Competent Authority, to provide a means of ensuring that such individuals are not disadvantaged, during the pandemic phase of COVID-19. The exemption will be in accordance with the following conditions:
 - a) The applicant will have already successfully completed the required skills test or assessment of competence;
 - b) The validity period for licence issue, ratings or certificates shall be applied as the date the candidate completed the skills test or assessment of competence as the issue date, the expiry date will be that as appropriate based on the issue date of the privilege as per Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011, Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2018/395 and Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1976.
- 3) This exemption has effect from date signed until 01 December 2020, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Explanatory Notes:

1. During this initial period of COVID-19 infection, the CAA will permit some alleviations to the requirements of Commission Regulation (EU) 1178/2011 the (EASA Aircrew Regulation as amended), Annex 1.
2. This exemption has been published taking into account the current information on the situation, it will be reviewed as and when required.
3. This exemption is applicable to all applicants for an UK CAA issued EASA licence, rating or certificate who have passed a test before the 1 December 2020.
4. This exemption applies to applicants for the issue of a licence, rating or certificate, for which the UK CAA will be the competent authority for issue. The exemption provides alleviation from the six-month time limit recently applied to the skills test or assessment of competence by the recent amendment to EU Legislation (that states the individual must apply for the licence, rating or certificate within 6 months from the date the skill test or assessment of competence was taken).
5. Validity periods for ratings or certificates will be based on the expiry date for those privileges. For instance, a class rating's future validity will be based upon the date of the skill test.
6. The CAA always recommends that applicants for licence issue, ratings or certificates, make application as soon as they have completed the requirements.