

AIC B 11/20. COVID-19 / 2W: Extension of validity periods and other time periods for aircrew and extension of validity periods of aero-medical certificates and cabin crew medical reports.

In continuation of AIC B 06/20, EASA made it possible to extend the exemption regime that was put in place in early 2020, subject to conditions laid down in Article 71(1) BR, including the assessment of the need for continuing the exemptions and ensuring safety, where necessary through the application of appropriate mitigating measures.

The overall duration of this repetitive exemption will be from 25 November 2020 until 31 July 2021. During this time period, any individual extension period could, taking into consideration the limitations specified in "Limitations", be granted up to 31 March 2021. If, in March 2021, the reasons for granting the exemptions still apply, additional extension periods may, again taking into consideration the limitations specified in "Limitations" be granted up to July 2021.

General conditions for applying:

When a person already made use of a particular exemption arrangement under the general exemption granted by The Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority (reference: TS3000116-00182 and AIC B 06/20) and the additional time period granted in respect of the applicable requirement:

- (1) in the case of the validity period of an instructor or examiner certificate:
 - (i) was less than 12 months, then that time period and the additional time period granted to that person under this exemption shall cumulatively not exceed 12 months;
 - (ii) was 12 months, then this exemption shall not be applied to that person;
- (2) in all other cases:
 - (i) was less than 8 months, then that time period and the additional time period granted to that person under this exemption shall cumulatively not exceed 8 months;
 - (ii) as 8 months, then this exemption shall not be applied to that person.

In all cases, the following applies:

- "Exemption" is only given if it can be documented that COVID-19 is the reason why revalidation cannot be made.
- "Exemption" is only given for ratings, certificates and endorsements that are valid, or have not been expired for a period exceeding 30 days.
- Briefings and refresher training received within the preceding 30 days of 25 November 2020 will be accepted towards extending for another 4 months.

Licenses, ratings, and certificates issued in accordance with Annex I (Part-FCL) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

The validity period of all of the following is extended as follows:

- (1) by 4 months or until 31 March 2021, whichever period of time is shorter, in the case of validity periods of class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings endorsed in Part-FCL pilot licences.
- (2) by 12 months or until 31 March 2021, whichever period of time is shorter, in the case of validity periods or time periods, as applicable, in the case of Part-FCL instructor and examiner certificates;

- (3) by 8 months or until 31 March 2021, whichever period of time is shorter, in the case of validity periods in the case of theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per points (c)(1) and (c)(2) of point FCL.025 of Part-FCL, point BFCL.135(d) of Part-BFCL and point SFCL.135(d) of Part-SFCL;

For the application of the following recency requirements of Part-FCL to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011

Until 31 March 2021 the time period is extended as follows:

- (1) to the last 2 years and 8 months, in the case of point FCL.140.A(a) (LAPL(A) recency), SFCL.155, SFCL.205 and SFCL.215;
- (2) to the last 20 months, in the case of point FCL.140.H (LAPL(H) recency);
- (3) to the last 32 months, in the case of point FCL.130.B, FCL.140.B, FCL.220.B, FCL.230.B, FCL.805 and FCL.830;
- (4) to the last 30 months, in the case of point SFCL.160
- (5) to the last 3 years and 8 months, in the case of point SFCL.360

If, in March 2021, the competent authority considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption will still apply beyond March 2021, the validity period of the rating, privilege or certificate may be further extended for another period of four months or until 31 July 2021, whichever is the earlier.

IMPORTANT:

In any case a new expiry date cannot be extended beyond the 31th of March initially, and if the reasons for granting this exemption still apply by the end of March 2021, the final expiry date cannot be extended beyond the 31th of July 2021.

Requirements:

Rating used in a Part-ORO organization:

To extend a class or type rating for 4 months, the Part-ORO organization must provide "refresher training" for the license holder, in addition to any other mitigating measures they have deemed necessary to uphold the competencies of the pilot, including: "class- or type - specific abnormal and emergency procedures".

The Part-ORO organization must appoint an examiner, who must ensure, that the above-mentioned requirements are met - and hereafter extend the class or type rating. This applies to all EASA ratings and certificates within the Part-ORO organization.

Ratings used outside a Part-ORO organization:

To extend a class or type rating for 4 months, the applicant must receive a briefing from a qualified instructor in order to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge. The briefing shall include class- or type - specific abnormal and emergency procedures.

The applicant for an extension of class- or type ratings for a Part-FCL licence must contact an EASA examiner who must ensure the above-mentioned requirements are met - and hereafter extend the class or type rating.

For the class rating SEP(land) and/or TMG an instructor acting in ac-

cordance with FCL.945, must ensure the above-mentioned requirements are met - and hereafter extend the class or type rating.

A list of approved FCL.945 instructors can be found in this link:
<http://examiner.dk/Procedures/Instructors/Approved-Instructors>

Instructors:

To extend the validity of instructor ratings and certificates, refresher training and other mitigating measures are not a requirement.

The instructor must contact an examiner acting in accordance with FCL.1030 who must verify that the instructor certificate is valid, and hereafter the examiner can extend the certificate.

Examiners:

To extend the validity of examiner ratings and certificates, refresher training and other mitigating measures are not a requirement.

Only TBST can extend examiner certificates.

Applications shall be addressed to Senior Examiner Morten Keller:

moke@tbst.dk

How to apply:

The Examiner or FCL.945 approved instructor must make a copy of the endorsed license and send it, along with a copy of their own instructor certificate to: info@tbst.dk and title the e-mail: "Application for an extension of a valid Part-FCL license".

If the examiner cannot endorse the license physical, a COVID-19 temp. permit can be issued by using following link:

<http://examiner.dk/Examiners/COVID-19-Temp-Permission>

If no qualified examiner is available to endorse the applicants license, the instructor who has conducted the class- or type - specific briefing, must send an email verifying the briefing has been conducted together with a copy of their own instructor certificate to:

info@tbst.dk and title the e-mail: "Application for an extension of a valid Part-FCL license".

For Part-MED aero-medical certificates (CL 1, CL 2, LAPL and CC):

The Danish Construction and Housing Authority may only grant exemptions for applicants covered by regulation 1178/2011, Annex IV (Part-MED), MED.A.045 and MED.C.030 regarding CL 1, 2, LAPL and CC by four months or until 31 March 2021, whichever is the earlier, in the following two cases:

1) Pilots who are currently staying and exercising their privileges in a third country and also hold an ICAO-compliant aero-medical certificate issued by that third country may face difficulties to travel to the EU or to the nearest Part-MED aero-medical examiner for the purpose of revalidating their Part-MED aero-medical certificate.

In such cases, the Danish Construction and Housing Authority may extend the validity period of the Part-MED aero-medical certificate in accordance with the following:

- a. The cumulative extension period shall not exceed eight months;
- b. In any case, the extension period should end on 31 March 2021 or equal the end of the validity period of the third-country aero-medical certificate, whichever is the earlier.
- c. The third-country aero-medical certificate is not subject to COVID-19-induced deviations from ICAO aero-medical standards.

2) Pilots and holders of cabin crew attestations as per Annex V (Part-CC) to the Aircrew Regulation may not be able to undergo the necessary aero-medical examinations due to a general inaccessibility of aero-medical examiners and aero-medical centres in their Member State.

In such cases, the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority may extend the validity period of the Part-MED aero-medical certificates or the cabin crew medical report on the following conditions:

- a. The cumulative time periods, considering both the initial exemption in early 2020 and any subsequent exemption, do not exceed 8 months.
- b. In any case, the extension period should end on 31 March 2021. If, in March 2021, the reasons for granting the exemptions still apply beyond March 2021 the validity period may be further extended for another period of four months or until 31 July 2021, which is the earlier.

An extension is only given with the condition that the pilots and or the cabin crew attestation holders undergo regular aero-medical examinations as soon as such examinations are possible.

Besides the above-mentioned cases for exemptions the following conditions still apply:

- Part-MED aero-medical certificate holders and holders of cabin crew medical reports benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid Part-MED aero-medical certificate or cabin crew medical report without limitations, except visual ones (only the following are accepted: VML, VNL, VDL, VCL, CVL og CCL).

Only the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority can extend Part-MED certificates.

You can apply for said exemption if you fulfil the requirements mentioned above. It is a prerequisite that the application is a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and that revalidation at an AME cannot be made.

To apply please send your full name, e-mail, home address and medical license no. to info@tbst.dk and title the e-mail: "Application for an extension of a valid medical certificate".

If you are a pilot currently staying and exercising your privileges in a third country as mentioned under point 1) above, you must also send a copy of your valid ICAO-compliant aero-medical certificate issued by that third country when applying for an extension.

Remember to send from a secure mail when sending personal information.