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COVID-19 EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF LICENSES FOR CABIN CREW MEMBERS, FLIGHT OPERATIONS OFFICERS, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS, RATINGS, SKILL TESTS, RENEWAL AND EXERCISING PRIVILEGES OF LICENSES.

INTRODUCTION

The Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) wishes to inform the industry of some decisions taken in order to optimally serve the civil aviation industry during the state of emergency and lockdown period when the government is implementing measures to prevent and contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Because of the pandemic and travel restrictions arising thereof, training requirements of Cabin Crew Members, Flight Operations Officers, Air Traffic Controllers and Aircraft Maintenance Engineers conduct of checks have been affected.

APPLICABILITY

All CAAB document holders

DECISION TAKEN

Most of CAAB Approved Training Organisations (ATOs) both local and foreign, are not operating hence Scheduled/Non-Scheduled operators and individual licence holders are facing issues in completing training requirements towards renewal of licenses, ratings and skills tests:

1. Keeping the above in view, the Directorate of Flight Safety Oversight has in relaxation of the relevant provisions of Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) (Other Personnel) Regulations 2013, Regulations 5, 10, 47, 48, 49, 50, 56, 57, 58, 63, 107, 110 and 112 and Civil Aviation

(Personnel Licensing) (General) Regulations 2013, Regulations 3, 9, 85, 88, 95, 97, 98, 101, 105, 106, 124, 125 and 126, approved the extension of the validity of licenses, ratings and other tests/knowledge examinations, as given below, by 180 days, provided the date of expiry falls between 01/04/2020 and 30/09/2020 (both dates inclusive):

1.1 Other Personnel licence holders

- a) Cabin Crew Member licences, Flight Operations Officers, Air Traffic Controllers and Aircraft Maintenance Engineers
- b) Skills Tests and ELP
- c) Medical Assessments

1.2 For Renewal of licenses or ratings

- a) CAAB knowledge tests
- b) Skill Tests / ELP
- c) Medical Assessments

2. CAAB has extended:

2.1 The renewal of licence requirements by 180 days provided date of expiry falls between 01/04/2020 and 30/09/2020 (both dates inclusive).

3. Medical Assessment (Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) (General) Regulations 2013, Regulation 126

3.1 The validity of medical assessment for Cabin Crew Members and Air Traffic Controllers not more than 40 years of age and date of expiry of medical assessment falls between 01/04/2020 and 30/09/2020 (both dates inclusive) has been extended by 45 days from the date of expiry of validity period, provided the pilot has not been advised any limitations/recommendations during previous medical examination, other than the following limitations:

- a) Subject to wearing of look over glasses while exercising the privileges of the licence and carry a spare set of spectacles while flying,
- b) Advised to use ear defenders in noisy environment and
- c) Advised to reduce weight to acceptable BMI by diet control and regular exercises.

4. The validity of medical assessment for the above aviation personnel not more than 40 years of age and date of expiry of medical assessment falls between 01/04/2020 and 30/09/2020 (both dates inclusive) has been extended by 45 days from the date of expiry of validity period, if the pilot has been advised any other limitations/recommendations during their previous medical examination, except those mentioned in para 1 above.
5. The validity of medical assessment for aviation personnel more than 40 years of age and date of expiry of medical assessment falls between 01/04/2020 and 30/09/2020 (both dates inclusive) has been extended by 45 days from the date of expiry of validity period.

This AIC becomes effective immediately.