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### **COVID-19 EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF SKILLS TESTS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR FLIGHT CREW AND OTHER PERSONNEL WHEN EXERCISING PRIVILEGES OF LICENSES.**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) wishes to inform the industry of Alleviations taken in order to optimally serve the civil aviation industry during the State of Public Emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemics. The effect of the pandemic has resulted in international travel restrictions as a result affecting training and recency of flight crew and other personnel. These Alleviations are applicable for license holders whose recency and currency are valid at the time of issuance of this circular for the period not exceeding 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

#### **APPLICABILITY**

All CAAB documents holders.

#### **DECISION TAKEN**

Most of CAAB Approved Training Organisations (ATOs) both local and foreign, are not fully operational hence Scheduled, Non-Scheduled operators and individual license holders are facing issues in completing requirements towards renewal of ratings, proficiency and IR checks:

1. Keeping the above in view, the Directorate of Flight Safety Oversight has put in place alleviation measures and relaxation of the relevant provisions of Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) (Flight Crew) Regulations 2013, Regulations 11, 43 (a), 54, 55 (a), 56 (a) and Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) (General) Regulations 2013, Regulations 8 (2) and 65, by extension of the validity of ratings and skills tests provided the date of expiry falls between 17/10/2020 and 31/03/2021 (both dates inclusive). Training and Skills test requirements have been alleviated as follows;

1.1. Pilot, Cabin Crew Member and Other personnel license holders relying on Foreign Approved Training Organisations (ATO) and Foreign Approved Flight Simulation Devices (FSTD)

a) FIR, IR, TRI, DPE Oversight

b) Skill Tests, PPC, ELPC (renewals only)

2. The above relaxations shall be subject to the following conditions:

2.1. Commercial Operations (Scheduled and/or Non-Scheduled)

a) Both or either operating pilots, without valid proficiency checks are permitted, provided the Pilot-in-command, who must be either an approved company check pilot, an instructor or examiner, has recent experience of three take-offs and three landings in the preceding 90 days (actual/simulated).

b) Both the operating pilots, with valid proficiency checks are not permitted without recent experience of three take-offs and three landings achieved in the preceding 90 days (actual/simulated).

c) Pre-flight briefing shall be elaborated and crew to be provided with additional time for pre-flight briefing and detailed cockpit preparation and review of non-normal and emergency procedures.

3. General Aviation

3.1. Multi-Crew operations:

a) In a case where any of the operating pilots do not meet the three take-offs and three landings currency requirements in the preceding 90 days (on aeroplane/simulator) the alleviation does not apply.

4. Single Pilot Operations:

4.1. The operating pilot shall meet the three take-off and three landings currency requirement in the preceding 90 days before commencement of commercial operations.

4.2. Pre-flight briefing shall be elaborated and crew to be provided with additional time for pre-flight briefing and detailed cockpit preparation and review of non-normal and emergency procedures.

5. Operators conducting Multi-Crew operations are required to ensure that any crew pairing does not include both the pilots operating under medical assessment validity extension.
6. **Validity of validations (Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) (Flight Crew) Regulations 2013, Regulation 17):** The validity of validations shall be extended provided the foreign license is valid.
7. The skills test and training requirement alleviations are **NOT** applicable to Operators who do not rely on foreign ATOs and foreign FSTDs for training and testing.

***The following shall apply only when there is a Lockdown;***

8. Medical Assessment (Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) (General) Regulations 2013, Regulation 126 and Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) (Flight Crew) Regulations 2013, Regulation 40
9. The validity of medical assessment for all licensed personnel whose date of medical assessment expiry falls between 17/10/2020 and 31/03/2021 (both dates inclusive) shall remain valid for the period of the Lockdown, provided the pilot has not been advised any limitations/recommendations during preceding medical examination.

**This AIC becomes effective immediately.**