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CERTIFICATE OF TEST OR EXPERIENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The privileges of a pilot's licence may only be exercised in aircraft specified in the Aircraft Rating and in respect of which the licence also contains a valid certificate of test or valid certificate of experience as appropriate to the privileges being exercised. This Aeronautical Information Circular sets out the requirements on the certificate of test or experience which forms part of the flying licences. All requirements introduced into this notice become effective on 1st. January 1988.
- a) A certificate of test or a certificate of experience shall not be appropriate to the functions to be performed on a flight unless it is a certificate appropriate to the description of the flight according to the following Table :-

Case	Class of Licence	Description of Flight	Certificate Required
A	Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes)	Any flight within the privileges of the licence.	Certificate of test or certificate of experience
B	Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Gliders) Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes)	Carriage of passengers on a flight in respect of which the holder of the licence receives remuneration.	Certificate of test

Case	Class of Licence	Description of Flight	Certificate Required
C	Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Gliders) Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Airlines Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes)	For public transport	Certificate of test
D	Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Gliders) Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes)	For aerial work	Certificate of test or certificate of experience
E	Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Gliders) Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters and Gyroplanes)	Any flight within the privileges of a Private Pilot's Licence	Certificate of test or certificate of experience
F	Flight Engineer's Licence	For public transport	Certificate of test

Case	Class of Licence	Description of Flight	Certificate Required
G	Flight Engineer's Licence	Any flight other than for public transport	Certificate of test or certificate of experience

2. CERTIFICATE OF TEST

2.1 A certificate of test shall be signed by a person authorised by the Department to sign certificates of this kind and shall certify the following particulars :-

- a) the functions to which the certificate relates.
- b) that the person signing the certificate is satisfied that on a date specified in the certificate the holder of the licence or personal flying logbook of which the certificate forms part, as the case may be, passed an appropriate test of his ability to perform the functions to which the certificate relates;
- c) the type of aircraft or flight simulator in or by means of which the test was conducted;
- d) the date on which it was signed.

NATURE OF TEST

3.1 The appropriate test referred to in paragraph 2 shall be :-

- a) in the case of a test which entitles the holder of the licence of which the certificate forms part to act as pilot in command and/or co-pilot of aircraft of the type specified in the certificate, a test of the pilot's competence to fly the aircraft as pilot in command and/or co-pilot and shall where the Department so specifies in respect of the whole or part of a test be conducted in an aircraft in flight or by means of a flight simulator approved by the Department.
- b) in the case of a test which entitles the holder of the licence of which the certificate forms part to act as flight engineer of aircraft of the type specified in the certificate, a test of the flight engineer's competence to perform the duties of a flight engineer in the type of aircraft to be used on the flight and shall, where the Department so specifies in respect of the whole or part of a test be conducted in an aircraft in flight or by means of a flight simulator approved by the Department.
- c) in the case of a test which entitles the holder of the licence of which the certificate forms part to perform the functions to which an Instrument Rating relates a test of his ability to perform the functions to which the rating relates and shall, where the Department so specifies in respect of the whole or part of the test be conducted in an aircraft in flight or by means of a flight simulator approved by the Department.
- d) in the case of a test which entitles the holder of the licence of which the certificate forms part to perform the functions to which a flying instructor's rating, an assistant flying instructor's rating or an instrument meteorological conditions rating relates, a test of his ability to perform the functions to which the rating relates and shall where the Department so specifies in respect of the whole or part of the test be conducted in an aircraft in flight.

NOTE : Borang JPA 18C is to be completed for instrument rating test referred in sub para C whilst BPA 17C is to be completed for test referred in sub paragraph a, b and d.

4. PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE OF TEST

- 4.1 a) A certificate of test required shall not be valid in relation to a flight made more than 12 months in Cases A, B, E and G or more than 6 months in Cases C, D and F after the date of the test which it certifies :

Provided that in the case of Cases C, D and F two certificates of test shall together be deemed to constitute a valid certificate of test if they certify flying tests conducted on two occasions within the period of 13 months preceding the flight on which the functions are to be performed, such occasions being separated by an interval of not less than 4 months, and if both certificates are appropriate to those functions.

- b) A Certificate of test required shall not be valid in relation to a flight made more than 13 months in the case of an instrument rating (aeroplanes) an instrument rating (Helicopters) or more than 12 months in the case of an instrument meteorological conditions rating (aeroplanes) a Flying Instructor's rating and an assistant Flying Instructor's Rating after the date of the test which it certifies.

5. CERTIFICATE OF EXPERIENCE

- 5.1 Certificate of experience shall be signed by a person authorised by the Department to sign such a certificate and shall certify the following particulars :

- a) the functions to which the certificate relates
- b) in the case of a pilot or flight engineer, that on the date on which the certificate was signed the holder of the licence or personal flying logbook to the person signing the certificate and satisfied him that he had appropriate experience in the capacity to which his licence relates within the appropriate period specified in paragraph 6.
- c) in the case of a pilot or flight engineer, the type or types of aircraft in which the experience was gained.
- d) the date on which it was signed.

6. PERIOD OF EXPERIENCE

- 6.1 A certificate of experience shall not be valid unless the experience certified was gained within the period of 12 months preceding the signing of the certificate in the case of Cases A, E and G or 6 months preceding the signing of the certificate in the case of Case D.

7. PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE OF EXPERIENCE

- 7.1 A Certificate of experience shall not be valid more than 6 months after it was signed for Case D nor more than 12 months after it was signed for any other Case.

ACTION FOLLOWING A FLIGHT TEST

- a) On successful completion of an Aircraft Rating flight test for inclusion of the first or additional aircraft types or for upgrading a type from group two to group one, the applicant or operator should forward the flight test form completed and signed by the Type Rating Examiner or Type Rating Examiners who conducted the test, together with his licence, to the DCA for the endorsement. The DCA will, at the same time complete the certificate of test effective from the date on which the test was satisfactorily completed.
- b) On successful completion of the subsequent tests on an aircraft already included in the rating, the certificate of Test will be signed in respect of the aircraft type in question by the Type Rating Examiner who conducted the test, effective from the date on which the test was completed.
- c) On grant of an Instrument Rating the certificate of test will be completed by the DCA with a date of effect as from the date on which the Instrument Rating flight test was successfully completed.
- d) On successful completion of renewal Instrument Rating flight test, the certificate of test will be signed and completed by the examiner who conducted it, with a date of effect as from the date on which the test was successfully completed.
- e) Type Rating Examiners are also empowered to sign certificates of Experience for any type of aircraft on being satisfied by scrutiny of the licence's holder log book that he has flown the requisite hours in the period concerned.

9. EXPIRY OF CERTIFICATE OF TEST AND CERTIFICATE EXPERIENCE BY A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 1 YEAR.

- 9.1 If a period of more than 1 year has lapsed since the validity of the most recent certificate of Test and the most recent Certificate of Experience have both expired, or if there is no evidence to indicate that flying currency is maintained within that one year period, the licence holder will be required, before he wishes to exercise the licence privileges, pass Technical Examination - Aircraft, Part 2 and the Aircraft Rating Flight Test.

NOTE : This AIC supersedes all previous instructions in respect of certificate of Test or Experience issued.

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