



CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

EXEMPTION

no. 01 of 29.05.2020

This Exemption is issued in accordance with the provisions of article 18 of the Aviation Code no.301/2017, in the context of exceptional circumstances caused by Covid-19 outbreak, considering that the Exemption does not affect flight safety and aviation security, public interest and is not forbidden by law. The Exemption is issued following the risk analysis carried out by the CAA, considering practices of the member states of the European Aviation Safety Agency.

Purpose

The purpose of the Exemption is to extend the validity periods for licences, ratings of aircrew, instructors, examiners, aircraft maintenance licence holders, by way of exception from provisions of the following documents:

- Technical requirements related to air operations (CT-OPS), approved through the CAA order no.11/GEN of 21.02.2019
- Civil aviation regulations RAC-APL – Authorisation of civil aviation personnel (pilots, navigators, flight engineers, attendants, on-board operators, air traffic controllers, flight dispatchers) approved through the CAA order no.27/GEN of 20.12.2013 (RAC-APL)
- Civil aviation regulations RAC-AML – Authorisation of civil aviation personnel (aircraft maintenance personnel), approved through the order of the State Administration of Civil Aviation no.71/GEN of 03.11.2004 (RAC-AML)

Applicability

The Exemption is applicable to aircrew, instructors, examiners, aircraft maintenance licence holders.

Conditions

Section I

Extension of validity period for licenses and ratings issued in accordance with RAC-APL

1. Subject to the conditions referred to in point 2, aircrew are exempted from the standard validity periods of the following ratings and certificates, that expire before 31 October 2020, which may be extended until the end of the validity period of this exemption, as follows
 - a) class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings endorsed, according to RAC-APL, to the commercial pilot licences (CPL, ATPL) for operating aeroplanes and helicopters representing those classes and types within an organisation for which Regulation regarding administrative procedures related to air operations approved through the Government decision no.831/2018 and Technical requirements related to air operations (CT-OPS), is applicable;
 - b) instructor and examiner certificates, the holders of which are involved in training and checking of holders of the class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings specified in a), according to RAC-APL;
 - c) language proficiency endorsements, according to RAC-APL 0015;

2. Extension of validity period for licenses and ratings for aircrew referred to in point 1, may be achieved only in case the following mandatory requirements are complied with:

- 1) Licence holders issued in accordance with RAC-APL shall comply with the following requirements:
 - a) hold valid class or type ratings and instrument ratings if applicable; and
 - b) operate under the management system of an organisation for which Regulation regarding administrative procedures related to air operations approved through the Government decision no.831/2018 and Technical requirements related to air operations (CT-OPS) is applicable; and
 - c) receive a refresher training, followed by the completion of an assessment by means established by the operator to determine that the required level of knowledge to operate the applicable class or type has been maintained. That assessment shall include class or type specific abnormal and emergency procedures
- 2) Upon successful completion of the refresher training referred to in c) followed by the completion of the assessment, the licences shall be endorsed with the new expiry date by the CAA (according to Note 4), or the validity period of the licences shall be considered extended for the validity period of this Exemption, after prior coordination with the CAA.
- 3) RAC-APL examiner certificate holders shall hold a valid instructor rating and examiner certificate. The CAA shall endorse the certificate with a new expiry date. (according to Note 4)

Section II

Extension of validity period for trainings and checking in accordance with Technical requirements CT-OPS

3. Subject to the conditions referred to in point 4, operators are exempted from the standard validity periods of aircrew trainings and checking, as set out in the applicable training and checking requirements of CT-OPS listed below and that expire before 29 October 2020. Validity periods may be extended to the end of the validity period of this Exemption for the following:

- a) operator recurrent training and checking in accordance with ORO.FC.130;
- b) pilot qualification to operate in either pilot seat in accordance with ORO.FC.135 and ORO.FC.235;
- c) proficiency checks (OPC), in accordance with ORO.FC.230(b) and ORO.FC.330;
- d) operator line checks (LC), in accordance with ORO.FC.230(c);
- e) operator emergency and safety equipment training and checking in accordance with ORO.FC.230(d);
- f) operator crew resource management recurrent training in accordance with ORO.FC.230(e)(1) and (e)(2);
- g) operator ground and flight training in accordance with ORO.FC.230(f);
- h) operator line-oriented evaluation in accordance with ORO.FC.A.245(d), if applicable;
- i) flight crew training and qualifications in accordance with SPA.LVO.120;
- j) operator cabin crew member recurrent training and checking in accordance with ORO.CC.140 and;
- k) operator technical crew member recurrent training in accordance with ORO.TC.135.

4. Extension of validity period for aircrew trainings and checking referred to in point 3, may be achieved only in case the following mandatory requirements are complied with:

- 1) for:
 - a) operator proficiency checks (OPC), in accordance with ORO.FC.230(b) and ORO.FC.330;
 - b) line-oriented evaluation, in accordance with ORO.FC.A.245(d),
 - c) line checks, in accordance with ORO.FC.230(c);

the operator shall ensure that the aircrew benefitting from this Exemption shall comply with provisions referred to in Section I to this Exemption and any additional related exercises from Annex V (Part-SPA) to CT-OPS, as appropriate; and

2) for:

- a) flight crew member operator emergency and safety equipment training and checking, in accordance with cu ORO.FC.230(d);
- b) crew resource management recurrent training in accordance with ORO.FC.230(e)(1) and (e)(2);
- c) ground and flight training in accordance with ORO.FC.130 or ORO.FC.230(f);
- d) OPC for commercial SPO and CAT ORO.FC.005(b)(1) and (2), in accordance with ORO.FC.330;
- e) cabin crew member recurrent training and checking, in accordance with ORO.CC.140;
- f) crew resource management recurrent training, in accordance with ORO.TC.135;

the operator shall ensure that all flight crew members for whom derogating measures are applied, in accordance with this Exemption, shall complete additional training through other means, in accordance with the training programs prepared by the operator and accepted by the CAA, valid only during the validity period of this Exemption.

Section III

Extension of validity period for aircraft maintenance licence holders, issued in accordance with RAC-AML

5. Subject to the conditions referred to in point 6, aircraft maintenance licence holders are exempted from the standard validity period of their licences issued in accordance with JAR-66 and that expire before 29 October 2020, which may be extended until the end of the validity period of this Exemption.

6. Extension of validity period for aircraft maintenance license holders, issued in accordance with RAC-AML referred to in point 5, may be achieved only in case aircraft maintenance licence holders, issued in accordance with JAR-66, shall only exercise the privileges associated with their licence, when there's no any circumstance for suspension, revocation or limitation of licences, in accordance with RAC-AML 0070.

Validity period

The Exemption is valid until 28.11.2020.

Director

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Annex to Extension no.1 of 29.05.2020

1. The CAA is aware that operators and individual licence holders may have difficulties in completing training and checking during the period of the COVID-19 infection and has issued this Exemption in line with the practices of EASA member states.
2. Any questions or queries regarding the application of this Exemption should be made, in the first instance, to the relevant CAA subdivisions (OPS, NAV, PEL).
3. The CAA will keep this Exemption under constant review and react as necessary to the circumstances which are expected to change.
4. Recording of extension of privileges:
 - a) Licence holders: Recording the extension of the validity period of the rating privileges for licence holders is to be inserted on the Certificate of Revalidation page of the licence, the Rating Certificate Endorsement to show the relevant endorsement as would normally be entered. At the 'Date of Rating Test' and/or 'Date of IR Test' as applicable, enter 'CAA Exemption no.1 of 29.05.2020', at 'Valid' enter the new expiry date as permitted by this exemption, the Examiner's Certificate Number and Examiner's Certificate and signed entries will be completed as normal.
 - b) Examiner certificate holders: Recording the extension of the validity period of privileges for examiner certificate holders, the authorised person is to enter on the Examiner's Certificate 'Extended to DD/MM/YYYY as permitted by the 'CAA Exemption no.1 of 29.05.2020', stating their Examiner's Certificate Number and signed
 - c) Operators: Organisations using this Exemption for their licence holders are to provide a spreadsheet monthly to the CAA via info@caa.gov.md with subject "Covid-19 licensing exemptions spreadsheet" detailing the revalidations.
5. Words "other means" from this Exemption means that operators shall assure additional training for aircrew members, in order to compensate for the extended validity of different training elements from CT-OPS. This shall be ensured, for example through briefings/ leaflets/bulletins/computer-based training (CBT)/ video, ground crew cabin training to simulate abnormal flight operations.