

INFORMATION NOTICE



COVID19 - EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF RATINGS, CERTIFICATES, COURSES AND THEORETICAL EXAMINATIONS PROVIDED FOR BY EU REGULATION 1178/2011 and subsequent amendments

The information notes contain information relating to the areas of Flight Safety, Security and Air Transport and are intended for subjects operating in the domains of APT (Airports), ATM (Airspace), EAL (Economic, Legal Administrative), LIC (Flight Crew Personnel), MED (Aeronautical Medicine), NAV (Initial and Continuous Airworthiness), OPV (Flight Operations), SEC (Security), **in order to provide guidelines, recommendations or clarifications regarding specific regulatory topics or scenarios**. Recipients are invited to ensure that this information is brought to the attention of all the personnel concerned.

Applicability	Recipients
APT	<i>Not affected</i>
ATM	<i>Not affected</i>
EAL	<i>Not affected</i>
LIC	<i>All pilots holding flight licenses; all ATO; all DTO</i>
MED	<i>Partially affected</i>
NAV	<i>Not affected</i>
OPV	<i>Not affected</i>
SEC	<i>Not affected</i>

1. INTRODUCTION

Regulation (EU) n. 1178/2011 (Air Crew Regulation) and subsequent amdots establishes the technical requirements and administrative procedures relating to civil aviation air crews pursuant to Regulation (EU) no. 2018/1139 (Basic Regulation).

Article 71 of Regulation (EU) n. 2018/1139 allows Member States, in the event of unforeseeable circumstances or urgent operational needs of a natural or legal person, to grant an exemption to the applicable requirements if it is not possible to comply with them (flexibility provisions).

ENAC, following the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19, and the consequent DPCM (Prime Minister Decree) dated 8 March 2020, makes use of these flexibility provisions to allow:

- to extend the expiry date of the Type / Class ratings, Instructor Certificates, Examiner Certificates, and language proficiency certificates, to all pilots not employed by CAT, SPO and NCC Air Operators;
- to extend the validity of the theoretical courses and the time limits relating to the theoretical exams prescribed by FCL.025.

2. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

This Information Notice provides indications to take advantage of the flexibility provisions allowed by Article 71 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 related to:

- a) pilots not employed by CAT, SPO and NCC Air Operators, holders of (IT.FCL) ATPL / CPL / MPL / PPL / SPL / BPL / LAPL (A) (H) (S) (B) issued by ENAC with ratings:
 - CLASS / TYPE RATING + INSTRUMENT RATING (where applicable)
 - INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATIONS
 - EXAMINER CERTIFICATIONS
 - LANGUAGE COMPETENCE CERTIFICATION

- b) applicants for:
 - extension of the recommendation for theoretical exams according to FCL.025 (a) (3)
 - extension of the validity of the theoretical exams for the issue of a LAPL (A) (H) (S) (B), PPL (A) (H) (S) (B), CPL (A) (H) license, an IR and EIR rating in accordance with FCL.025 (c) (1) (i) (ii)
 - extension of the validity of FCL.025 (c) (2)
 - extension of the validity of FCL.025 (b) (2)
 - extension of the period provided for by FCL.725 (c)
 - extension of the validity period for the completion of the courses prescribed by:
 - FCL 735.A (b)
 - FCL.735.H (b)
 - Point 1. of Section H of Appendix 3
 - FCL 810 (a) (1) and (a) (2)
 - FCL. 815 (b)
 - FCL. 825 (c)

3. CONDITIONS

The flexibility provisions are granted subject to the following conditions:

- an extension of 4 months may be granted to the pilots referred to in point 2a) above, holders of Class and Type ratings in course of validity expiring between 31/03/2020 and 31/10/2020, with or without IR rating, who cannot access flight simulators and/or aircraft (airplane or helicopter)

- an extension up to a maximum of 8 months, but not beyond 29/11/2020, may be granted to:
 - the Instructors and Examiners referred to in point 2a) above, holders of Certificates in course of validity expiring between 31/03/2020 and 31/10/2020, who cannot access flight simulators and/or aircraft (airplane or helicopter)
 - the applicants referred to in point 2b) above

- if necessary and only for commercial activity, the period set out in point FCL.060(c)(1) may be extended from 120 to 180 days.

4. METHODS OF EXTENSION AND NOTIFICATION TO ENAC BY THE EXAMINER

The Examiner updates the pilot's rating extending its validity by 4 months and fills in the form attached to this Information Notice, specifying the new expiry date, and the date of the day on which the theoretical briefing prescribed by the mitigation measures under point 5 below was provided (which must be accomplished within the period of validity of the rating). If the examiner is logistically unable to update the license, the aforementioned form will be sent to the pilot as an endorsement of the extension and kept inside the license.

The updating of licenses also extends, if necessary, the linguistic competence in accordance with FCL.055 by means of the specific form attached to this Information Notice.

As far as the Certificates is concerned, in a similar way to the above:

- the Examiner extends the validity of the Instructor Certificate
 - the Senior Examiner extends the validity of the Examiner Certificate
- for a maximum of 8 months but not beyond 29/11/2020.

The Examiner, through his PEC (certified e-mail), notifies ENAC of the extension of validity of the rating, by sending an e-mail to the electronic box protocollo@pec.enac.gov.it by:

- directing it to the Airport Directorate of normal reference if it is the extension of a rating (with or without IR)
- directing it to the ENAC RPO Directorate if it is an extension of the Certificate of an Instructor or Examiner,
- enclosing the form attached to this Information Note, filled in with the new expiry date and the date of the day on which the theoretical briefing prescribed by the mitigation measures under point 5 below was provided.

Pilots, Instructors, Examiners who do not have the possibility to get the extension from an IT.FCL licensed examiner, may refer to examiners from other EASA countries, who shall adopt the same extension procedures as Italian examiners.

In this case, however, that examiner will notify the extension to the email address examiner.notification@enac.gov.it enclosing the evidence of the briefing, while the pilot, for the purpose of updating his license, will send the form filled in by the examiner:

- to the Airport Directorate of normal reference (using the email addresses attached to this Information Notice) if it is a rating with or without IR
- to the ENAC RPO Directorate (by certified e-mail addressed to protocollo@pec.enac.gov.it or, if not available, at the email address istruttoriesaminatori@enac.gov.it) if it is an Instructor or Examiner certificate.

With regard to the extensions provided in point 2b above), the ATO or the DTO of reference will notify the extensions through the traditional channels.

The new deadline, extended by 4 months for ratings and by 8 for certifications, may be formalized not earlier than 1 month from the original deadline. In any case, the deadline extended according to the methods of this Information Notice cannot exceed the date of 29/11/2020.

The IT.FCL examiner is not required to make the notifications prescribed by Circular LIC 13 and, in case of EASA license not issued by ENAC, no procedure according to EDD is required.

5. MITIGATION MEASURES NECESSARY TO EXTEND VALIDITY

In order to obtain the extension of the validity as per chapter 2, the pilot must have received a briefing from the examiner who holds the necessary ratings and Instructor and Examiner privileges, to update the theoretical knowledge required to operate safely on the class or type, including any instrument rating (IR).

The theoretical briefing shall also include all the applicable maneuvers, including those relating to abnormal and emergency procedures.

As an example, a non-exhaustive list of possible modalities to carry out the briefing is provided below:

- face to face briefing, provided that the COVID-19 safety measures are respected
- e-learning
- e-mail
- videoconference
- other modalities deemed satisfactory by the examiner.

The mitigation measures do not require the prior approval of ENAC.

6. CLARIFICATIONS

Questions on the subject of this Information Notice regarding the ratings can be sent to the e-mail address personale.volo@enac.gov.it , while those regarding the Instructors and Examiners Certificates can be sent to the e-mail address istruttoriesaminatori@enac.gov.it . The addresses of the Airport Directorates, for sending the form by pilots who received the briefing from an EASA examiner without an IT.FCL license issued by ENAC, are attached to this Information Notice.

7. VALIDITY

The indications of this Information Notice start from the date of its publication on the ENAC website.

This Information Notice remains in force until different notice.

Signed
Il Direttore Regolazione Operazioni e Personale Volo
Ing. Sebastiano Veccia

(documento firmato digitalmente ai sensi dell'art.24 del D.Lgs 82/2005 e ss.mm.ii)