

# INFORMATION NOTICE



## COVID19 - EXTENSION OF VALIDITY PERIODS OF LICENCES, RATINGS, CERTIFICATES, ATTESTATIONS, TRAINING AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES, PRESCRIBED BY EU REGULATIONS 1178/2011 AND 965/2012

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</i>
MED	<i>Partially affected</i>
NAV	<i>Not affected</i>
OPV	<i>All air operators certified or subject to declaration in accordance with Reg. (EU) n.965/2012</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).

Regulation (EU) n. 965/2012 (Air Ops Regulation) and subsequent amdots establishes the technical requirements and administrative procedures relating to civil aviation air operators pursuant to Regulation (EU) 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 the flight crew members employed by the CAT, SPO and NCC Air Operators to extend the expiry date of their Type / Class Ratings, Instructor and Examiner Certificates, all training and control activities, Cabin Crew Attestations (CCA), and certificates of linguistic competence.

## 2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This Information Note intends to provide indications on the ways established to take advantage of the flexibility provisions provided for in Art. 71 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, to CAT Air Operators certified by ENAC, to SPO and NCC operators who have submitted Declaration to ENAC, and to CAT, SPO and NCC Air Operators from other EASA countries:

- a) employing flight crew members holding licenses or CCAs issued by ENAC such as:
  - Pilots holding ATPL / CPL / MPL License with:
    - CLASS / TYPE RATING + INSTRUMENT RATING
    - INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATIONS
    - EXAMINER CERTIFICATIONS
    - LANGUAGE COMPETENCE CERTIFICATIONS
  - Flight attendants holding CCA
- b) accomplishing recurrent training and control activities pursuant to the following requirements of Regulation (EU) no. 965/2012:
  - ORO.FC.130 - Recurrent training and checking (NB, includes CRM for SPO / NCC)
  - ORO.FC.145 (c) - Approval of training, checking and FSTD training devices
  - ORO.FC.230 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) - Recurrent training and checking
  - ORO.FC.A.245 (d) - Alternative Training and qualification program
  - ORO.FC.330 - Recurrent training and checking - operator proficiency check
  - ORO.CC.140 - Recurrent Training
  - ORO.TC.135 - Recurrent Training
  - Any applicable requirement prescribed by the SPA Part relating to recurrent training and control

## 3. CONDITIONS

The following staff, falling in the applicability set out in paragraphs 2 a) and b) above, whose deadlines are between the date of issue of this I.N. and 31 Oct. 2020, can take advantage of the flexibility provisions and therefore extend the relevant period of validity by 4 months:

- Pilots, flight attendants and technical crew members of CAT / NCC / SPO Air Operators who, having no accessibility to flight simulators and / or aircraft (airplane or helicopter), meet both the following conditions:
  - a) hold a valid class or type rating or qualification valid in their role
  - b) operate within the management system of an organization for which the Part ORO of Reg. (EU) n.965/2012 is applicable
- Instructors or Examiners holding a valid certificate who operate within the management system of an organization (CAT / NCC / SPO) for which the Part ORO of Reg. (EU) 965/2012 is applicable
- Flight personnel holding a valid CCA certificate

**The new deadline, extended by 4 months compared to the original one, can be formalized not earlier than 1 month from the original deadline. The training and the assessment/control provided for in paragraph 5 are also carried out in the month preceding the original deadline. The deadline extended according to this note cannot however exceed the date of 22 Nov. 2020.**

## 4. METHOD OF NOTIFICATION TO ENAC BY THE OPERATOR

The Operator notifies via PEC (Certified e-mail) to the Certification Team at the competent Operations Directorate or Operations Office, to the Airport Directorate of usual reference, and to the

ENAC RPO Directorate, the list of Pilots, Instructors, Examiners, Flight Attendants and technical crew members for which extension is necessary, also indicating the mitigation measures adopted and the completion of the training required in accordance with point 5, using the form attached to this Information Note.

The Operator Examiner or the ENAC Examiner may update the pilot's license extending its validity by 4 months.

The extension with the new expiry of the Instructor Certificate is carried out by the Examiner.

The extension with the new expiry of the Examiner Certificate is carried out by a Senior Examiner.

The updating of licenses also extends, if necessary, the language competence in accordance with FCL.055. To this end, the Examiner fills in the form attached to this I.N. and extends the validity period of 4 months. This form is kept within the license.

For deadlines related to recurrent training and control activities, the Operator updates its database extending the validity of 4 months.

Pilots, Instructors, Examiners who work with Operators whose principal base of operations is in another EASA country, are required to send to the Airport Directorate of usual reference and to the ENAC RPO Directorate via PEC (Certified e-mail or, if not available, at the address e-mail [personale.volo@enac.gov.it](mailto:personale.volo@enac.gov.it)) the photocopy of the updated license.

In the case of updating the Instructor and Examiner Certificates, sending must only be done to the ENAC RPO Directorate.

**The 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 get the extension of the validity as per par. 2a) and b), the personnel concerned must have received training and an assessment according to the criteria and methods established by the Air Operator.

In order to keep the proper level of competence, it is also required the review of the type-related abnormal and emergency procedures, as well as the elements required by the applicable part SPA.

As far as the training and control activities prescribed by EU Reg. No. 965/2012 ORO.FC and SPA parts is concerned, the Operator must implement mitigation measures, also in derogation of what had previously approved by ENAC.

As an example, a non-exhaustive list of possible mitigation measures to be implemented in flight or on ground is given below:

- Line Check carried out in accordance with the operations manual part D and related appendices by a Commander appointed by the Operator
- use of an available/accessible simulator of another variant which represents the type, or use of an FNPT which represents the type of aircraft
- CBT training
- videoconferencing
- self-training developed by the operator

All the training and control activities used as mitigation actions shall be recorded and kept according to the applicable requirements.

As far as the holders of Cabin Crew Attestations issued in accordance with Annex V (part CC) of Regulation (EU) no. 1178/2011 is concerned, the operator shall satisfy the requirement ORO.CC.140 with the means established to keep the level of competence required to operate the applicable type of airplane or helicopter.

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

## **6. CLARIFICATIONS**

Questions on the subject of this Information Notice regarding the Part FCL can be sent to the e-mail address [personale.volo@enac.gov.it](mailto:personale.volo@enac.gov.it) while for the Part OPS to the e-mail address [operazioni.volo@enac.gov.it](mailto:operazioni.volo@enac.gov.it)

## **7. VALIDITY**

The indications of this Information Notice start from the date of its publication on the ENAC website, with the methods and deadlines indicated above.

This Information Notice remains in force until different notice.

Signed

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dell'art.24 del D.Lgs 82/2005 e ss.mm.ii)