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Flight Safety Notification General

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Recency of Experience for Inactive Pilots and Instrument Rating Renewal Policy

Purpose

The JCAA Pilot Licences are by Regulation, non-expiring, and so it is within this context that the Authority, through this Flight Safety Notification (FSN), seeks to clarify what constitutes pilot licence validity, currency and recency of experience and the requirements for a pilot who has had an extended absence from flying, and would thereby not have met the requirements of licence validity, currency and /or recency of experience.

References:

Schedule 8.046 states in part:

“Except as shown in the following paragraph, the Authority issues licences, ratings, authorizations and exams without a specific expiration date”.

Schedule 10.105 (a) states in part:

“No person may act as a pilot of an aircraft unless within the preceding 90 days that pilot has made at least 3 takeoffs and landings as the sole manipulator of the flight controls in an aircraft of the same category and class and if a type rating is required, of the same type”.

Schedule 10.115 (d) states in part:

*“Any required check or training not completed within 24 months of the latest expiration date shall require completion of the **initial qualification requirements for that check or training**”.*

Applicability

This FSN is applicable to **ALL** Pilots and especially those wanting to convert a foreign licence or renew a rating.

Background

The Authority is cognizant of the fact that Regulations differ according to jurisdictions and therefore clarity is of utmost importance. The Jamaican Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs), 2012 is specific in its requirements regarding the matter of currency and validity and the requisite documentation.

Action Required

- A pilot who has not flown for ninety (90) days, must first satisfy the requirement of manipulating the flight controls for a minimum of three (3) takeoffs and landings or satisfactorily complete a requalification curriculum acceptable to the Authority.
- A pilot who has not completed the required check or training beyond twenty-four (24) months, must satisfy the ***initial qualification requirements for that check or training***.

Note: Not for the issuance of initial pilot licence

Pre-Qualification Training Requirements

All pre-qualification requirements are detailed and found in the JCARS Schedule 9 Appendix 10 (a) to (f).

Instrument Rating (IFR) Renewal Based on Pilot Proficiency Check from a Contracting State

Required documents to be submitted to the PEL Office:

- Valid Pilot's Licence from the Contracting State (Valid Medical should be included).
- Pilot's ***current*** JCAA Medical.
- ***Current*** Pilot Proficiency Check form from Operator in the Contracting State (done within six (6) months of the application).
- Check Airman Authorization Letter and or Authorization Certificate.
- Endorsed pilot logbook by the Check Airman and/or training records.
- Licence verification from issuing State (to be conducted by the JCAA).

For JDF Pilots:

- Blue Ticket.
- Logbook with Endorsement (Date, Check Airman, Type of Check and Signature of Check Airman).
- Current Medical.

IFR Renewal Based on Check from JCAA's DFTE

Required documents to be submitted to the PEL Office:

- PEL Office to check currency of the DFTE
- Pilot Licence
- **Current** JCAA medical
- JCAA Pilot Proficiency check form (FS222)
- Endorsed pilot logbook and /or Training Records

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