



Flight Safety Notification

General

Flight Safety Notifications (FSNs) are not mandatory in nature, but provide means such as guidance, methods, procedures and practices acceptable to the Authority for complying with regulations and other requirements in a systematic manner. These are not necessarily the only means of compliance. FSNs may also contain explanations of regulations, other guidance material, best practices or information useful to the aviation community. Unless incorporated into a regulation by reference, FSNs are not regulatory and do not create or change a regulatory requirement. A change of a regulatory requirement may come in the form of a Directive. A Flight Safety Notification is not a Directive.

Changes to Airmen Personnel Licences and Medical Certificates

Reason for Revision

Additional licence types have been transitioned to the plastic card format.

Purpose

The purpose of this Flight Safety Notification (FSN) is to inform the aviation industry of the resumption in the use of plastic cards and the change in appearance, for the issue of Student Pilot Licences (SPLs) and the issue, addition of ratings and renewal of Air Traffic Controller (ATC), Aeroplanes and Helicopters for Private Pilot Licences (PPL & PPH), Commercial Pilot Licences (CPL & CPH), Airline Transport Pilot Licences (ATPL & ATPH), by the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA), in accordance with Jamaica's Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs), 2012, as amended. The licence card bearing a measurement of 3.375" x 2.125" remains unchanged.

Additionally, this FSN also serves to notify the aviation industry of the continued use of certificate quality paper for the issue and renewal of medical certificates, by the JCAA, pursuant to the Jamaican Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs), 2012, as amended.

This FSN supersedes FSN-GN-2024-01 for SPL, ATC, CPL, CPH, ATPL and ATPH.

References

- 1) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 1
- 2) CARs, 2012 as amended, Eight "A" Schedule, Subsection 8.018 and its appendices.
- 3) CARs, 2012 as amended, Eight "B" Schedule, Subsection 8.715
- 4) FSN-GN-2024-01

Applicability

This FSN applies to all airmen holding a Jamaican issued licence as follows:

- 1) Student Pilot Licence holders
- 2) Air Traffic Controllers.,
- 3) Private Pilot Licence holders (PPL & PPH)
- 4) Commercial Pilot Licence holders (CPL & CPH)
- 5) Airline Transport Pilot Licence holders (ATPL & ATPH)
- 6) Holders of a Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 Medical Certificates

THE LICENCES WILL NO LONGER DISPLAY AIRMEN PHOTOGRAPHS.

Effectivity

This FSN will take effect on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

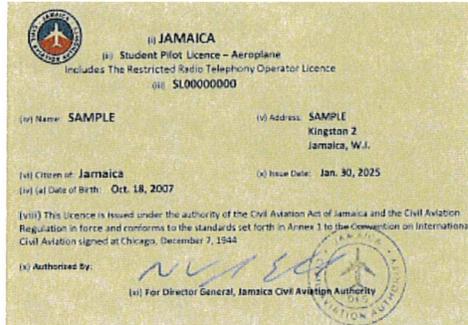
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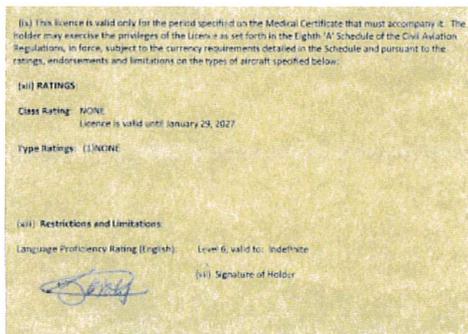
Background

Due to technical difficulties experienced with the previous Personnel Licensing Application System, the JCAA has issued licences using certificate quality paper. The use of certificate quality paper will cease effective January 20, 2026, for the issue of Private Pilot, Commercial Pilot and Airline Transport Pilot Licences. The use of certificate quality paper ceased December 17, 2025 for Student Pilot and Air Traffic Controllers. The Authority resumes the use of hard plastic cards for Air Traffic Controllers and all pilot licence types. Other licence types will transition to the hard plastic type on a phased basis.

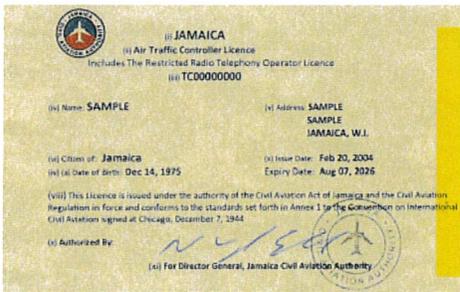
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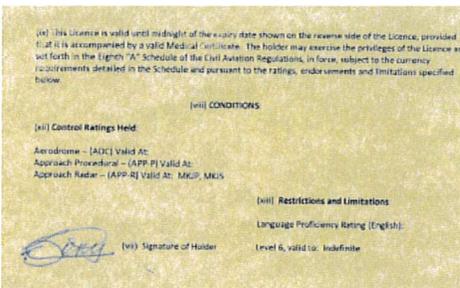
SPL – Front



SPL – Back



ATC - Front

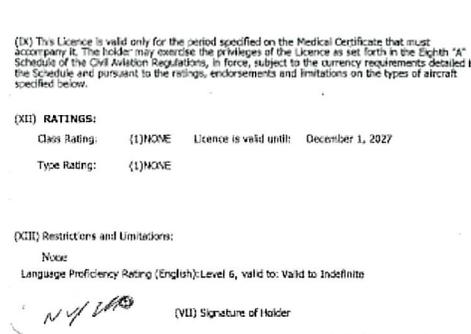


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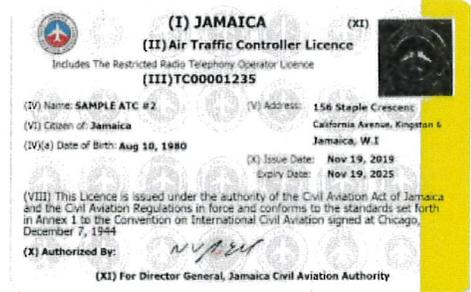
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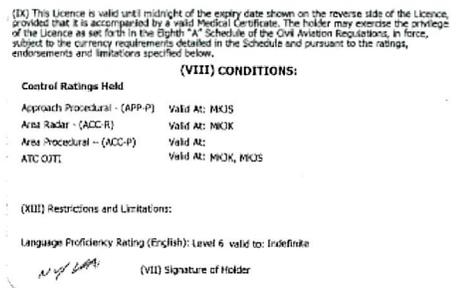
SPL – Front



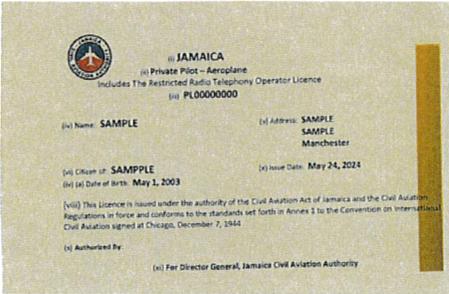
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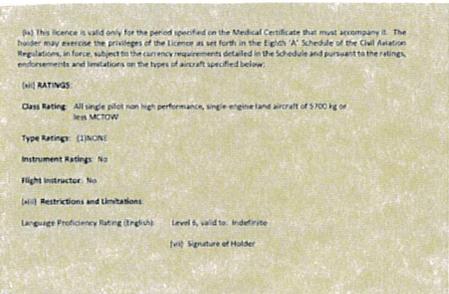
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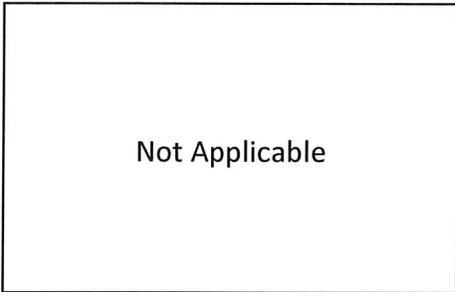
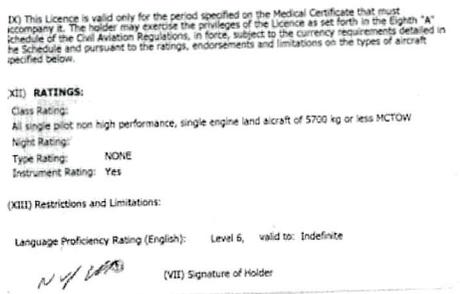
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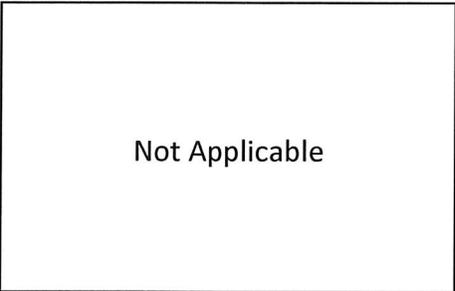
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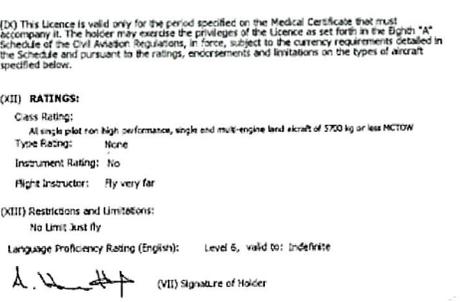
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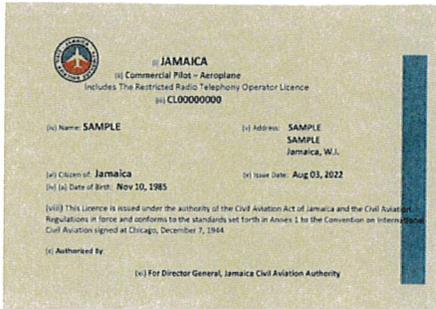


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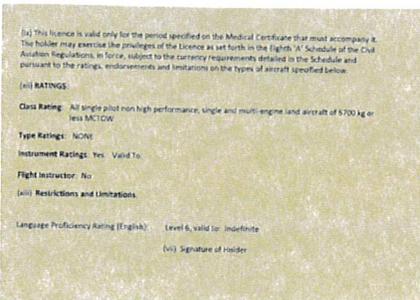


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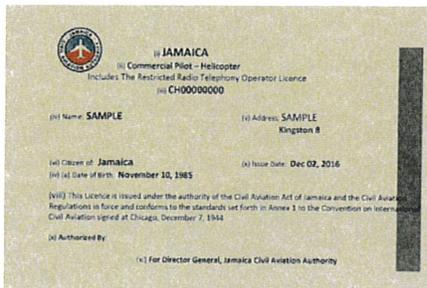
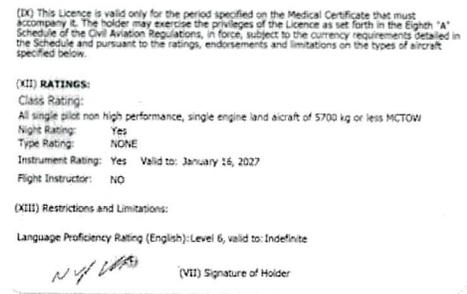




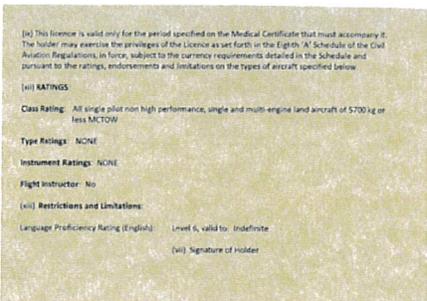
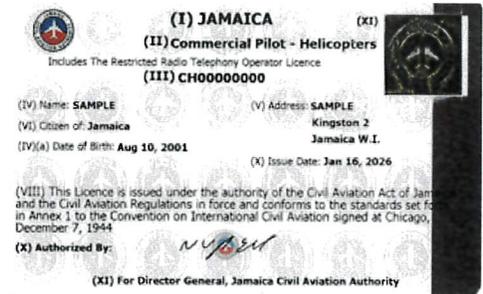
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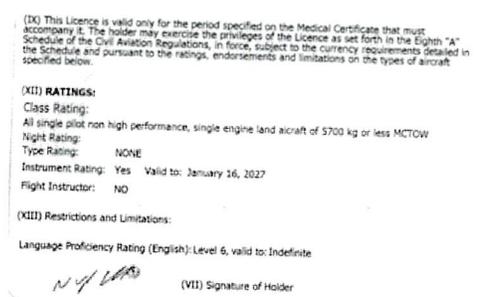
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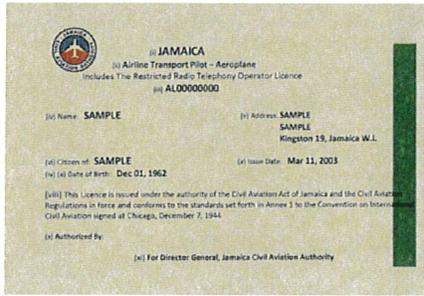


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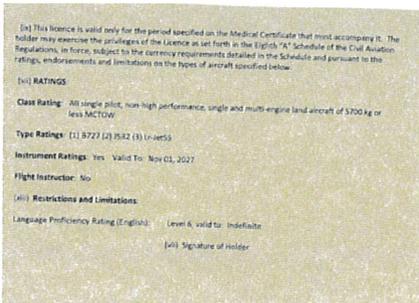
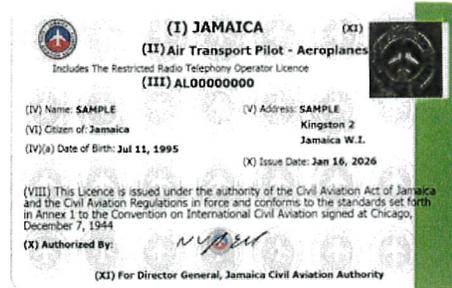


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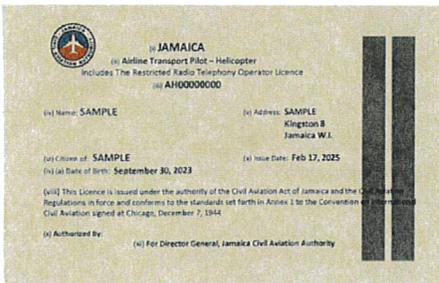
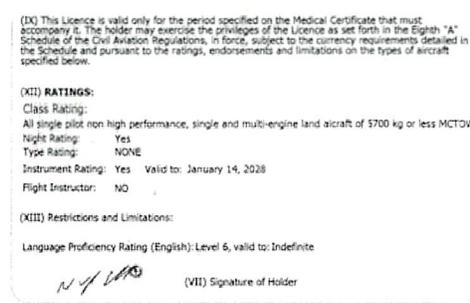




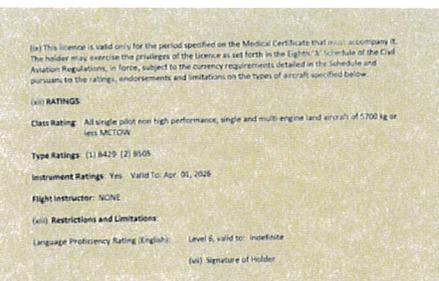
ATPL – Front



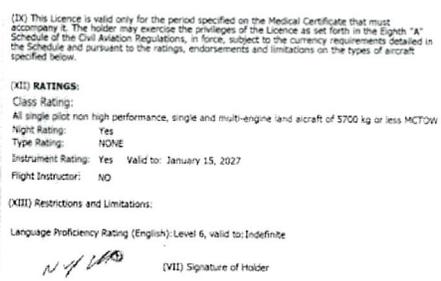
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ATPH – Front



ATPH – Back



Action

- 1) All airmen requiring initial, renewal, addition of ratings, amendment or replacement of Student Pilot Licences, Air Traffic Controller Licences, Private Pilot Licences, Commercial Pilot Licences and Airline Transport Pilot Licences as applicable, will be issued same on hard plastic cards.
- 2) SPL, ATC, PPL, CPL and ATPL licence holders will be required to surrender the certificate quality paper licences, as applicable, in exchange for the normal hard plastic card licence at no cost.
- 3) All airmen requiring initial, renewal, amendment or replacement of medical certificates will be issued using certificate quality paper, until further advised.
- 4) Airmen will be required to physically sign the back of the medical certificates for validity as well as for security reasons.
- 5) With the exception of current license holders exchanging their paper license for a hard plastic card, all applicable fees remain unchanged.

Approved by: _____



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