

PART VIII

MEDICAL STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION

Civil Aviation Medical Examiner

148. Where a person wishes to be designated as a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner he shall—

Applicant to be designated as Civil Aviation Medical Examiner

- (a) apply to the Authority in the prescribed form;
- (b) pay the prescribed fee;
- (c) be registered as a medical practitioner under the Medical Board Act;
- (d) have received training in aviation medicine and refresher training at regular intervals by an organization acceptable to the Authority; and
- (e) provide the Authority with evidence of adequate competency in aviation medicine;

Designation of Medical Examiner

149. The Director General shall where he is satisfied that an applicant meets the requirements of regulation 148, recommend the Authority designate such applicant to be Civil Aviation Medical Examiner.

Designation of Civil Aviation Medical Examiner

Duties of Medical Examiner

150. (1) Where a person has been designated a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner under regulation 149, he shall—

Duties of a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner

- (a) examine an applicant in accordance with medical practice recognized by the medical profession and the personnel licensing medical standards under regulation 158;
- (b) record in a medical examination report his clinical findings and submit the signed medical assessment to the Authority; and
- (c) report to the Authority any individual cases where, in the judgment of the Civil Aviation Medical Examiner, an applicant for an airman licence fails to meet any requirement which could jeopardize flight safety.

(2) A Civil Aviation Medical Examiner shall be designated by the Authority for a maximum period of thirty months, and shall be eligible for further designation upon the completion of the appropriate refresher training programme as prescribed by the Authority.

(3) Where a person has been designated a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner under regulation 149, he shall attend an indoctrination training programme prescribed by the Authority which shall include training in the practical knowledge and experience in the conditions in which the holders of licences and ratings carry out their duties.

Requirements for Medical Records for Airmen

Medical
record
requirements

151. (1) An applicant for a medical assessment in pursuance of an airman licence shall provide to the Civil Aviation Medical Examiner in the prescribed form and duly signed –

- (a) a statement of medical facts concerning his personal, familial and hereditary history that is as complete and accurate as his knowledge permits; and
- (b) a declaration stating—
 - (i) whether he has previously undergone such an examination;
 - (ii) the date, place and results of the last examination; and
 - (iii) whether a medical certificate has previously been refused, revoked or suspended and the reason for such refusal, revocation or suspension.

(2) Where the Civil Aviation Medical Examiner finds that additional medical information or history is needed of the applicant, he shall require the applicant to—

- (a) furnish that information; or
- (b) authorize any clinic, hospital, physician, or other person to release to him all available information or records concerning that history.

(3) Where the Director General receives a written report from a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner that an applicant or holder of a medical certificate fails to provide the requested medical information or history, or fails to authorize the release so requested or makes any false declaration to the Civil Aviation Medical Examiner, the Director General may recommend that the Authority—

- (a) suspend, modify, or revoke all medical certificates the airman holds; or
- (b) in the case of an applicant, deny the application for an airman medical certificate.

(4) Where an airman medical certificate is suspended or modified under subregulation (3)(a) that suspension or modification remains in effect until—

- (a) the holder or applicant provides the requested information, history, or authorization to the Civil Aviation Medical Examiner; and

(b) the Civil Aviation Medical Examiner determines that the holder or applicant meets the medical standards.

(5) The Authority retains the right to have any recommendation or finding of a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner re-evaluated.

(6) The Director General may recommend that the Authority employ the services of a medical assessor to evaluate reports submitted by a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner.

(7) Accessibility of all medical reports and records shall be restricted to authorize personnel only and they shall ensure that these medical reports and records are securely kept at all times.

(8) Any person who is responsible for the handling of medical documents shall ensure that the confidentiality of the medical documents is maintained at all times.

Medical Certification

152. The Director General shall recommend the Authority issue the applicable medical certificate in the prescribed form to any person who meets the medical standards prescribed under regulation 158, based on medical examination, assessment and evaluation of the history and condition of the applicant by Civil Aviation Medical Examiner.

Medical
certification
procedures

Medical Certification Requirements

153. (1) An airman shall be assessed by a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner for a Class 1 medical certificate to exercise the privileges of—

Medical
certification
requirements

- (a) an Airline Transport Pilot Licence;
- (b) a Commercial Pilot Licence; and
- (c) an Instrument Rating.

(2) An airman shall be assessed by a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner for a Class 2 medical certificate to exercise the privileges of—

- (a) a Student Pilot Licence;
- (b) a Private Pilot Licence;
- (c) a Flight Engineer Licence;
- (d) Glider Pilot Licence; and
- (e) Free Balloon Pilot Licence.

(3) An airman shall be assessed by a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner for a Class 3 medical certificate to exercise the privileges of an Air Traffic Controller Licence.

Validity of Medical Certificate

Duration of a
medical
Certificate

154. (1) A Medical Assessment issued by the Authority under regulation 152 shall be valid from the date of the medical examination for a period not greater than—

- (a) sixty months for a private pilot licence for aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift;
- (b) twelve months for a commercial pilot licence for aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift;
- (c) twelve months for multi-crew pilot licence for aeroplane;
- (d) twelve months for airline transport licence for aeroplane, helicopter and powered-lift;
- (e) sixty months for glider pilot licence;
- (f) sixty months for free balloon pilot licence;
- (g) twelve months for flight engineer licence; and
- (h) forty-eight months for air traffic controller licence.

(2) Notwithstanding the requirements of subregulation (1), the Director General may recommend the Authority—

- (a) reduce the period of validity of a medical certificate when clinically indicated; or
- (b) extend the period of validity of a medical certificate for up to forty-five days.

(3) Where the holder of—

- (a) an airline transport pilot licence for aeroplane, helicopter or powered-lift; or
- (b) a commercial air transport licence for aeroplane, airship, helicopter or powered-lift,

who is engaged in single-crew commercial air transport operations carrying passengers, has passed his fortieth birthday, the period of validity specified in subregulation (1), shall be reduced to six months.

(4) Where a holder of—

(a) an airline transport pilot licence for aeroplane, helicopter or powered-lift;

(b) a commercial air transport licence for aeroplane, airship, helicopter or powered-lift; or

(c) a multi-crew pilot licence, engaged in commercial air transport operations, has passed his sixtieth birthday, the period of validity specified in subregulation (1) shall be reduced to six months.

(5) Where a holder of private pilot licence for aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift, free balloon pilot licence, glider pilot licence and air traffic controller licence has passed his fortieth birthday, the period of validity specified in subregulation (1) shall be reduced to twenty-four months.

(6) Where a holder of private pilot licence for aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift, free balloon pilot licence, glider pilot licence and air traffic controller licence has passed his fiftieth birthday, the period of validity specified in subregulation (1) shall be further reduced to twelve months.

Limitation on Medical Certificate

155. The Director General may recommend that the Authority place a limitation on a medical certificate where an applicant does not meet the applicable standards for the medical certificate sought and where the Director General determines that—

Limitation on
medical
Certificate

(a) the duties authorized by the medical certificate can be performed without jeopardizing flight safety; and

(b) relevant ability, skill, and experience of the applicant and operational conditions have been given due consideration.

Medical Certificates Renewal

156. The requirements for the renewal of a medical certificate are the same as those for the initial issue of the medical certificate under this Part except where otherwise specifically stated.

Renewal of a
medical
certificate

Deferral of Medical Examination

157. (1) The prescribed re-examination of a licensee operating in an area which is remote or distant from designated medical examination facilities may be deferred at the discretion of the Authority, and shall not exceed—

Deferral of
medical
examination

(a) a single period of six months in the case of a flight crew member of an aircraft engaged in non-commercial operations;

- (b) two consecutive periods each of three months in the case of a flight crew member of an aircraft engaged in commercial operations, provided that in each case a favourable medical report is obtained after examination by a designated medical examiner of the area concerned, or, in cases where such designated medical examiner is not available, by a physician qualified to practice medicine in that area; or
- (c) in the case of a private pilot, a single period not exceeding twenty- four months where the medical examination is carried out by medical examiner designated under regulation 149, in which the applicant is temporally located.

(2) A report of a medical examination referred in subregulation (1), shall be sent to the Authority where the licence was issued.

(3) In this regulation—

“remote” means difficulty in accessing regular transportation to and from;
and

“distant” means geographical distance from Trinidad and Tobago.

Medical Examinations Standards

158. The physical and mental standards required for all medical examinations and assessments referred to in regulation 152 are set out in Schedule 12.

Physical and
mental
standards for
all medical
examinations

Schedule 12