



# TTCAA Advisory Circular

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**Subject: AIRMAN KNOWLEDGE TESTING AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS MATRIX**  
**TTCAA Advisory Circular TAC-PEL051**  
**Date: 06/10/02**

## PURPOSE

1. (1) The purpose of this TTCAA Advisory Circular (TAC) is to provide guidance for applicants preparing to take airman knowledge tests. Appendix 1 provides a quick reference for each airman knowledge test, any authorizations required to take the test, and retesting requirements.

## GENERAL

2. (1) Specific requirements for each licence, authorization and rating are contained in the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Regulations (TTCARs), which can be obtained from the Trinidad and Tobago Government printery Victoria Avenue Port-of-Spain Trinidad.

(2) TTCAR No. 1 covers the requirements for Personnel Licensing.

(3) Applicants should also consult other TACs for knowledge testing for a specific licence, rating or authorization.

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**APPENDIX**  
**PRIVATE PILOT KNOWLEDGE TESTS**

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME/HRS	PASSING SCORE
PAR	Private Pilot --Aeroplane	60	17	3.0	75
PVL	Private Pilot --Aeroplane Validation	50	17	2.0	75
PCL	Private Pilot – Aeroplane Conversion	50	17	2.0	75
PRH	Private Pilot – Helicopter (in development)	60	17	3.0	75
	Private Pilot – Helicopter Validation (in development)	50	17	2.0	75
	Private Pilot – Helicopter Conversion (in development)	50	17	2.0	75
PGL	Private Pilot Glider	60	17	3.0	75

**1. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part II; Part V Regulation 111, TAC-PEL055 Private Pilot Knowledge Test Guide

**2. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) Certificate of graduation or a statement of accomplishment certifying the satisfactory completion of the ground school portion of a course for the certificate or rating sought. The certificate or statement may be issued by a TTCAA certified Aviation Training Organization or authorized instructor.
- (b) Written statement or logbook endorsement from an authorized ground or flight instructor certifying that the applicant completed an applicable ground training or home study course and is prepared for the knowledge test.
- (c) Failed, passing or expired Airman Knowledge Test Report, provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.)

**3. Retesting Policies:**

- (a) Applicants retesting after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure, along with an endorsement from an authorized instructor who gave the applicant the additional training, and certifying the applicant is competent to pass the test. The original failed test report presented as authorization must be retained by the test examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (b) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the Personnel Licensing (PEL) Office prior to testing. PEL Office personnel must collect and destroy this report prior to issuing the new test report.

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## COMMERCIAL PILOT KNOWLEDGE TESTS

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME/HRS	PASSING GRADE
CAX	Commercial Pilot -- Aeroplane	100	18	3.0	75
CVL	Commercial Pilot – Aeroplane Validation	50	18	2.0	75
CCL	Commercial Pilot—Aeroplane Conversion	50	18	2.0	75
CRH	Commercial Pilot – Helicopter (in development)	100	18	3.0	75
	Commercial Pilot – Helicopter Validation (in development)	50	18	2.0	75
	Commercial Pilot – Helicopter Conversion (in development)	50	18	2.0	75
CEG	Commercial Pilot Glider	100	18	3.0	75

**4. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part II; Part V Regulation 111, TAC-PEL065 Commercial Pilot Knowledge Test Guide

**5. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) Certificate of graduation or a statement of accomplishment certifying the satisfactory completion of the ground school portion of a course for the certificate or rating sought. The certificate or statement may be issued by a TTCAA certified Aviation Training Organization.
- (b) Written statement or logbook endorsement from an authorized ground or flight instructor certifying that the applicant completed an applicable ground training or home study course and is prepared for the knowledge test.
- (c) Failed test report; or passing test report; or expired test report (pass or failure), provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.)

**6. Retesting Policies:**

- (a) Applicants retesting after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure, along with an endorsement from an authorized instructor who gave the applicant the additional training, and certifying the applicant is competent to pass the test. The original failed test report presented as authorization must be retained by the examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (b) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the Personnel Licensing (PEL) Office testing centre prior to testing. PEL Office personnel must collect and destroy this report prior to issuing the new test report.

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## AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT KNOWLEDGE TESTS

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME/HRS	PASSING SCORE
ATP	Airline Transport Pilot-- Aeroplane	80	21	3.0	75
AVL	Airline Transport Pilot – Aeroplane Validation	50	21	2.0	75
ACL	Airline Transport Pilot – Aeroplane Conversion	50	21	2.0	75
ATH	Airline Transport Pilot – Helicopter (in development)	80	21	3.0	75
	Airline Transport Pilot – Helicopter Validation (in development)	50	21	2.0	75
	Airline Transport Pilot – Helicopter Conversion (in development)	50	21	2.0	75
	Airline Transport Pilot – Powered-lift (in development)	80	21	3.0	75
	Airline Transport Pilot – Powered-lift Validation (in development)	50	21	2.0	75
	Airline Transport Pilot – Powered-lift Conversion (in development)	50	21	2.0	75

**7. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part II; Part V Regulation 111, TAC-PEL075 Airline Transport Pilot Knowledge Test Guide

**8. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) Requires no instructor endorsements or other form of written authorization.
- (b) Failed, passing or expired Airman Knowledge Test Report, provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.)

**9. Retesting Policies:**

- (a) Applicants retesting after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure, along with an endorsement from an authorized instructor who gave the applicant the additional training, and certifying the applicant is competent to pass the test. The original failed test report presented as authorization must be retained by the examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (b) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the Personnel Licensing (PEL) Office prior to testing. PEL Office personnel must collect and retain the original report prior to administering the knowledge test. Once the applicant receives the new test report, the previously issued original must be destroyed.

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## INSTRUMENT RATING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME/HRS	PASSING SCORE
IRA	Instrument Rating -- Aeroplane	60	17	2.5	75
IVL	Instrument Rating – Aeroplane Validation	50	17	2.0	75
ICL	Instrument Rating – Aeroplane Conversion	50	17	2.0	75
IRH	Instrument Rating – Helicopter (in development)	60	17	2.5	75
	Instrument Rating – Helicopter Validation (in development)	50	17	2.0	75
	Instrument Rating – Helicopter Conversion (in development)	50	17	2.0	75

**10. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part II; Part V Regulation 111, TAC-PEL060 Instrument Rating Knowledge Test Guide

**11. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) Certificate of graduation or a statement of accomplishment certifying the satisfactory completion of the ground school portion of a course from an approved Aviation Training Organization.
- (b) Written statement from an authorized ground or flight instructor showing satisfactory completion of the ground instruction required for the rating sought.
- (c) Written statement from an authorized ground or flight instructor, certifying that they have personally reviewed the applicant's completion of a home study course and found the applicant has satisfactorily completed that course.
- (d) Logbook endorsement from an authorized ground or flight instructor.
- (e) Failed, passing or expired Airman Knowledge Test Report, provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.)

**12. Retesting Policies:**

- (a) Applicants retesting after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure, along with an endorsement from an authorized instructor who gave the applicant the additional training, and certifying the applicant is competent to pass the test. The original failed test report presented as authorization must be retained by the examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (b) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the Personnel Licensing (PEL) Office prior to testing. PEL Office personnel must collect and destroy this report prior to issuing the new test report.

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## GROUND &amp; FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR KNOWLEDGE TESTS

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME/HRS	PASSING SCORE
FOI	Fundamentals of Instructing	50	18	1.5	75
BGI	Ground Instructor – Basic	80	18	2.5	75
AGI	Ground Instructor—Advanced	100	18	2.5	75
IGI	Ground Instructor – Instrument	100	18	2.5	75
FIA	Flight Instructor – Aeroplane	100	18	2.5	75
AFA	Flight Instructor – Aeroplane –added rating (in development)		18		
FII	Flight Instructor – Instrument	100	18	2.5	75
FIH	Flight Instructor – Helicopter (in development)	100	18	2.5	75
HFA	Flight Instructor – Helicopter –added rating (in development)		18		
FIG	Flight Instructor – Glider (in development)	100	18	2.5	75
AFG	Flight Instructor – Glider-added rating (in development)		18		

**13. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part II; Part V Regulation 111, TAC-PEL070 Ground and Flight Instructor Knowledge Test Guide

**14. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) Requires no instructor endorsements or other form of written authorization for a ground instructor, flight instructor, fundamentals of instruction
- (b) Requires instructor endorsements or other form of written authorization for ground instructor instrument, flight instructor instrument for aeroplane or helicopter.
- (e) Failed, passing or expired Airman Knowledge Test Report, provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.)

**15. Retesting Policies:**

- (a) Applicants retesting after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure, along with an endorsement from an authorized instructor who gave the applicant the additional training, and certifying the applicant is competent to pass the test. The original failed test report presented as authorization must be retained by the examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (b) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the Personnel Licensing (PEL) Office prior to testing. PEL Office personnel must collect and destroy this report prior to issuing the new test report.

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## FLIGHT ENGINEER KNOWLEDGE TESTS

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME	PASSING SCORE
FET	Turboprop rating (in development)	80	18	3.0	75
FEX	Turbojet rating (in development)	80	18	3.0	75
FEN	Reciprocating engine rating (in development)	80	18	3.0	75
FEP	Turboprop - added rating (in development)	50	18	2.0	75
FEJ	Turbojet—added rating (in development)	50	18	2.0	75
FER	Reciprocating engine –added rating (in development)	50	18	2.0	75

**16. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part IV; TAC-PEL057 Flight Engineer Knowledge Test Guide

**17. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) Present satisfactory evidence of having completed one of the aeronautical experience requirements of TTCAR No. 1:101.
- (b) Failed, passing or expired Airman Knowledge Test Report, provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.).

**18. Retesting Policies:**

- (a) Applicants retesting after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure, along with an endorsement from an authorized instructor who gave the applicant the additional training, and certifying the applicant is competent to pass the test. The original failed test report presented as authorization must be retained by the examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (b) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the Personnel Licensing (PEL) Office prior to testing. PEL Office personnel must collect and destroy this report prior to issuing the new test report.



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## FLIGHT OPERATIONS OFFICER KNOWLEDGE TESTS

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME	PASSING SCORE
ADX	Flight Operations Officer (in development)	80	18	3.0	75

**19. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part VII; TAC-PEL072 Flight Operations Officer Knowledge Test Guide

**20. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) Provide TTCAA with a certificate of competency from a national air operator as evidence of having successfully met the knowledge and skill requirements of an approved flight operations officer program;
- (b) Provide TTCAA with evidence of having met the knowledge requirements set out in TTCARs No. 1: Schedule 11, Part A.
- (c) Failed, passing or expired Airman Knowledge Test Report, provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.)

**21. Retesting Policies:**

- (a) Applicants retesting after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure, along with an endorsement from an authorized instructor who gave the applicant the additional training, and certifying the applicant is competent to pass the test. The original failed test report presented as authorization must be retained by the examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (b) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the Personnel Licensing (PEL) Office prior to testing. PEL Office personnel must collect and destroy this report prior to issuing the new test report.

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**AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER AND  
INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION KNOWLEDGE TESTS**

<b>TEST CODE</b>	<b>TEST NAME</b>	<b>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>ALLOTTED TIME</b>	<b>PASSING SCORE</b>
AMG	General (in development)	60	18	2.0	75
AMA	Airframe (in development)	100	18	2.0	75
AMP	Powerplant (in development)	100	18	2.0	75
AMA	Avionics (in development)	100	18	2.0	75
IAR	Inspection Authorization (in development)	50	21	3.0	75

**22. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part IX; TAC-PEL080 Aircraft Maintenance Engineer and Inspection Authorization Knowledge Test Guide

**23. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) For the aircraft maintenance engineer tests, present to TCCAA a certificate of graduation or a statement of accomplishment certifying the satisfactory completion of the ground school portion of a course from an approved Aviation Training Organization.
- (b) For the IA, present to TCCAA evidence of the requirements in TCCAR, No. 1:169.
- (c) Failed, passing or expired Airman Knowledge Test Report, provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.)

**24. Retesting:**

- (a) Requires a 90-day waiting period for retesting for the IA.
- (b) Applicants taking retests after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure to the testing centre prior to retesting. The original failed test report must be retained by the test examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (c) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the Personnel Licensing (PEL) Office prior to testing. PEL Office personnel must collect and destroy this report prior to issuing the new test report.

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## PARACHUTE RIGGER KNOWLEDGE TESTS

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME	PASSING SCORE
RIG	Senior (in development)	50	18	2.0	75
RMP	Master (in development)	50	18	2.0	75
RMC	Military Competency (in development)	25	18	1.0	75

**25. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part IX, regulations 178-188; TAC-PEL086 Parachute Rigger Knowledge Test Guide

**26. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

- (a) Present to TCCAA evidence of meeting the requirements for the licence or ratings.
- (b) Failed test report; or passing test report; or expired test report (pass or failure), provided the applicant still has the original test report in his/her possession. (See retesting explanation(s) below.)

**27. Retesting:**

- (a) Retests require the applicant presents a signed statement from an airman holding a licence & rating sought by the applicant. This statement must certify that the airman has given the applicant additional instruction in each of the subjects failed, and that the airman considers the applicant ready for retesting.
- (b) Applicants taking retests after failure are required to submit the applicable score report indicating failure to the testing centre prior to retesting. The original failed test report must be retained by the test examiner and attached to the applicable sign-in/out log. The latest test taken will reflect the official score.
- (c) Applicants retesting in an attempt to achieve a higher passing score may retake the same test for a better grade after 30 days. The latest test taken will reflect the official score. Applicants are required to submit the original applicable score report indicating previous passing score to the testing centre prior to testing. Testing centre personnel must collect and destroy this report prior to issuing the new test report.

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## DESIGNATED EXAMINER KNOWLEDGE TESTS

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	AGE	ALLOTTED TIME	PASSING SCORE
PEA	Flight Test Examiner Aeroplane	50	18	2.0	80
PER	Flight Test Examiner Helicopter	50	18	2.0	80
PEG	Flight Test Examiner Glider	50	18	2.0	80
PEY	Flight Test Examiner Gyroplane	50	18	2.0	80
DME	Aircraft Maintenance Examiner	50	18	2.0	80
PRE	Parachute Rigger Examiner	50	18	2.0	80

**28. References.** TTCARs, No. 1, Part III and IX TAC-PEL059, TAC-PEL080 and TAC-PEL090.

**29. Acceptable Forms of Authorization:**

(a) Nomination by TTCAA for designation as an examiner.

**30. Retesting:** There is no retesting for failure of a test for designation as an examiner.

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