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TITLE: EXAMINER AUTHORISATION TO ENDORSE THE REVALIDATION OR RENEWAL OF A RATING PAGE IN AN IAA ISSUED FLIGHT CREW LICENCES (FCL)

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this PLAM is to establish a procedure to permit Flight Examiners (FEs), Type Rating Examiners (TREs) Synthetic Flight Examiners (SFEs), Class Rating Examiners (CREs), and Instrument Rating Examiners (IREs) to endorse the revalidation of a Type Rating, Class Rating or Instrument Rating (IR) in an IAA issued licence or the renewal of such ratings in certain prescribed circumstances when conducted at an IAA Approved Training Organisation (ATO).

2. REFERENCES

Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139

Regulation (EC) No. 1178/2011

3. IAA POLICY - Revalidation and Renewal of a Type, Class or IR Rating

3.1 Background

Under JAR-FCL the IAA authorised all JAR-FCL qualified Examiners to endorse the revalidation of a Class, Type or IR rating in an IAA issued licence according to the privileges of the Examiner’s Authorisation. This system worked well for 14 years and did not raise any safety concerns. This policy facilitates industry by minimising the administration associated with revalidation and allows pilots to adhere to airline rosters without the need to visit the IAA FCL office in Dublin for the revalidation of the applicable rating.

3.2 Revalidation of Rating in a PART-FCL Licence.

The IAA intends to continue the policy outlined above for revalidation and, therefore, any Examiner Certified in accordance with PART-FCL is authorised by the IAA for the purpose of revalidating a Type, Class or Instrument rating in an IAA-issued PART-FCL Licence according to their Examiner privileges.

3.3 Renewal of a Rating in a PART FCL Licence.

Except where an Examiner is specifically authorised according to the alternative procedure outlined at **4.0** below, the renewal of an expired Type, Class or Instrument rating shall always be endorsed by the IAA.

4. Alternative Procedure for the Specific Authorisation of a PART-FCL Examiner to endorse the renewal of a Type, Class or IR rating in an IAA issued Licence.

4.1 When pilots allow a specific rating to expire, they become subject to the requirements for rating renewal. Depending on the length of time a rating is expired, minimum levels of refresher training may be required. In this case, the pilot is normally required to submit the renewal documentation (including evidence of refresher training) to the IAA FCL office in order to complete the renewal administration of the rating page. This PLAM sets out procedures to extend the authorisation of certain Examiners who normally sign rating revalidation, to also sign rating renewals on behalf of the Authority, when operating within an IAA Approved Training Organisation (ATO), which has an schedule of minimum refresher training for a Type/Class or IR rating approved in accordance with the provisions of FCL.740 and FCL.625 as applicable.

4.2 IAA Approved Training Organisations

Only requests from IAA approved ATOs will be considered under the terms of this PLAM

4.3 Procedure for obtaining Authorisation for specific Examiners to sign the Renewal of a Type, Class or IR Rating. (ARA FCL.200 (c))

- a) The applicant ATO shall have a procedure approved in accordance with the provisions of FCL.740 and FCL.625, outlining the minimum refresher training for the renewal of expired Type, Class or IR ratings in the appropriate section of the organisation's Training and /or Operations manual.
- b) The applicant ATO shall have a procedure ensuring that the appropriate documentation is returned to the FCL office subsequent to the renewal of an expired Type, Class or IR rating, detailed in the appropriate section of the organisation's Training and/or Operations manual.
- c) The Head of Training of an IAA approved ATO shall supply a list of Examiners authorised under this procedure to sign Type, Class or Instrument Rating renewals to the IAA Personnel Licensing Division.

- d) The Authority shall confirm in writing the validity period of this authorisation and the list of agreed Examiner signatories for the renewal of a Type, Class or IR rating according to the agreed procedures at a specific ATO.

5 Validity Periods.

5.1 Examiners shall ensure that the validity period entered is in compliance with PART-FCL and ARA.FCL.215 specifically:

“ARA.FCL.215 Validity period

(b) When revalidating a rating, an instructor or an examiner certificate, the competent authority, or an examiner specifically authorised by the competent authority, shall extend the validity period of the rating or certificate until the end of the relevant month.

(c) The competent authority, or an examiner specifically authorised for that purpose by the competent authority, shall enter the expiry date on the licence or the certificate.

Note: This PLAM sets out the IAAs policy for the Revalidation and Renewal of Type, Class, and IR Ratings in an IAA issued PART-FCL licence as required by ARA FCL.200 (c).

This Policy takes immediate effect and this PLAM replaces PLAM 01-11 which is hereby cancelled