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TITLE: REDUCTION IN EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PART 66 BASIC LICENCE

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Advisory Memorandum is to provide guidance to applicants who may qualify for a reduction in the experience requirements for a Part-66 basic licence.

GENERAL

Part-66.A.30 prescribes the minimum experience requirements for each category/sub-category. It provides for a reduction in the minimum experience requirements where the applicant has successfully completed Part-147 basic training relevant to the category/subcategory or where the applicant has completed training considered relevant by the competent authority as a skilled worker in a technical trade.

EXPERIENCE

For Categories A, B1, B2, B2L, B3 and L the experience must be practical which means being involved with a representative cross section of maintenance tasks on aircraft.

For all applicants, at least one year of the required experience must be recent maintenance experience on aircraft of the category/sub-category for which the initial aircraft maintenance licence is sought.

To be considered as recent experience, at least 50% of the required 12-month experience should be gained within the 12-month period prior to the date of application for the Part-66 AML. The remainder of the experience should have been gained within the 7 years prior to the application.


All experience must be accomplished within the last 10 years to be considered towards the issue of a licence.

EXPERIENCE REDUCTIONS

For Categories A, B1, B2, B2L and B3 there are two ways of qualifying for a reduction in the minimum experience required:

1. Successful completion of Part-147 basic training relevant to the category/subcategory;
2. Successful completion of training considered relevant by the competent authority as a skilled worker in a technical trade.

An applicant who has successfully completed the SOLAS standards based apprenticeship in the trade of aircraft mechanic is considered by the Irish Aviation Authority as a skilled worker in a technical

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trade in accordance with Part-66.A.30 (a). Such an applicant will qualify for a reduction in the experience requirements applicable to a skilled worker.

For category L, the following experience requirements apply:

- (i) 2 years of practical maintenance experience in operating aircraft covering a representative cross section of maintenance activities in the corresponding subcategory;
- (ii) as a derogation from point (i), 1 year of practical maintenance experience in operating aircraft covering a representative cross section of maintenance activities in the corresponding subcategory, subject to the introduction of the limitation provided for in point 66.A.45(h)(ii)(3).

For the inclusion of an additional subcategory in an existing L licence, the experience required by points (i) and (ii) shall be 12 and 6 months respectively.

The holder of an aircraft maintenance licence in category/subcategory B1.2 or B3 is deemed to meet the basic experience requirements for a licence in subcategories L1C, L1, L2C and L2.

COMPLETION OF PART-147 BASIC TRAINING

Applicants who have successfully completed the relevant Part-147 basic training, verified by a Part-147 certificate issued by the Part-147 maintenance training organisation, will qualify for the maximum reduction in the experience required for A, B1, B2, B2L and B3 Categories.


Part-147 requires that a certain percentage of the basic practical training must be conducted in a live maintenance environment. Such practical training cannot be considered as experience.

An applicant for a Part-66 AML who wishes to avail of the reduction based on completion of the Part-147 basic training course should indicate such on the EASA Form 19 (AML Application Form) and submit a copy of the Part-147 basic training certificate. The applicant’s experience record should clearly indicate how much experience he/she has and identify time spent undergoing the Part-147 off-the-job training and the time spent on practical training in a live maintenance environment. This will facilitate a speedier assessment of the applicant’s experience.

COMPLETION OF A SOLAS APPRENTICESHIP

An applicant for a Part-66 AML who wishes to avail of the reduction based on completion of the SOLAS standards-based apprenticeship should indicate such on the EASA Form 19 (AML Application Form) and submit a copy of the SOLAS apprenticeship completion certificate.

The applicant’s experience record should clearly indicate how much experience he/she has and identify time spent undergoing off-the-job training as part of the apprenticeship. This will facilitate a speedier assessment of the applicant’s experience.

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Category/sub-category	A, B1.2, B1.4, B2L* & B3	B2, B1.1 and B1.3
No previous relevant technical training	3 years	5 years
Completion of FAS Aircraft Mechanic standards-based apprenticeship	2 years	3 years
Completion of relevant Part-147 basic training	1 year	2 years

*B2L experience shall cover the corresponding system rating(s),