COVID-19 - Extension of validity periods of training and assessments for personnel in organisations holding EASA approval(s).

Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the ability of aviation personnel to travel and the national advice to implement social distancing, the Irish Aviation Authority pursuant to article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, hereby provides an exemption from compliance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 sections M.A.606, M.A.707, 145.A.30, 145.A.35, CAMO.A.200, CAMO.A.310, CAO.A.040, CAO.A.045, and Commission Regulation (EU) No 748/2012 section 21.A.145(d), to organisations holding approval where the IAA is the Competent Authority, subject to the following;

A general extension of a maximum of four months for recurrent training and/or assessment, due before 31 July 2020, for personnel in organisations approved under EASA Part 145, Part CAMO, Part CAO, Part M Subpart G, Part M Subpart F and Part 21 Subpart G, may be granted to organisations making use of face to face training and/or assessment, subject to the following:

Organisations should ensure that personnel have;

a) been performing continuing/initial airworthiness tasks commensurate with their responsibilities in the previous 3 months prior to the application of the extension; and

b) been made aware of the relevant changes in the organisation’s approved procedures as necessary to perform their function since the last initial or recurrent training took place.

Organisations must retain a record of all extensions granted to employees and inform the Authority of the need for the extension.

Organisations should ensure training or assessment, as appropriate, is provided to the personnel at the first available opportunity after the conditions for this extension have ended but no later than 30th November 2020. The subsequent due date for training/assessment shall be calculated from the original due date.

This provision does not apply to initial training.

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