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**COVID-19 - Extension of validity periods for licences, ratings, and certificates of air traffic controllers.**


Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the ability of aviation personnel and organisations to maintain licences, ratings, certificates and attestations due to the national requirement to implement social distancing and the limitation of movement of persons in the European Union, the Irish Aviation Authority pursuant to article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, is providing a general exemption from compliance with the following requirements:

**Regulation (EU) 2015/340:**

- ATCO.B.020, ATCO.B.025, ATCO.B.035, ATCO.C.020, ATCO.C.040, ATCO.C.060 and ATCO.D.055 of Annex I (Part-ATCO)
- ATCO.MED.A.045 and ATCO.MED.C.025 of Annex IV (Part-ATCO.MED)

The application of the exemption by an individual and an organisation is subject to the limits and conditions detailed in the attached appendix A.

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## APPENDIX A


### 1. LIMITS AND CONDITIONS OF THE EXEMPTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

The exemption is applicable to any Part-MED class 3 medical certificate issued to an Air Traffic Controller expiring prior to the 31 July 2020 and is valid for a period of four months from the original date of certificate expiration.

The following limits and conditions shall apply:

- a) The holder shall have a Class 3 medical certificate without restrictions, excepting visual.
- b) The holder of a medical certificate shall operate under the management system of an Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP).
- c) the holder shall submit a declaration of fitness to the ANSP on IAA Form Number RPPL.F.DCV19. The ANSP shall accept the extension of the validity of the medical certificate for a period not exceeding 4 months.
- d) The completed declaration form shall be carried by the Air Traffic Controller when exercising their privileges

If, towards the end of the 4-month period specified in point (1), the competent authority considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption still apply, the validity period of the certificate may be further extended for a period of up to 4 months or the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever comes first.


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2. LIMITS AND CONDITIONS FOR LICENCE ENDORSEMENTS, CERTIFICATES AND APPROVALS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX I (PART-ATCO) TO REGULATION (EU) 2015/340.

Where the Irish Aviation Authority has not prescribed an alternative means, the following shall apply:

Provided that the regular validity period of an endorsement, certificate or approval expires before 31 July 2020, the validity period of all the following is extended by 4 months, in the case of:

- a. ATCO unit endorsements as per point ATCO.B.020 of Part-ATCO;
  - i. the training organisation shall submit a process to the Irish Aviation Authority for acceptance that ensures that the potential unavailability of STDs is mitigated by other means, e.g. computer-based training or the rescheduling of refresher training prior to extension of a unit endorsement;
- b. Unit Competence Scheme as per ATCO.B.025 of Part-ATCO;
- c. ATCO language proficiency endorsements as per point ATCO.B.035 of Part-ATCO;
  - i. the training organisation shall submit a process to the Irish Aviation Authority for acceptance that ensures that language training is ensured through other means, e.g. online courses prior to extension of a language proficiency endorsement.
- d. On-the-job Training Instructor endorsement as per point ATCO.C.020 of Part-ATCO;
  - i. the training organisation shall submit a process to the Irish Aviation Authority for acceptance that ensures that the potential unavailability of STDs is mitigated by other means, e.g. computer-based training or the rescheduling of refresher training prior to extension of an On-the-job Training Instructor endorsement;
- e. Synthetic Training Device Instructor endorsement as per point ATCO.C.040 of Part-ATCO
  - i. the training organisation shall submit a process to the Irish Aviation Authority for acceptance that ensures that the potential unavailability of STDs is mitigated by other means, e.g. computer-based training or the rescheduling of refresher training prior to extension of a Synthetic Training Device Instructor endorsement;

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- f. Assessor endorsement as per point ATCO.C.060 of Part-ATCO;
  - i. the training organisation shall submit a process to the Irish Aviation Authority for acceptance that ensures that the potential unavailability of STDs is mitigated by other means, e.g. computer-based training or the rescheduling of refresher training prior to extension of an Assessor endorsement;
- g. Unit Training Plan as per point ATCO.D.055 of Part-ATCO;

If, towards the end of the 4-month period specified in point (1), the Irish Aviation Authority considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption still apply, the validity period of the endorsement or the certificate may be further extended for a period of up to 4 months or the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever comes first.