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COVID-19 - TEMPORARY CONTINUATION OF THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SYLLABUS THAT INCLUDES THE SUBJECTS ‘VFR COMMUNICATION’ AND ‘IFR COMMUNICATION’.

1. Due to disruption caused by the COVID-19 crisis to applicants for a CPL, MPL, ATPL or IR, they may have been unable to complete, before 31 January 2022, their theoretical knowledge instruction and examination in accordance with the syllabus that contains the subjects “091 VFR Communications” and “092 IFR Communications”.

2. The Irish Aviation Authority pursuant to:-

2.1. Article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1139, in the case of flight crew licences issued under the following regulation:

Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, particularly:

FCL.310, FCL.410.A(b), FCL.515(b) and FCL.615(b)

2.2. Articles 4 and 36 of the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel Licensing) Order, (S.I. No. 333 of 2000) (hereinafter referred to as “the Order”), in the case of Irish national flight crew licences issued under the Order

hereby provides an exemption from compliance with the above requirements subject to the limits and conditions detailed below in this Aeronautical Notice.

This Aeronautical Notice is effective from 31 January 2022 and shall remain in force until 31 July 2022 (end date of this exemption) unless otherwise specified in this notice or it is revoked by the Authority.

**Aviation Regulator/CEO Designate
Irish Aviation Authority**

Limits and Conditions of this Exemption

- 1. Person to whom the exemption has been issued**
 - a. This exemption was granted to applicants for the issue of a CPL, an ATPL, an MPL or an IR in respect of whom Ireland acts as the competent authority and who, due to the urgent unforeseen circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as described in 'Reasons for granting the exemption', were unable to complete, before 31 January 2022, their theoretical knowledge instruction and examination in accordance with the syllabus that contains the subjects "091 VFR Communications" and "092 IFR Communications" as applicable on 30 January 2022 under Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.
 - b. The exemption is conditional on the applicant maintaining compliance with the requirements of FCL.025. Where an applicant ceases to maintain compliance with FCL.025, the provisions of the exemption cease to apply, and the applicant is now subject to future theoretical knowledge instruction and examination in accordance with the syllabus that contains the subject "090 Communications".
 - c. The exemption applies to examinations commenced under the European Central Question Bank (ECQB) that are in support of the syllabus that contains the subjects "091 VFR Communications" and "092 IFR Communications".
 - d. Theoretical examinations completed under this exemption may carry a notation stating completion was in accordance with this Aeronautical Notice

Explanatory Notes:

The COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in drastic travel restrictions and closure of borders between a majority of the Member States. Lock-down measures have resulted in limitations on the delivery of theoretical knowledge examinations, restrictions of capacity of examination venues and cancellations of examination sittings in their entirety. The COVID-19 outbreak has also disrupted the completion of the approvals by Competent Authorities of the changes to ATO training courses necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of the amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1974 which changed the structure of the theoretical knowledge examination subjects. According to this new structure, which becomes applicable as of 31 January 2022, applicants have no longer the possibility to undertake examinations in either only "091 VFR Communications" or "092 IFR Communications" subjects but have to take an examination in a comprehensive 'Communications' subject.

Accordingly, applicants for a CPL, MPL, ATPL or IR who were unable to complete, before 31 January 2022, their theoretical knowledge instruction and examination in accordance with syllabus that contains the subjects "091 VFR Communications" and "092 IFR Communications" due to the above mentioned COVID-19 related circumstances should be permitted to finalise those instructions and examinations in accordance with the syllabus containing those subjects.