

# Consultation on the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel Licensing) Order

21<sup>st</sup> January 2026



## Consultation Note:

The Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) invites stakeholders and members of the public to a consultation on the [draft Irish Aviation Authority \(Personnel Licensing\) Order](#). As part of this process, we are inviting feedback from stakeholders and the wider public to ensure that Irish national legislation for the personnel licensing is maintained to incorporate the evolving global standards and recommended practices issued by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the EU Regulations for aviation safety developed by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

We welcome your views and encourage you to participate by completing the [online consultation form](#). The deadline for submissions is 5pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.



**Link to the consultation form**

If you experience any difficulties using the Microsoft Forms platform, please contact us at [consultation@iaa.ie](mailto:consultation@iaa.ie)

\*This email address should not be used for submissions.

Thank you for taking time to provide your views on this consultation.

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## Memo on proposed update the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel Licensing) Order

The review of the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel Licensing) Order 2025 aims to ensure that Irish national legislation for the personnel licensing is maintained to incorporate the evolving global standards and recommended practices issued by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the EU Regulations for aviation safety developed by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

The regulations to govern personnel licensing in Ireland can be traced directly back from the current Personnel Licensing Order to the Air Navigation (No. 1) Regulations, 1928.

The revised regulations will transpose the relevant provisions of ICAO Annex 1, which set out the global standards and recommended practices relating to personnel licensing. The revised regulations will also provide for the applicability of the Order in terms of the application of the EASA Regulations and revoke the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel Licensing) Order 2000.

As part of the Irish Aviation Authorities policy to maintain and update existing legislation, a review of the Irish Aviation Authority (Personnel Licensing) Order 2000 identified that there have been considerable amendments to ICAO Annex 1, which must be transposed into national legislation.

Some of the important changes in Annex 1 include the introduction and updating of provisions for:

1. Definitions and General Rules Concerning Licences;
2. Language Proficiency;
3. Specifications for (Electronic) Personnel Licences;
4. Approved Training Organizations;
5. Medical Provisions;
6. Validity of Licences;
7. ATS Surveillance System;
8. Framework for Safety Management Systems;
9. Framework for the State Safety Programme;
10. Endorsement for Automatically Validated Licences;
11. Provisions for Remote Flight Crew;
12. Licences and Ratings for Pilots;
13. Licences and Ratings for Personnel other than Flight Crew Members;
14. Requirements for the Issue of the Multi-Crew Pilot Licence – Aeroplane.

Additionally, the advent of the EASA Regulations, in particular Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Regulation (EU) 1178/2011, have changed the regulatory landscape with respect to air operations in the EU entirely. The existing national legislation refers to the predecessor regulatory framework built on the JAR-FCL regulations, which is no longer extant. Accordingly, it will be necessary to amend the legislation to reflect the EASA Regulations, rather than JAR-FCL.

While the vast majority of civil aviation operations are conducted under the European regulations, referred to as the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Regulations, a number of aviation disciplines fall outside the scope of the EASA Regulations, and must be regulated in accordance with national law.

Examples of the types of aircraft and operations falling outside the EASA Regulations include:

- National PPL
- Aerodrome Flight Information Service Officer
- Radio Officer
- Flight Engineer
- National Aircraft Maintenance Engineer
- National Approved Training Organisations

The primary objective of this proposal is to update the national legislation for the purpose of providing up to date rules for civil aviation personnel licensing that fall outside the scope of the EASA Regulations. An associated and important objective is to ensure that the national legislation complies with current International Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). A further objective is the implementation of additional rules to provide for areas not yet regulated under national legislation.

A further, and very important objective, is the implementation of a process for Appeals to licensing decisions, in order to comply with Irish administrative law requirements.

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## **Before submitting your comments, we invite you to read the draft (Personnel Licensing) Order.**

[Link to draft \(Personnel Licensing\) Order 2026](#)