



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS



DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

Article 71(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139  
Exemption notification form

Notifying State	
Member State or Associated State	CYPRUS
Reference of the notification from the State	DCA/EX/01-2021
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Date of the notification	22 Jan 2021
Exemption	
Title	<b>COVID-19 / 2W: Extension of validity periods and other time periods for aircrew</b>
Domain	AIR CREW
Repetitive exemption?	A) NO <input type="checkbox"/> (duration should be up to 8 months): Valid from *-- to *--  B) YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Valid from 2021/01/22 to 2021/07/31 b) List of previous exemption(s): 1. State reference: DCA/EX/01/2020 2. EASA reference: 711/20/0128 3. Valid from 2020-03-23 to 2020-11-22 4. State reference: DCA/EX/02/2020 5. EASA reference: 711/20/0302 6. Valid from 2020-03-31 to 2020-11-30
Exempted requirements	<b>Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011</b> , particularly:  - points FCL.025, FCL.055, FCL.625, FCL.725, FCL.740, FCL.735.A, FCL.735.H, FCL.940 and FCL.1025



Summary of the exemption	<p>Use of this exemption requires prior approval from Cyprus DCA. Therefore applicant shall apply for exemption by submitting application form “SF-081_ Application for Exemption” (available on Department’s website). The Department, after assessment of individual application, will inform the applicant accordingly whether application is accepted or not and for possible additional mitigation measures.</p> <p>(a) The validity period of all of the following is extended as follows, unless otherwise specified in point (b) below:</p> <p>(1) by 4 months or until 31 March 2021, whichever period of time is earlier, in the case of validity periods of class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings endorsed in Part-FCL pilot licences.</p> <p>(2) by 12 months or until 31 March 2021, whichever period of time is earlier, in the case of validity periods or time periods, as applicable, in the case of Part-FCL instructor and examiner certificates;</p> <p>(3) by 8 months or until 31 March 2021, whichever period of time is earlier, in the case of validity periods of theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per points (c)(1) and (c)(2) of point FCL.025 of Part-FCL.</p> <p>(4) by 4 months or until 31 March 2021, whichever period of time is earlier, in the case of language proficiency endorsements as per point FCL.055 of Part-FCL.</p> <p>(b) When a person already made use of a particular exemption arrangement under the general exemption granted by the Cyprus Department of Civil Aviation (DCA/EX/01/2020, DCA/EX/02/2020 and Information Notices LIC/2020-01, LIC/2020-02), the additional time period granted in respect of the applicable requirement, the following apply:</p> <p>(1) in the case of the validity period of an instructor or examiner certificate:</p> <p>(i) was less than twelve months, then that time period and the additional time period granted to that person under this exemption shall cumulatively not exceed twelve months;</p> <p>(ii) was twelve months, then this exemption shall not be applied to that person;</p> <p>(2) in all other cases:</p> <p>(i) was less than eight months, then that time period and the additional time period granted to that person under this exemption shall cumulatively not exceed eight months;</p> <p>(ii) was eight months, then this exemption shall not be applied to that person.</p> <p>If, in March 2021, the Cyprus Department of Civil Aviation considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption will still apply beyond March 2021, the validity period of the rating, privilege, certificate or endorsement as described in paragraph (a) may be further extended for another period of four months or until 31 July 2021, whichever is the earlier.</p> <p>If, in March 2021, the Cyprus Department of Civil Aviation considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption no longer apply, this Exemption will be withdrawn.</p>
Reasons for granting it (select as applicable)	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Unforeseeable circumstances</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urgent operational needs</p>



	<p>The continued applicability of mandatory health safety measures, including related travel restrictions, imposed by health authorities of the Member State (physical distancing) as well as the closure of borders may caused several constraints to flight crew licenses/certificates validity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holders of Part-FCL pilot licences who are required to perform their licence proficiency check (LPC) to revalidate the validity period of their class ratings, type ratings, instrument rating may not be able to timely reach or gain access to aircraft or flight simulation training devices (FSTDs) to complete the necessary flights, training and checking. Additionally, these pilots may not be able to timely get access to an examination for maintaining their language proficiency. This would result in expiry of their ratings and the language proficiency endorsement.</li> <li>• Holders of Part-FCL instructor and examiner certificates who are required to perform an assessment of competence to revalidate their instructor or examiner privileges in order to continue to exercise their training and checking privileges may not be able to timely reach or gain access to aircraft or FSTDs to complete the necessary assessment of competence. This would result in expiry of said certificate.</li> <li>• Applicants for the issue of a licence or an instrument rating may not be able to timely reach the competent authority to complete theoretical knowledge examinations within the time periods specified in points (a)(3) and (b)(2) of point FCL.025 of Part-FCL.</li> <li>• After completion of theoretical knowledge examinations, applicants for the issue of a licence or an instrument rating may not be able to access training facilities and training aircraft or FSTDs in order continue with practical training within the time periods specified in point FCL.025(c)(1) of Part-FCL.</li> <li>• Applicants for a class or a type rating may not be able to access training facilities as well as training aircraft or FSTDs in order to comply with the second subparagraph of point FCL.725(c) of Part-FCL.</li> </ul>
Summary of Mitigating measures, if any	<p><b>A) Safety:</b></p> <p>“Exemption” is only given if it can be documented that COVID-19 is the reason why revalidation cannot be made.</p> <p>“Exemption” is only given for ratings, certificates and endorsements that are valid, or have not been expired for a period exceeding 30 days.</p> <p>The sole obligation of quarantine (e.g. in case of the need to travel to/from a training facility) does not automatically justify an exemption as per Article 71(2) BR.</p> <p>(1) <b>Holders of class ratings, type ratings, instrument ratings or language proficiency endorsements</b> benefiting from point (a) of this exemption (see field “Summary of the exemption”) shall comply with all of the following:</p> <p>(a) they shall hold a valid relevant rating or have not been expired for a period exceeding 30 days and, if applicable, a valid language proficiency endorsement;</p> <p>(b) the holder has not been able to take the necessary measures to extend the validity for the reasons listed in this exemption (<i>Reasons for granting it</i>)</p> <p>(c) they shall, during the application period of this Exemption, have received a briefing from an instructor who holds relevant instructional privileges in order to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge to safely operate the applicable class or type and to safely carry out the relevant manoeuvres and</p>



procedures, as applicable. That briefing shall include class – or type – specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate.

- (2) Upon successful completion of the briefing as per point (c) above, the new expiry date of the relevant rating, shall be endorsed in the licence of the pilot, either by the DCA or by an EASA examiner and acting in accordance with point FCL.1030, as applicable.

The new expiry date of the language proficiency shall be endorsed in the licence of the pilot by the DCA, only after applicant has submitted a request to DCA with a confirmation statement by the Instructor responsible for the briefing above.

- (3) **Instructors and examiner certificate holders** benefiting from point (a) of this exemption (see field “Summary of the exemption”) shall:

(a) hold a valid instructor or examiner certificate or the relevant certificate has not expired for a period exceeding 30 days and,

(b) the holder has not been able to take the necessary measures to extend the validity for the reasons listed in this exemption (*Reasons for granting it*).

The new expiry date of the certificate shall be endorsed in the licence or certificate of the pilot, in one of the following methods:

- i. For the Instructors, it shall be endorsed in the licence of the pilot, either by DCA or an Examiner and acting in accordance with point FCL.1030, as applicable; Examiners should act as per their current privileges as described in their Examiner’s Certificate.
- ii. For the Examiners, it shall be endorsed **ONLY** by DCA.

#### **(4) Instructions for Examiners**

- (a) Examiners should act as per their current privileges as described in their Examiner’s Certificate.
- (b) Examiners prior any revalidation should request from applicant proof of DCA exemption approval with details of exemption application ( i.e. duration, mitigating measures etc)
- (c) All the Examiners, prior any revalidation, should notify DCA by email for the use of this exemption.

Upon license endorsement, the Examiner has to submit to DCA the following:

1. The method used by the Examiner for verification of candidate’s knowledge and awareness.
2. Copy of the examiner's licence (only for non-Cyprus DCA License holders).
3. Copy of the examiner's certificate (only for non-Cyprus DCA Examiner Certificate holders).
4. Copy of the examiner’s medical certificate (only for non-Cyprus DCA Examiner Certificate holders).
5. Copy of candidate’s revalidated licence (if entry on licence by examiner).

For the above communication, please use the following email address:

[eld@dca.mcw.gov.cy](mailto:eld@dca.mcw.gov.cy)





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	<p><b>B) Environment:</b> The circumstances and needs addressed by the exemption do not have an impact on environment.</p> <p><b>C) Market distortion:</b> Due to the exceptional circumstances affecting all EU Member States, and given its limited duration, the exemption does not have a distorting effect on the market conditions.</p> <p><b>D) Essential requirements:</b> Not applicable.</p>
<b>Concerned entity(ies)</b>	
Organisation, operator, aerodrome or person whom the exemption is granted to	Holders of licences, ratings, privileges, endorsements and certificates issued by the Cyprus Department of Civil Aviation in accordance with the Regulations specified above in the field "Exempted requirements"

Approved by:	<div style="text-align: center;">Signature  Date 22/01/2021</div> <div style="text-align: center;">A. Paspalides Dept. Civil Aviation</div> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>
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