



HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT  
FLIGHT STANDARDS DIVISION

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**TITLE:** Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity and other time periods for licences, ratings, privileges, endorsements and certificates of pilots, instructors, and examiners.  
HCAA ACW General Exemption/LIC-03/17950 /27-11-2020

**EXEMPTION UNDER ARTICLE 71(2) REGULATION (EU) 2018/1139 IN RESPECT OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH A REQUIREMENT**

**1. Exemption**

The Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority, on behalf of Greece, pursuant to Article 71(2) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139, hereby exempts:

- Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, particularly:
  - points FCL.055, FCL.625, FCL.740, FCL.940 and FCL.1025 of Annex I (Part-FCL).

**2. Applicability**

Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption, with regard to holders of licences, ratings, privileges, endorsements and certificates issued by HCAA in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, all of the following shall apply:

**(a)** The validity period or time period (as applicable) of all of the following is extended by four months (27-03-21) or until 31 March 2021, whichever is the earlier, unless otherwise required in point (b):

- (1) class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings endorsed in Part-FCL pilot licences;
- (2) Part-FCL instructor and examiner certificates;
- (3) language proficiency endorsements as per point FCL.055 of Part-FCL.

**(b)** When a person already made use of a particular exemption arrangement under the general ACW exemptions granted by the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (LIC-01/4363/27-03-2020, and LIC02/4364/27-03-2020), and the additional time period granted in respect of the applicable requirement:

- (1) in the case of the validity period of an instructor or examiner certificate:
  - (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;
  - (ii) was twelve months, then this exemption shall not be applied to that person;
- (2) in all other cases:
  - (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;
  - (ii) was eight months, then this exemption shall not be applied to that person.

If, in March 2021, the HCAA considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption will still apply beyond March 2021, the validity period of the rating, privilege or certificate may be further extended for another period of four months or until 27th July 2021, whichever is the earlier.

### **3. Conditions of exemption**

(1) Part-FCL licence holders benefiting from this exemption shall comply with all of the following:

- (a) They shall hold a valid rating or endorsement, or the relevant rating or endorsement has not been expired for a period exceeding one month (30 calendar days), and the holder has not been able to take the necessary measures to extend the validity for the reasons listed in this exemption;
- (b) They shall have received refresher training, followed by the completion of an assessment by means established by the Operator (Part-ORO or TCO) to determine that the required level of knowledge to operate the applicable class or type is maintained. That assessment shall include class- or type – specific abnormal and emergency procedures.
- (c) If the person is not currently working for an Operator, to whom Part-ORO applies or TCO, they shall, during the application period of this exemption, have received a briefing from an ATO/DTO 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 procedures, as applicable. That briefing shall include class – or type – specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate.

Upon successful completion of the requirements as applicable in points (b) and (c), the new expiry date (starting from the previously expiring extended date, where applicable) of the relevant rating and if required, the language proficiency endorsement, shall be endorsed in the licence of the pilot, either by the HCAA or by an examiner acting in accordance with point FCL.1030, as applicable, accompanied by the HCAA attachment to the licence of the pilot.

(2) Part-FCL instructors and examiners certificate holders benefiting from this exemption shall comply with the following:

- (a) They shall hold a valid instructor or valid examiner certificate, or the relevant certificate has not been expired for a period exceeding one month (30 calendar days), and the holder has not been able to take the necessary measures to extend the validity for the reasons listed in this exemption.

The new expiry date (starting from the previously expiring extended date, where applicable) shall be endorsed in the licence of the pilot, either by the HCAA or an examiner acting in accordance with point FCL.1030, as applicable.

### **4. Reasons for granting it- Justification**

The COVID-19 outbreak and its second phase have resulted in requirements of health safety measures, physical distancing, travel restrictions and closure of borders between majorities of States.

Holders of Part-FCL pilot licences who are required to perform their licence proficiency check (LPC) to revalidate the validity period of their class, type or instrument ratings are not able to timely reach or gain access to flight simulation training devices (FSTD), or are not able to follow health safety measures, to complete the necessary training and checking. Additionally, these pilots are not able to timely get access to an examination for maintaining their language proficiency. This would, or have already, resulted in expiry of their ratings and the language proficiency endorsement.

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 are not able to timely reach or gain access to FSTD, or are not able to follow health safety measures, to complete the necessary assessment of competence. This would, or have already, resulted in expiry of said certificate.

As a result of the extreme operational and resource constraints caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, it is needed to apply this exemption to holders of European licences, ratings and certificates as well as operators when the said circumstances are declared to the HCAA by either the holder (of the licence, rating, endorsement or certificate) or the operator to ensure a certain level of business continuity for organisations. This Exemption aims to reduce the severity of the disruptions that would otherwise occur due to non-availability of a sufficient number of crew members.

## **5. Environment:**

The circumstances and needs addressed by the exemption do not have an impact on environment.

## **6. Market distortion:**

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.

## **7. Essential requirements:**

Not applicable.

## **8. Validity**

This exemption shall have effect from **27/11/2020 until 27/07/2021**.

## **9. Notification**

This exemption is notified to EASA, and the CAs of the European Union Member States.

## **10. Queries**

Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

Personnel Licensing Section (D2/B)  
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## 11. Attachment to HCAA issued Part-FCL Licenses

**A.** For aviation license/certificate holders not operating under Part-ORO, (i.e. TCO/ATO).

- (Filled and signed by Third Country Operators (TCO) / ATOs for license/certificate holders benefitting from this exemption).
- (Validity requirements applicable only for ratings and certificates in accordance with 3 (1), (a) and 3 (2), (a) of this exemption).

Confirmation for pilots benefitting from the Exemption with regard to training and checking in accordance with Annex 1 (Part-FCL) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011.

By signing this attachment it is confirmed that:

- The following Pilot is operating under our Management system (TCO)
- The following Pilot has successfully completed the required briefing / training as specified in points 3 (1), (c) above, of this exemption, related to:  rating,  endorsement

Name of pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ License/Certificate# \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Third Country Operator (TCO): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of ATO/DTO: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of authorized signatory: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** For aviation personnel operating under Part-ORO.

- (Filled and signed by Operators for license/certificate holders benefitting from this exemption)
- (Validity requirements applicable only for ratings and certificates in accordance with 3 (1), (a) and 3 (2), (a) of this exemption).

Confirmation for pilots benefitting from the Exemption with regard to training and checking in accordance with Annex 1 (Part-FCL) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 and Annex III (Part-ORO) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.

By signing this attachment it is confirmed that:

- The following Pilot is operating under our Management system and
- The following Pilot has successfully completed the requirements as specified in points 3 (1), (b) above, of this exemption.

Name of pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ License/Certificate# \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Operator: \_\_\_\_\_


Name of authorized signatory: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Obligation to carry the documents proving the conditions above.

Aircrew members, instructors, examiners intending to make use of the provisions mentioned above shall when on duty carry along a copy of this document as well as of documents issued by their organization suitable to prove that the conditions above are met.

HCAA GOVERNOR



GEORGE I. DRITSAKOS

