

SAFETY CIRCULAR 2020-06

Issue 01

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SUBJECT:

FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

SAFETY CIRCULAR 2020-01

APPLICABILITY:

This Safety Circular shall be applicable to all Operators within Sultanate of Oman for further extension of a period of 3 months from date of issue of this safety Circular up 31 October 2020, Subject to further extension as the situation dictates.

INTRODUCTION:

The socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 is yet to be assessed. It has already resulted in drastic restrictions and arrangements licence holders from timely completing their necessary renewal requirements, prior to licence expiry.

As a result of the aforementioned unforeseen circumstances, the PACA:

- a) found it necessary to reduce the severity of the disruptions; and
- b) presents today an immediate response to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak while assuring an acceptable level of safety.

REQUIREMENTS:

With regard to licences, ratings, and certificates issued by the PACA, not compromising with medical fitness the following shall apply:

- a) Licences, ratings, and certificates issued in accordance with CAR-FCL 1 and CAR-FCL 2:

Provided that the regular validity period of a rating or a certificate expires before 31 October 2020, that validity period is extended as follows:

- i) by another 3 months from the date of the expiring of the first circular (31 July 2020, total 7 months extension) , in the case of:
 - 1) class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings endorsed in CAR-FCL commercial pilot licences (CPL, MPL, ATPL) for operating aeroplanes representing those classes and types within an organisation for which CAR-FCL is applicable;
- ii) until the end of the application of this Safety Circular, in the case of:
 - 1) CAR-FCL and CAN, instructor and examiner certificates the holders of which are involved in training and checking of holders of the class and type ratings specified in point i (1) above;

2) language proficiency (ELP) endorsements as per point CAR-FCL 1.010(a)(2) of CAR-FCL;

b) Training and checking in accordance with CAR FCL-CAR-OPS:

Provided that the regular validity period of training and checking, as set out in the applicable training and checking requirements of CAR-OPS 1 and 3, expires before 31 October 2020, that validity period is extended by another 3 months from the date of the expiring of the first circular (31 July 2020, total 7 months extension) as follows:

- i) Licence proficiency checks (LPC) and line checks in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.965 or CAR-OPS 3.965;
- ii) line-oriented evaluation in accordance with point CAR-OPS 1.978, if applicable;
- iii) Operator proficiency checks (OPC) in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.965 or CAR-OPS 3.965;
- iii) operator emergency and safety equipment training and checking in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.965 or CAR-OPS 3.965
- iv) operator ground and flight training in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.965 or CAR-OPS 3.965;
- v) operator cabin crew recurrent training and checking in accordance with CAR-OPS 1.1015 and CAR-OPS 1.1020;
- vi) operator recurrent training for crew other than above mentioned, in accordance with applicable provisions of CAR-OPS 1 or CAR-OPS 3.

c) Licences, endorsements and certificates issued in accordance with CAR FCL 1 and CAR-FCL 2

Provided that the regular validity period of an endorsement or a certificate expires before 31 October 2020, that validity period is extended by another 3 months from the date of the expiring of the first circular (31 July 2020, total 7 months extension) as follows:

- i) in the case of:
 - 1) ATC Licence, ATC Ratings endorsements.
 - 2) ATC language proficiency endorsements.
 - 3) AME licenses
 - 4) Flight Engineer's licenses

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