



Attachment

to

Part-FCL, Part-SFCL or Part-BFCL Licences and Part-MED Certificates issued by Switzerland for aviation personnel

Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity periods for licences, ratings, endorsements, certificates and attestations of aircrew, instructors, examiners

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Considering the restrictions on mobility, closure of training organisations and facilities and therefore the impossibility of timely training and checking in aviation the following shall apply:

- 1.) The following time and/or validity extensions are exceptionally granted to holders of Part-FCL Licences and Part-MED Certificates issued by Switzerland:**
 - (a) The validity** of all of the following is extended as follows:
 - (1) by 4 months or until November 19th 2020, whichever period of time is shorter, in the case of validity periods of all of the following:
 - (i) class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings endorsed in Part-FCL pilot licences the holders of which are not involved in the operation of aircraft representing those classes and types within an organisation for which Annex III (Part-ORO) to Regulation (EU) No 965/2012 is applicable;
 - (ii) mountain ratings;
 - (iii) Part-MED medical certificates;
 - (2) until November 19th 2020, in the case of validity periods or time periods, as applicable, of all of the following:
 - (i) Part-FCL instructor and examiner certificates;
 - (ii) language proficiency endorsements as per point FCL.055 of Part-FCL;
 - (iii) Part-MED aeromedical examiner certificates;
 - (iv) recommendations for taking theoretical knowledge examinations, issued by a DTO or by an ATO in accordance with point FCL.025(a)(3) of Part-FCL, point BFCL.135(b)(3) of Part-BFCL and point SFCL.135(b)(3) of Part-SFCL;
 - (v) theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per points (c)(1) and (c)(2) of point FCL.025 of Part-FCL, point BFCL.135(d) of Part-BFCL and point SFCL.135(d) of Part-SFCL, provided that the regular time period ends between March 13th and November 19th 2020;
 - (vi) the time periods specified in point FCL.725(c) of Part-FCL with regard to all of the following provided that the regular time period ends between March 13th and November 19th 2020:
 - (A) the time period between the commencement of the type rating training course and the pass of the skill test;
 - (B) the time period between the pass of the skill test and the application for the issue of the class or type rating;



- (vii) the time period specified in all of the following, provided that the regular time period ends between March 13th 2020 and November 19th 2020:
- (A) point FCL.735.A(b);
 - (B) point FCL.735.H(b);
 - (C) point (1) of Section H of Appendix 3 to Part-FCL;
 - (D) points (a)(1) and (b)(2) of point FCL.810;
 - (E) point FCL.815(b);
 - (F) point FCL.825(c);
- (3) in the case of the time period specified in point FCL.025 (b) (2) of Part-FCL, point BFCL.135(c) (2) of Part-BFCL and point SFCL.135(c)(2), that time period is extended by the time period that equals the time period during which an applicant was unable to access theoretical knowledge examinations due to the pandemic situation.
- (b) If, towards the end of the period specified in 1.) (a) (1), the pilot faces a situation where the access to the Aeromedical Examiner is not timely possible, the validity period of the medical certificate as specified in point 1.) a) (1) (iii) extends until November 19th 2020.¹
- (c) For the application of all of the following requirements of **Part-FCL**, the time period is extended as follows:
- (1) to the last 300 days, in the case of point FCL.060(a) (balloon pilot recency for commercial air transport and the carriage of passengers);
 - (2) to the last 2 years and 8 months, in the case of point FCL.140.A(a) (LAPL(A) recency);
 - (3) to the last 20 months, in the case of point FCL.140.H (LAPL(H) recency);
 - (4) to the last 32 months, in the case of all of the following:
 - (i) points FCL.130.S(c) and FCL.220.S (sailplane launching methods);
 - (ii) points (a) and (b)(1) of point FCL.140.S as well as point FCL.230.S (sailplane pilot recency);
 - (iii) points FCL.130.B(c) and FCL.220.B (recency for tethered balloon flight);
 - (iv) points FCL.140.B and FCL.230.B(a) (balloon pilot recency)
 - (v) point FCL.805(e) (towing rating recency);
 - (vi) point FCL.830(d) (sailplane cloud flying recency).
- (d) For the application of all of the following recency requirements of **Part-BFCL**, the time period is extended as follows:
- (1) to the last 32 months, in the case of all of the following:
 - (i) points (a)(1)(i), (a)(2) and (f)(1) of point BFCL.160 (balloon pilot recency);
 - (ii) point BFCL.215(d)(2) (commercial operation rating recency);
 - (2) to the last 56 months, in the case of all of the following:
 - (i) point BFCL.160(a)(1)(ii) (balloon pilot recency);
 - (ii) point BFCL.200(d) (recency for tethered balloon flight);
 - (3) to the last 300 days, in the case of point BFCL.215(d)(1) (commercial operation rating recency);
 - (4) to the last 3 years and 8 months, in the case of point BFCL.360(a)(1) (balloon instructor recency).
- (e) For the application of all of the following recency requirements of **Part-SFCL**, the time period is extended as follows:
- (1) to the last 2 years and 8 months, in the case of all of the following:
 - (i) point SFCL.155(c) (sailplane launching methods);
 - (ii) point SFCL.205(f) (sailplane towing or banner towing rating);
 - (iii) point SFCL.215(e) (sailplane cloud flying rating);

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- (2) to the last 32 months², in the case of points (a) and (b) of point SFCL.160 (sailplane pilot recency).
- (3) to the last 3 years and 8 months, in the case of point SFCL.360(a)(1) (sailplane instructor recency).
- (f) In the case of point FCL.060(c)(1), the 120-day period is extended to 180 days under the same conditions as specified in that point.

2.) Pilots, Applicants for a licence, rating or certificate, Instructors, Examiners and Aeromedical Examiners who wish to benefit of the extensions above need to fulfil the relevant criteria below:

- (1) Holders of class ratings, type ratings, instrument ratings, mountain ratings or language proficiency endorsements benefiting from point (a) of this exemption (see field "Summary of the exemption") shall comply with all of the following (in case of language proficiency endorsements, only point (a) applies)³:
 - (a) they shall hold a valid relevant rating and, if applicable, a valid language proficiency endorsement;
 - (b) 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 procedures, as applicable. That briefing shall include class – or type – specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate.
- (2) Instructors and examiner certificate holders benefiting from point (a) of this exemption (see field "Summary of the exemption") shall hold a valid instructor and, if applicable, a valid examiner certificate.
- (3) Applicants for a licence, rating or certificate benefiting from point 1.) (a) (2) (vii) of this exemption shall have received additional training, if deemed necessary by the ATO or the DTO, in consultation with FOCA.
- (4) Holders of licences as per Part-FCL, Part-BFCL and Part-SFCL benefitting from 1.) (b), (c) or (d) of this Exemption (see field "Summary of the exemption") 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 aircraft and to carry out the relevant manoeuvres and procedures, as applicable. That briefing shall include specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate to the category, class and type of aircraft as well as to the relevant kind of privileges, as applicable.
- (5) Part-MED medical certificate holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a medical certificate valid at least until March 13th 2020 without limitations, except visual ones.
- (6) The validity as specified under 1.) (a) (1) (iii) is extended according to 1.) (b) if the aero-medical examiner confirms that a timely appointment for an aero-medical examination is not possible.⁴
- (7) Part-MED aero-medical examiner certificate holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid aero-medical examiner certificate.

² Version of April 3rd 2020: typing error corrected

³ Version of April 3rd 2020: Requirements for Language Proficiency endorsement clarified

⁴ Version of April 3rd 2020: extension of medical certificate validity added



3.) Obligation to carry the documents proving the conditions above

Pilots, Applicants for a licence, rating or certificate, instructors and 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 the filled in annex below and/or any other document suitable to prove the conditions above are met. Pilots making use of the further extension of the medical certificate as specified under 1.) (b) shall when on duty carry along a confirmation of their AME as required according 2.) (6).⁵ Upon request of a competent authority, the respective documents shall be made available. The Annex to this Attachment shall be attached to the revalidation or application documents to be sent to FOCA once conditions normalized.

4.) Obligations of aero-medical Examiners

An aero-medical examiner who is unable to accept a pilot for a timely aero-medical examination is obliged to confirm this in writing to the pilot. At the request of the competent authority, the AME must immediately provide the authority with all relevant documents and disclose the reasons for the rejection of a candidate.⁶

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Annex I

to the Attachment

Confirmation for pilots benefitting from the Exemption with regard to training and checking in accordance with Part-FCL, Part-SFCL or Part-BFCL Licences.

Name of the Pilot, Candidate, Licence#	
The person above has successfully completed the required briefing as specified in the Attachment related to (qualification, recency, rating or endorsement)	
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Name of the instructor	Signature.....
Date	Place

Please fill out one form for each qualification, recency, rating or endorsement.

For the extension of a Language Proficiency Endorsement or an Instructor-, Examiner- or Medical Certificate, this Annex is not required.

Please attach a copy of this Annex to the revalidation or application documents to be sent to FOCA once conditions normalized.