

Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications DETEC

Federal Office of Civil Aviation FOCA Safety Division - Flight Personnel

Checklist

Conversion of a foreign 3rd country ICAO IR rating into a Swiss EASA Part-FCL basic instrument rating BIR

Requirements	
	EASA Part-MED medical certificate with IR requirements fulfilled;
	Theoretical knowledge examination acc. FCL.835(d) and FCL.615(b);
	Minimum total flying hours experience according Part-FCL Annex I;
	Proof of English language proficiency in accordance with FCL.055 (minimum level 4); Enclose evidence according to the Procedure for acceptance of Language proficiency tests taken outside of Switzerland published on FOCA homepage.
	Proof of the radiotelephony qualification entered in the foreign licence or equivalent document;
	Experience as PIC under IFR min. 25 hrs (since initial IR check). Enclose copies of relevant log-book pages;
	Skill test BIR with examiner in accordance with Part-FCL and FOCA Examiner Guide EASA Part-FCL AEROPLANE;
	Valid and current ICAO IR in 3rd country licence (evidence of compliance with the applicable IR currency requirements shall be provided);
	Copies of all pages of the current and valid foreign pilot's licence with entry of the required instrument rating (pending licence is not accepted);
	Night flight (if applicable): FOCA form 60.611 as well as copies of the relevant logbook pages showing night flying experience including at least one hour night flight instruction within a Swiss ATO, otherwise IFR will be restricted to day only;
	Application for the issuance of a pilot's licence (FOCA Form 69.975);
	Copies of the last four logbook pages showing instruction and flying experience before skill test (flight time & FSTD);
	Colored copy of passport.

Verification of the foreign pilot's licences and medical certificates

By filling the application form, the applicant will authorise the issuing Civil Aviation Authorities of his foreign licences and medical certificates to provide all relevant information for the corresponding application to the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA).

Legal references

- Article 3 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/723 «Acceptance of licences from third countries».
- Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) NO 1178/2011 «Part-FCL», FCL.835 Basic instrument rating (BIR).

For more information

Pilot licences (admin.ch)

All information is subject to change.

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