

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 IR(A) rating

This checklist applies to conversion of an IR in combination with a PPL or CPL conversion. To obtain a competency-based IR please refer to the checklist "Competency-based modular IR(A) for holders of a 3rd country ICAO IR(A)".

For conversion of an ATPL this checklist does not apply, please refer to the ATPL conversion checklist.

Requirements	
	EASA Part-MED medical certificate with IR requirements fullfiled;
	Theoretical examination IR (all subjects) in accordance with FCL.615 (except ATPL);
	Minimum total flying hours experience according Part-FCL Annex I Appendix 6;
	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;
	Confirmation of IR training within an EASA ATO, including skill test recommendation; Credit may be granted by FOCA based on a recommendation from an ATO.
	Skill test IR (except for ATPL conversion) with examiner on SP aeroplane in accordance with Part-FCL and FOCA GM/INFO Examination Guide Aeroplane (FOCA Form 60.420); The class or type rating and the IR for the above skill test must still be valid in the foreign licence at the time of this skill test.
	Application for the issuance of a pilot's licence (FOCA Form 69.975);
	Copies of all pages of the current foreign pilot's licence with entry of the valid class or type and instrument rating for the aeroplane to be used (pending licence is not accepted);
	Copies of the last four logbook pages showing instruction and flying experience before skill test (flight time & FSTD);
	Confirmation of night rating training within an EASA ATO or DTO, including FOCA Form 60.611; Credit may be granted by FOCA based on a recommendation from an ATO. If no night rating is obtained, IR privileges will be limited to "day only".
	Colored copy of passport.

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Acceptance of class and type ratings

For the acceptance of class or type ratings contained in a third country ICAO licence **into an already existing Part-FCL licence**, Article 10 of Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/723 is applicable. Refer to the "Checklist acceptance of a 3rd country ICAO class or type rating to EASA Part-FCL licences".

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»
- Article 10 of Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/723 «Conditions for acceptance of class and type ratings»

For more information

Pilot licences (admin.ch)

All information is subject to change.

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