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JOINT AVIATION REQUIREMENTS - FLIGHT CREW LICENSING 2 (HELICOPTER): AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS FOR HELICOPTER LICENCES AND RATINGS

1 Background

1.1 Article 155 of the Air Navigation Order 2005 provides that where reference is made to JAR-FCL 2 it means the Joint Aviation Requirement of the JAA bearing that title including Amendment 3 adopted by the JAA on 1 September 2003. The guidance in LASORS 2007 applicable to helicopter licensing is also based on that document. The Air Navigation Order makes specific reference to JAR-FCL with regard to the revalidation of ratings in Schedule 8, Part C, Section 2.

1.2 Subsequent to Amendment 3 of JAR-FCL 2, a number of changes to the requirements have been introduced following the Notice of Proposed Amendment process, and have been adopted by the JAA. Some of these changes will necessitate amending the Air Navigation Order and will therefore need to follow established procedure for changing the law. However, some changes do not require a change to the Air Navigation Order and are considered in general to be beneficial. Formal consultation with industry of NPA FCL-25 conducted between February and May 2007 produced no adverse comment on the proposed changes.

1.3 The CAA is therefore introducing a number of changes to the requirements of JAR-FCL 2, Amendment 3 with effect from **19 July 2007**. These changes are contained in JAR-FCL 2, Amendment 6 (a corrigendum to Amendment 5) which was published on 1 February 2007 and can be found on the JAA website through the link shown below:

JAA website: http://www.jaa.nl/licensing/licensing_jars.html

1.4 This Circular is to be taken as the authority for FTOs/TRTOs to implement the changes below, though it should be noted that if the adoption of these changes requires the amendment of approved company manuals, such amendments must be submitted to the Authority and approved in the normal manner prior to their adoption by either FTO or TRTO as applicable.

1.5 Subject to paragraph 1.4, all training commencing from **19 July 2007** may use the revised requirements, which will in any case become mandatory on 1 January 2008.

2 The changes to be introduced are:

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| 2.1 | Sub-part A - General Requirements: | Revised definitions of co-pilot, flight simulation training device, and multi-pilot helicopter, multi pilot operations (JAR-FCL 2.001) and to the recording of flight time in multi-pilot helicopters (JAR-FCL 2.080). Bridging of Theoretical Knowledge before licence issue (JAR-FCL 2.050(b)(5)). |
| 2.2 | Sub-part C - Private Pilot Licence: | Revision of examination requirements and validity (Appendix 1 to JAR-FCL 2.130 and 2.135). |
| 2.3 | Sub-part E - Instrument Rating: | Dispensation from 50 hours cross-country flying requirement for graduates of integrated helicopter courses (JAR-FCL 2.190). |
| 2.4 | Sub-part F - Type Ratings: | Revised criteria for transfer of type ratings from non-JAA licences (JAR-FCL 2.240), revalidation and renewal of type ratings (JAR-FCL 2.245) and instrument ratings (JAR-FCL 2.246). Revised requirements for type ratings for multi-pilot helicopters (JAR-FCL 2.250), single-pilot helicopters (JAR-FCL 2.255) and duration of type rating training courses (Appendix 1 to JAR-FCL 2.261(b)). |
| 2.5 | Sub-part G - ATPL(H): | Crediting of co-pilot PICUS experience for grant of ATPL(H) (JAR-FCL 2.280). |
| 2.6 | Sub-part H - Instructor Ratings: | General requirements for instructor ratings and authorisations (JAR-FCL 2.310) Revised pre-requisites for FI(H) course (JAR-FCL 2.320A), restricted privileges (JAR-FCL 2.320B) and revalidation of FI(H) rating (JAR-FCL 2.320G). Reduction in experience for TRI(H) course pre-requisites (JAR-FCL 2.330B). Amendments to courses for TRI(H) (Appendix 1 to JAR-FCL 2.330C) and IRI(H) (Appendix 1 to JAR-FCL 2.340C). Introduction of Synthetic Training Instructor (STI(H)) (JAR-FCL 2.360A to 2.360F). |

2.7 It should be noted that:

- (a) Amendments 5 and 6 to JAR-FCL 2 have included a major renumbering of the requirements in Sub-part H and the references apply to the latest paragraph numbering as in JAR-FCL 2, Amendment 6; and
- (b) The privileges of the STI(H) include giving instruction for the issue of a licence, type rating or instrument rating. By an oversight Appendix 1a to JAR-FCL 2.055 was not amended to include the STI among the permitted instructors for synthetic flight training, as was Appendix 2 to JAR-FCL 2.055. This Circular corrects this omission.

3 Further information

3.1 Details of these changes can be found on the SRG website at www.caa.co.uk/pld. Further information and clarification of these changes can be provided by writing to Personnel Licensing Department, Aviation House, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex RH6 0YR or by e-mail to fclweb@srg.caa.co.uk, in either case marked for the attention of PLD Policy (FCL) and quoting this Circular as a reference.

This Circular is issued for information, guidance and necessary action.