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## **VALIDATION AND CONVERSION OF LICENSES GRANTED OUTSIDE TANZANIA**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

Validation of Foreign licenses in accordance with the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations 2011, Part III is effected by the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) only in exceptional cases and for specific purposes, e.g. for individual delivery, demonstration or training flights. This method of recognizing a foreign license is not generally used in cases where a license holder is seeking regular employment as an air crew of Tanzania registered aircraft. In such cases, the applicant should apply to the Director General, Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority for conversion terms and should submit licenses and log-books for assessments.

### **B. CONVERSION OF PROFESSIONAL PILOT LICENSES.**

Where a holder of a current foreign license wishes to convert to a Tanzanian license, the following conditions will apply in each of the particular cases set out below:

#### **1. THE HOLDER OF A KENYA OR UGANDA A.T.P.L. OR C.P.L. WITH INSTRUMENT RATING APPLYING FOR AN EQUIVALENT TANZANIAN LICENSE SHALL:**

Meet all the requirements as determined by this Authority including the following: -

- i) Pass the initial medical examination Class I,
- ii) Pass the appropriate technical examination, flight rules and procedures,
- iii) Pass the initial instrument rating flight test for the type sought.

**2. THE HOLDER OF AN ICAO STATE (OTHER THAN KENYA OR UGANDA) A.T.P.L APPLYING FOR AN EQUIVALENT TANZANIAN LICENSE SHALL:**

Meet all the requirements as determined by this Authority including the following: -

- i) Pass the initial medical examination Class I,
- ii) Pass the appropriate technical examination, Tanzania Air Law, flight rules and procedure and East African Meteorology,
- iii) Pass the initial instrument rating flight test for the type sought and
- iv) Pass R/T examination.

Candidates who fail the above papers may be referred for re-examination. Candidates who fail to pass the above examination in three attempts will not be accepted for further examination until a period of one month has elapsed from the date of the last examination. All passes previously obtained become invalid and all subjects must be re-taken.

**3. THE HOLDER OF AN ICAO STATE (OTHER THAN KENYA OR UGANDA) C.P.L. APPLYING FOR AN EQUIVALENT TANZANIA LICENSE WITH OR WITHOUT INSTRUMENT RATING SHALL:**

Meet all the requirements as determined by this Authority including the following: -

- i) Produce evidence of additional experience requirement of 50 hours of flight time,  
*Note: This additional requirement shall not apply where the applicant can produce evidence of having completed an approved course of training for C.P.L.*
- ii) Pass the initial medical examinations Class I,
- iii) Pass the appropriate technical examination, Tanzania Air Law, flight rules, procedures and East African Meteorology,
- iv) Pass R/T examination and
- v) Pass the initial instrument rating flight test for the type sought.

Candidates who fail the above papers may be referred for re-examination. Candidates who fail to pass the above examination in three attempts will not be accepted for further examination until a period of one month has elapsed from the date of the last examination. All passes previously obtained become invalid and all subjects must be re-taken.

**4. THE HOLDER OF AN ICAO STATE PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE APPLYING FOR AN EQUIVALENT TANZANIAN LICENSE SHALL:**

Meet all the requirements as determined by this Authority including the following: -

- i) Pass medical examination Class II,
- ii) Pass the air law, flight rules, procedures and East African Meteorology examinations.
- iii) Pass R/T Examination.

*Note: Holder of Kenya or Uganda PPL shall be exempted from the East Africa Meteorology and R/T Examinations.*

**C. TYPE RATING GROUND AND FLIGHT TESTS.**

A Professional Pilot license cannot be granted without the inclusion in the aircraft rating of at least one type in either Part I or Part 2. To qualify for the inclusion of a type rating the applicant will be required to successfully pass a type rating examination relevant to the type of aircraft.

Additionally, the applicant will be required to demonstrate satisfactorily in the aircraft, to a competent type rating examiner, his competence in doing the various manoeuvres and drills (including emergencies) appropriate to the aircraft type and to the rating required i.e. Pilot in Command or Co-Pilot. The type rating examiner, in addition to possessing a Professional Pilot License with the aircraft type endorsed in group 1 of the license shall be approved by TCAA. The examiner must have at least 500 hours on the aircraft type to be flight tested or those specified in the company operations manual, whichever is higher.

The candidate shall be subjected to flight test only if his license to be converted is endorsed with the aircraft specific type rating to be included in the Tanzanian license. The holder of a current professional or Private Pilot License issued by a Contracting State who wishes to fly Tanzania registered aircraft for pleasure or private purposes only may have his license validated for a period of four weeks after passing an oral air law, flying rules and procedures examination.

**D. CONVERSION OF LICENSES OF NON-TANZANIANS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN TANZANIA.**

Aircraft owners/operators are urged to give priority of employment/training to Tanzania nationals. Where it becomes operationally necessary to employ a non Tanzanian, the pilot earmarked for employment shall be well experienced to impart the knowledge to Tanzanians. Such expatriate pilots shall have at least CPL/IR/ME and one thousand (1000) hours of flying experience on a

particular type to be employed on or those specified in the company operations manual, whichever is higher.

This requirement does not absolve the aircraft owner/operator from the statutory requirements needed of obtaining resident and work permits from the relevant authority in Tanzania for the employment of non-Tanzanians. This part shall not apply to foreigners who are conducting non-commercial operations.

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