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Use of Corrective Lenses/Spectacles

Purpose

In an effort to achieve full compliance of its regulatory standards, the Authority continues to reinforce specific areas, as is necessary, in keeping with its mandate to ensure a safe, efficient and sustainable aviation sector while safeguarding the interests of the public, above all other interests. This FSN therefore serves to align the endorsement of medical certificates with limitations, to the Civil Aviation Regulations, in force, as amended.

References:

Schedule 8B, Section 8.829 (d)(3) states in part:

“Any person that is issued a medical certificate that requires correcting lenses or spectacles shall have a limitation placed on that document requiring them, while exercising the privileges of this certificate, to (as appropriate) –

- (1) wear the distant-correction lenses at all times;*
- (2) have readily available and use the near-correction spectacles as necessary to accomplish near vision functions; and*
- (3) have a second pair of suitable spectacles (distant – and/or near-correction, as appropriate) available for immediate use.*

Applicability


This FSN is applicable to **ALL** Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers and Civil Aviation Medical Examiners (CAMEs).

Background

Currently, Regulations require that Pilots and Air Traffic Controllers who require corrective lenses, must have a second pair, however the medical endorsement does not specifically state same. Therefore a second pair of spectacles must be readily available for use.

Action Required

- All Pilots and Air Traffic Controllers, issued with a medical certificate which requires corrective lenses/spectacles to be worn, must have a second pair of suitable spectacles available for immediate use.

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