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Flight Safety Notification General

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Revocation, Suspension and Surrender of Licences and Medical Certificates

Purpose

This FSN is intended to provide guidance in the event of the revocation, suspension and surrendering of Medical Certificates and licences, as is applicable.

References:

Regulations 45 (Possession of Medical Certificate), items 1, 4, 5 and 6

Schedule 1, Subpart B (General and Administrative Rules), Sections 1.050, 1.055, 1.060, 1.065 and 1.070

Schedule 8B,

- *Subpart C (Medical Certification Procedures), Section 8.750 (c), (d) and (e)*
- *Subpart D (Physical and Mental Standards), Sections 8.812 (General) (a) and (b)*
- *Subpart D (Pregnancy), Section 8.900 (1), (2) and (3)*

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 1, Chapter 6, Medical Provisions for Licensing.

Applicability

This FSN is applicable to **ALL** airmen for whom a Medical Certificate is required as well as all licence holders, as per Jamaica Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs) in force, as amended.

Background

The Authority, in its effort to promote compliance amongst its stakeholders, continues to provide guidance/clarity as necessary. A change/adjustment in the status of any Licence and/or medical certificate requires that prescribed procedures are adhered to. This FSN is therefore intended to provide our stakeholders with the requisite information, to allow for an efficient and seamless process.

Action Required

Surrender, Suspension, or Revocation of Licence or Certificate

Any licence or certificate issued under these Regulations ceases to be effective if it is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

The holder of any licence or certificate issued under these Regulations that has been suspended or revoked shall return that licence or certificate to the Authority when requested to do so by the Authority.

For Licences:

Reapplication after Revocation

Unless otherwise authorized by the Authority, a person whose licence, certificate, rating or authorization has been revoked, may not apply for any licence, certificate, rating or authorization for 1 year after the date of revocation.

Reapplication after Suspension

Unless otherwise authorized by the Authority, a person whose licence has been suspended may not apply for any licence, rating or authorization during the period of suspension.

Voluntary Surrender or Exchange of Licence

(a) The holder of a licence or certificate issued under these Regulations may voluntarily surrender it for –

- a) cancellation;
- b) issuance of a lower grade licence; or

c) another licence with specific ratings deleted.

(b) An applicant requesting voluntary surrender of a licence shall include the following signed statement or its equivalent: *"This request is made for my own reasons, with full knowledge that my (insert name of licence or rating, as appropriate) may not be reissued to me unless I again meet the requirements prescribed by the Authority for its issuance."*

For Medical Certificates:

In the event that an airman is unable to satisfactorily perform his duties due to ill-health, during and beyond a period of 20 days or which requires continued treatment with prescribed medication, or which has required hospital treatment, the airman has a responsibility to:

- Remove himself/herself from duty
- Contact a Civil Aviation Medical Examiner (CAME)
- Advise the JCAA

Provided that these steps are followed, the Authority awaits documented feedback from the CAME recommending the action to be taken. Should the illness warrant a change in status of the medical certificate, that is, suspension or revocation, the Authority will advise the Airman in writing. The Airman shall return the medical certificate to the Authority. The certificate will remain in the Authority's possession pending documented clearance from the Medical Examiner that the individual is now fit to resume duties. At this point in the process, a new medical certificate is issued.

For Pregnancies:

Licence holders shall be assessed as unfit unless obstetrical evaluation and continued medical supervision indicate a low-risk uncomplicated pregnancy, in addition to a medical evaluation conducted by a CAME. Licence holders are therefore required to inform the Authority of confirmed pregnancy or any decrease in medical fitness of a duration of more than 20 days or which requires continued treatment with prescribed medication, or which has required hospital treatment.

For Class 1 and 2 medical certificates, pregnancy will be a cause of temporary unfitness to exercise privileges –


- 1) during third trimester;
- 2) during the second trimester, unless a medical evaluation by a qualified doctor attests that no significant abnormalities are occurring; or

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- 3) following confinement or termination of the pregnancy, until fitness is determined through medical evaluation by a qualified doctor. At this point in the process, a new medical certificate is issued.

For Class 3 medical certificates, pregnancy will be a cause of temporary unfitness to exercise privileges –

- 1) during the gestational period, unless a medical evaluation by a qualified doctor attests that no significant abnormalities are occurring, in addition to a medical evaluation conducted by a CAME. Precautions should be taken for the timely relief of an Air Traffic Controller, in the event of early onset of labour or other complications.
- 2) following confinement or termination of the pregnancy, until fitness is determined through medical evaluation by a qualified doctor. At this point in the process, a new medical certificate is issued.

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