

Emergency Directive: Relief from the General Directions – Timetable of Routine Examinations

Purpose

This Emergency Directive is issued in response to the situation created by COVID-19, and in particular, the inability to conduct spirometry tests in Levels 2, 3 and 4 of the COVID-19 alert system. This Emergency Directive is necessary to provide relief from certain requirements of the Timing of Examinations General Directions, without compromising civil aviation safety.

Scope and Duration of Emergency

As the Spirometry test is unable to be conducted in these levels, due to the risk of cross contamination, a participant requiring such a test may be issued a medical certificate until their next medical examination, as long as it is conducted within 12 months and the Medical Examiner is satisfied on clinical grounds that the test can safely be deferred. The applicable Medical Certificates are:

- Class 1 Medical Certificate
- Class 2 Medical Certificate
- Class 3 Medical Certificate

Any conditions, restrictions or endorsements on the existing medical certificate must continue to be complied with in order to exercise the privileges of the licence. If, due to COVID-19, the medical certificate holder is unable to complete other medical tests that are a condition of the medical certificate, the medical certificate holder may apply to the Director of Civil Aviation to extend the due date for those testing and reporting requirements.

The Civil Aviation Authority reminds all licence holders that under section 27C of the Civil Aviation Act 1990, if a licence holder is aware of, or has reasonable grounds to suspect, that any change in his or her medical condition or the existence of any previously undetected medical condition that may interfere with the safe exercise of the privileges to which his or her medical certificate relates, the licence holder —

- (a) must advise the Director of the change as soon as practicable; and
- (b) may not exercise the privileges to which the licence holder's medical certificate relates.

This Emergency Directive will expire in accordance with section 27G(4) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990, unless renewed by the Director of Civil Aviation.

Legal authority to make this Emergency Directive

This Emergency Directive is issued under section 27G(4) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990.

SIGNED at WELLINGTON

This 22nd day of October 2021

by KEITH RICHARD MANCH

Director of Civil Aviation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Manch', with a horizontal line underneath it.

KEITH RICHARD MANCH