

- Confirmation about the timing and approach to new software releases from EMPIC.



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Reminders

AMROA Medical Review
Officer (MRO) certification
course is on **12-14**

November 2026. For more
information and to register:

[Medical Review Officer
\(MRO\) Training &
Accreditation |
aviation.govt.nz](#)

- A dedicated project to objectively assess whether EMPIC could meet New Zealand's medical certification requirements.

This will shortly provide options to determine the best long-term path forward to ensure, amongst other things, safe collection and storage of sensitive personal medical information. We are carefully considering the needs of medical examiners, participants and CAA. We are assessing the necessary strategic, technical, operational, privacy, procurement and investment requirements and will seek your feedback and input in due course.

What happens next?

Our immediate focus is understanding what a future medical certification system needs to deliver for medical examiners, CAA staff, and aviation participants.

We know it is important that medical examiners have a voice in shaping any future solution. As options are refined, we will be seeking your input to help ensure future requirements reflect the realities of day-to-day medical certification practice.

We are not yet in a position to confirm a preferred solution or timeframe. However, we are committed to keeping you updated as this work progresses and will provide a further update at the next Medical Examiner Day on 4 September 2026. We will share:

- The high-level outcome of the analysis in the context of our decisions on next steps and options being explored.
- How examiners will be engaged as the project progresses.

Thank you for your continued patience, professionalism, and feedback as we work through this.

CAA ME Day 2026 – Wellington

Our next CAA ME day is scheduled for **Friday 4 September 2026**. The meeting will be held in Wellington at CAA, Level 15, Datacom Centre (formerly Asteron Centre), 55 Featherston Street, Wellington.

Please ensure you register by **31 August 2026** and tell us if you are attending in person or online.

To register: [2026 continuing medical education for CAA medical examiners | aviation.govt.nz](#)



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This email address is where all enquiries should be directed. The team will ensure your enquiry / request gets to the right person or the Duty Doctor inbox as required.

Visual field testing

Please note the updated clinical guidelines for glaucoma and ocular hypertension. [Glaucoma and ocular hypertension | aviation.govt.nz](https://aviation.govt.nz/glaucoma-and-ocular-hypertension)

Visual field testing should include both monocular and binocular visual fields.

For **binocular** visual field assessment, the Medmont binocular field test with fixation is the acceptable test. The Esterman binocular field test is not acceptable.

The Esterman test is a suprathreshold functional visual field test designed to assess the extent of functional field loss, rather than to quantify differential light sensitivity. As a result, early, subtle, or localised visual field defects may not be detected, making it less suitable for aeromedical assessment of glaucoma.

Best regards

Aviation Medicine Team

