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The new Part 67

It is anticipated that the new Civil Aviation Rule Part 67 will come into force this year. The most recent published draft version of this rule, as well as the previous drafts, can be downloaded from the Ministry of Transport website¹. MEs are strongly encouraged to review this draft new rule (Notice of Proposed Rule Making or NPRM), in advance of it's being introduced, to ensure they understand how it will affect their practice and activities. As soon as a final version of the new rule is available MEs will be advised.

This newsletter will review items from the draft new rule over the next few months but cannot cover every aspect of the whole rule.

Three aspects of the draft new rule are:

- ICAO compliant medical certificate durations;
- 30-day 'grace period' for medical certificate applications prior to expiry of the old certificate;
- Exposition requirements for Medical Examiner.

ICAO compliant certificate durations

The draft provisions of the NPRM shift our medical certificate durations entirely into line with the ICAO Annex 1 provisions. Draft rule 67.61, titled "effective date and duration of medical certificates", specifies maximum medical certificate durations:

- **Class 1.** 6/12 if ≥ 40 years of age and engaged in single-crew air transport operation carrying passengers. 12/12 otherwise.
- **Class 2.** 60/12 if < 40 years of age. 24/12 otherwise.
- **Class 3.** 48/12 if < 40 years of age. 24/12 otherwise.

Certification 'grace period'

Draft new rules 67.61(c), (d), and (e) provide for a

'grace period' of up to 30 days. Draft new rule 67.61(c) states:

"If, on the date of issue of a new medical certificate, the applicant holds a current medical certificate that expires in 30 days or less, the Director may issue the new medical certificate for a period that is longer than that specified in paragraph (a) with the expiry date that would have applied had the certificate been issued on the expiry date of the current medical certificate."

Expositions and Medical Examiners

Draft new rule 67.155 requires an exposition as a part of an application to become a Medical Examiner. Draft rule 67.163 provides details about the content of the required exposition.

An exposition is an important component of the entry-control and audit / review system that the Director of Civil Aviation applies to those applying for, and holding, aviation documents. The 'medical examiner certificate' is an aviation document.

To simplify and expedite ME's compliance with these provisions the CAA has developed an online facility for exposition preparation. This system has been developed in association with a panel of current MEs and will be available once the implementation date of the new rule is known.

Audits

During the first half of March the CAA central medical unit has been subjected to two audits:

- A routine audit, by ICAO, of our compliance with the provisions of Annex 1 of the Chicago Convention.
- An external audit of our medical decision-making activities undertaken by Dr Hugh O'Neill the Director of Aviation Medicine with Transport Canada.

The reports of these audits are not yet available.

¹ Ministry of Transport: [Civil Aviation Rule Part 67 – Medical Standards](#).

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