

Update for MEs

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A brief update from the Civil Aviation Authority Aviation Medicine Team

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to this newsletter which contains important information.

Exceptions for Temporary Medical Conditions General Direction

The proposed general directions came into force on 16 April 2019 and is to provide exceptions to the reporting requirements set out in section 27C of the ACT for temporary medical conditions.

https://www.caa.govt.nz/assets/legacy/medical/gdtemporary-medical-conditions.pdf

Impaired Colour Vision General Direction

The Impaired Colour Vision GD has been signed by the Director and is effective on 31 May 2019.

The GD contains a major change of policy and should help decrease the burden of compliance and the barriers to employment for pilots with CVD.

The CAA will introduce a 3-Stage CVD assessment process involving 2 stages of medical CVD screening and a new Operational Colour Vision Assessment (OCVA).

The OCVA will be carried out by approved A-Category flight instructors and will provide a practical assessment whether a pilot's colour vision deficiency is an aviation safety risk or not. The Colour Vision General Direction complies with ICAO standards and should not adversely affect New Zealand airline operations. We will be providing more information shortly to clarify your role as an ME in that regard.

Invoicing CAA for AMC's

As of 1 July 2017 CAA will pay you for the time you spend to conduct AMCs, if appointed as an expert on a case by case basis. Please ensure your invoices are submitted within one month and include the participants name, the CAA ID number and the time spent in ¼ hour increments.

Senior Medical Officer - Vacancy

It is with sadness we advise Rajib has moved on and is no longer working at CAA. We wish him all the very best. It will be difficult to replace him.

We are looking for a Senior Medical Officer two days per week to join our small and dynamic team to assist with the ongoing medical assessment and certification activities of the CAA's Aviation Medicine Team. <u>Click here for the further information</u>

CAA – CME meeting

The CAA Aviation Medicine Team will provide a one day CME on 27 September 2019 at the Wellington CAA Office. This is on the day before the AMSNZ meeting, also in Wellington, venue to be confirmed.

Here is a non-exhaustive list of available education meetings

2019 Education Meetings	Date / Location
Aerospace Medical Association Annual scientific meeting	5-9 May 2019 Las Vegas
International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine (ICASM)	8-12 September 2019 Debrecen, Hungary
Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ASAM)	19-22 September 2019 Sydney
NZ CAA - CME	27 September 2019 Wellington CAA office
Aviation Medicine Society of NZ (AMSNZ)	28 September 2019 Wellington

Application form for Convener reviews

The Ministry of Transport have advised they are receiving delayed Convener applications as a result of applicants using their outdated form which displays an incorrect postal address. If directing participants to the Convener please ensure they use the updated form on the Ministry of Transport website.

https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads /Air/Documents/9d6d306961/Medical-Convener-Application-Form.pdf

The Aviation Medicine Team – staff changes We welcome Steve Yeates and Hannah Field who are our two new permanent advisors

With best regards from

The Aviation team