



26/EXE/32

**Exemption from the Requirement in Civil Aviation Rule (CAR)
CAR 115.577(3)**

PURSUANT TO Section 322(1)(b) of the Civil Aviation Act 2023 (the Act),

I, **Kane Patena**, Director of Civil Aviation, being satisfied in accordance with s 322(3) that—

- (a) the extent of the exemption is no broader than is reasonably necessary to address the matters that gave rise to the proposed exemption; and
- (b) the exemption is consistent with the main purpose of this Act; and
- (c) it is appropriate to grant the exemption after considering—
 - (i) the additional purposes of this Act; and
 - (ii) consistency with relevant international standards (if any); and
 - (iii) any other matter that the Director considers appropriate in the circumstances.

HEREBY EXEMPT—

**any holder of an adventure aviation operator certificate conducting a tandem
parachute descent operation that assigns a person to act as a tandem-master on a
tandem parachute descent,**

FROM—

the requirement of CAR 115.577(3) that a holder of an adventure aviation operator certificate conducting a tandem parachute descent operation must not assign a person to act as a tandem-master on a tandem parachute descent unless the person holds a current class 2 medical certificate issued under the Act;

PROVIDED THAT—

the adventure aviation operator certificate holder ensures that:

- 1) the tandem-master holds a current Class 1 or 2 medical certificate issued by the Japan Aviation Authority (JAA), European Union Aviation Safety Authority (EASA), Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Australia (CASA) or Transport Canada, or a current Class 1, 2, or 3 medical certificate issued by the United States' Federal Aviation Administration (FAA, this does not include state-issued driver licence medicals); and
- 2) all the conditions, restrictions and endorsements on the EASA, CASA, and Transport Canada class 1 or 2 medical certificate, or FAA Class 1, 2 or 3 medical certificate are complied with whilst conducting a tandem parachute descent operation until the medical certificate expires; and

- 3) where these conditions, restrictions and endorsements are contained in a letter issued by EASA, CASA, Transport Canada or FAA, that letter is made available for review on request at their base of operations; and
- 4) the tandem-master adheres to the requirement in Schedule 2 (8) of the Civil Aviation Act 2023, as appropriate, and ceases to exercise their privileges if the licence holder is aware of, or has reasonable grounds to suspect, any change in their medical condition or the existence of any previously undetected medical condition that may interfere with the safe exercise of the privileges to which the medical certificate relates and informs the Director; and
- 5) the tandem-master provides a copy of the EASA, CASA, Transport Canada or FAA medical certificate and any attached document, to the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (med@caa.govt.nz) within 10 working days of being appointed by the adventure aviation operator as a tandem-master; and
- 6) the tandem-master complies with all conditions on their medical certificate; and
- 7) the tandem-master immediately notifies CAA NZ if their medical certificate is revoked, suspended, amended, and or surrendered to EASA, CASA, Transport Canada or FAA; and
- 8) if any of the above conditions are breached, the exemption will automatically not apply to the medical certificate holder and they will need to obtain a CAA class 2 medical certificate to be able to operate as a tandem-master.

This exemption shall remain in effect until 9 December 2030, unless withdrawn earlier in writing by the Director.

COMMENCEMENT DATE

10 December 2025

ADMINISTERING AGENCY

The administering agency responsible for administering this Class Exemption is the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand.

AVAILABILITY

Civil Aviation Class Exemptions are available from—

CAA website: <http://www.aviation.govt.nz/>

SIGNED at Wellington



This 10th day of December 2025
by **Kane Patena**
Director of Civil Aviation

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Explanatory Note

This note is not part of the Class Exemption but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This Class Exemption is secondary legislation and is published by the Civil Aviation Authority on its website and notified in the *Gazette* as required by the Legislation Act 2019.

This class exemption permits any adventure aviation operator certificate holder to assign a tandem-master conducting a tandem parachute descent, to use an acceptable current overseas medical certificate, in lieu of a current class 2 medical certificate issued by the Act.

This is secondary legislation issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019	
Title	Class exemption that permits a tandem-master assigned by an adventure aviation operator certificate holder to use a current class 2 medical certificate issued by JAA, EASA, CASA, Transport Canada and FAA, in lieu of a current class 2 medical certificate issued under the Act [2025]
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