



HELLENIC REPUBLIC



CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF AVIATION ACTIVITIES
FLIGHT STANDARDS DIVISION
LICENSING SECTION

Ref. No. *HCAA 2492*
Date: 19-8-2022

TITLE: Extension of validity of time periods for theoretical knowledge Recommendations and Examinations.
Exemption/LIC-06/*HCAA 2492*/19-08-2022

**EXEMPTION UNDER ARTICLE 71(1) REGULATION (EU) 2018/1139 IN RESPECT OF NON-COMPLIANCE
WITH A REQUIREMENT**

1. Exemption

The Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority, on behalf of Greece, pursuant to Article 71(1) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139, hereby exempts:

- Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, particularly:
points FCL.025
- Regulation (EU) No 1976/2018, particularly:
points SFCL.135

2. Applicability

Subject to fulfilling the applicable mitigating conditions as specified in this Exemption, with regard to applicants for a licence, issued by the HCAA in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, all of the following shall apply:

- (a) The time period of all subject matters mentioned below is extended as follows:
- (1) Until the end of the application of this Exemption, in the case of validity periods or time periods, as applicable, of all of the following:
 - (i) recommendations for taking theoretical knowledge examinations, issued by a DTO or by an ATO in accordance with point FCL.025(a)(3) of Part-FCL, and point SFCL.135(b)(3) of Part-SFCL;
 - (ii) theoretical knowledge examinations for the purpose of licence issue as per points FCL.025(c)(1)+(2) of Part-FCL, and point SFCL.135(d) of Part-SFCL;
 - (2) in case of the time period specified in point FCL.025(b)(2) of Part-FCL, and point SFCL.135(c)(2), said period is extended by the time period that equals the time period during which an applicant was unable to participate in the theoretical knowledge examinations for the reasons specified in this Exemption.

3. Conditions of exemption

This exemption is granted subject to the following condition:

Applicants for a licence, rating or certificate benefiting from point 2.(a) (1),(2) of this exemption shall have received additional training, if deemed necessary by the ATO or the DTO, in consultation with the HCAA.

4. Reasons for granting it- Justification

The upgrade requirements of the HCAA former Examination Center (SPoA) computerized examination system/hardware has resulted in a "two months dead period"/closure of SPoA. Applicants of HCAA Part-FCL pilot licenses who are/were required to undergo theoretical training or theoretical examinations, in order to complete their training and checking, were not able to participate in those exams scheduled to be held during the months of February and March 2022 at (SPoA). This would, or have already, resulted in expiry of their time periods for theoretical recommendations and examinations. As a result of the operational and resource constraints caused by the system upgrade requirement, it is needed to apply this exemption for applicants of HCAA Part-FCL pilot licenses when the said circumstances are declared to the HCAA by the applicant of the license, or the training organization and are clearly linked to the above mentioned reasons. This Exemption aims to reduce the severity of the disruptions and ensure a certain level of training and checking continuity for the applicants, that would otherwise occur due to the expiry of the said times and periods.

5. Environment:

The circumstances and needs addressed by the exemption do not have an impact on environment.

6. Market distortion:

Due to the exceptional circumstances affecting a considerable number of Part FCL license applicants, and given its limited duration, the exemption does not have a distorting effect on the market conditions.

7. Essential requirements:

Not applicable.

8. Validity

This exemption shall have effect from **31/08/2022 until 30/04/2023**.

9. Notification

This exemption is notified to EASA, and the CAs of the European Union Member States.

10. Queries

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