



HELLENIC REPUBLIC



CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF AVIATION ACTIVITIES

FLIGHT STANDARDS DIVISION

LICENSING SECTION

Ref. No.: HCAA/2397/22

Date: 09-Aug-2022

**TITLE:** Extension of validity of time periods for theoretical knowledge Recommendations and Examinations.  
Exemption/LIC-05/HCAA/2397/09-Aug-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 license, 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 license 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 shall be extended by an amount equalling 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 paragraph 2(a)(1)+(2) above 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 former Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority [HCAA-ΥΠΑ] was mandated by the European Commission to split in those entities where the Regulatory Authority and the Air Navigation Services Provider were not to exist in the same Governmental Body; the new HCAA-ΑΠΑ was therefore established by National Legislation no. 4757/2020 and as a result, when the new HCAA-ΑΠΑ began operations, this change affected (among others) the continuity of theoretical knowledge examinations, which were held at the former HCAA-ΥΠΑ Examination Center (SPoA) up until May 2022.

Applicants of HCAA Part-FCL pilot licenses, who were required to undergo theoretical examinations after May 2022 in order to complete their checking, were not able to participate in those examinations, since the new HCAA-ΑΠΑ theoretical knowledge examinations center is planned to begin its operation in September 2022.

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 above mentioned transition period, 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 by the training organization, 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-Aug-2022 until 30-Apr-2023**.

#### **9. Notification**

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

#### **10. Queries**

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