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The Authorisation of Instructors to Sign the Revalidation of Single Engine Piston and Touring Motor Glider Class Ratings

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	Not primarily affected
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Pilots of Single Engine Piston (SEP) Aeroplanes and Touring Motor Gliders (TMG). All Instructors and Examiners for SEP and TMG Class Ratings

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The April 2015 amendment to the Aircrew Regulation¹ has introduced a means to allow instructors to be specifically authorised to extend the validity of Single Engine Piston (SEP)² and Touring Motor Glider (TMG) class ratings when the licence holder complies with the requirements for "revalidation by experience". This Information Notice explains how instructors may obtain the authorisation to do this from the CAA.
- 1.2 This Information Notice supersedes Information Notice IN-2015/027.

2 Scope

- 2.1 Until this amendment the Aircrew Regulation specified that only the national authority or an authorised examiner may endorse a licence revalidation page and so extend the validity of a rating. This has changed from 8 April 2015. This amendment will include a new paragraph FCL.945, as follows:

'FCL.945 Obligations for instructors

Upon completion of the training flight for the revalidation of an SEP or TMG class rating in accordance with FCL.740.A(b)(1)³ and only in the event of fulfilment of all the other

¹ Regulation (EC) No. 1178/2011, amendment Regulations (EC) No. 2015/445.

² SEP includes Single Engine Piston Aeroplane Land and Sea Class Ratings, if so endorsed on the licence.

³ Refer to AMC 4.1.1 for UK Alternative Means of Compliance, in CAP 804, Part I, Section 4, Part H.

revalidation criteria required by FCL.740.A(b)(1) the instructor shall endorse the applicant's licence with the new expiry date of the rating or certificate, if specifically authorised for that purpose by the competent authority responsible for the applicant's licence.'

- 2.2 The instructors with the privileges to provide the 'training flight' are those holding Flight Instructor (Aeroplane) (FI(A)) and Class Rating Instructor (CRI)⁴ certificates that are valid for SEPs and/or TMGs.
- 2.3 The rule says that the instructors must be "specifically authorised", which means that they must have an individual certificate or licence endorsement giving this authorisation. The CAA considered a separate certificate similar to Examiners but a simpler solution by adding "FCL.945" to the FI(A) or CRI privileges shown in the instructor's licence was chosen. This authorisation will also be valid for the revalidation by experience of SEP and TMG/SLMG ratings endorsed on UK national aeroplane licences.
- 2.4 The authorisation to sign a licence can only be given by the authority of the licence holder. Unfortunately, this means that instructors who are authorised by the UK CAA may endorse UK-issued licences only, and not those issued by the authorities of other Member States.

3 Implementation

- 3.1 We considered reissuing all Part-FCL licences which include a valid FI(A) or CRI, but unfortunately, the information on the validity of other ratings was not up to date and many of the pilots with valid Instructor Certificates still hold valid licences issued in the JAR-FCL format.
- 3.2 Therefore, with effect from 8 April 2015, whenever a Part-FCL aeroplane licence is re-issued by the CAA which includes a valid FI(A) or CRI, the instructor entry will be amended to include the FCL.945 privileges. A card explaining the Instructor privileges will also be included.
- 3.3 Any FI(A) or CRI wishing to be authorised to exercise this privilege before their licence would otherwise be re-issued by the CAA (such as for the addition or reinstatement of a rating) may make specific application to have the licence re-issued with this privilege added.
- 3.4 Application should be made using [Form 1133](#). The charge payable for this is £53.

4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance should be addressed to:
Licensing - Shared Services Centre
Civil Aviation Authority
GE, Aviation House
Gatwick Airport
RH6 0YR

Or e-mail FCLWEB@caa.co.uk

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 8 April 2016.

⁴ FI(A) and CRI except those who can only instruct for the LAPL(A).