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NOTICE TO AIRCRAFT OPERATORS

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Introduction

Regulation 32 of the Civil Aviation Regulations states that no person shall act as a member of flight crew of an aircraft registered in Mauritius unless he is the holder of an appropriate licence granted or validated under this regulation.

In Mauritius, there is no approved training organisation offering pilot training courses such as PPL, CPL and ATPL for aeroplanes and helicopters etc.

Therefore, all pilots operating Mauritian registered aircraft are holders of a valid licence from another Contracting State.

Regulation 36 of the Civil Aviation Regulations makes provision for the validation of a foreign licence granted under the law of any other country than Mauritius to a member of the flight crew of an aircraft registered in Mauritius (for both foreigners and Mauritians' licence holders).

As a Contracting State, Mauritius has an obligation to grant a Mauritian licence to all flight crew of an aircraft registered in Mauritius. In order to grant a licence based on a foreign licence, the foreign licence will have to be converted into a Mauritian licence. Prior to the grant of a Mauritian licence, the foreign licence shall meet the requirements of MCAR-Part-FCL. The process of **conversion** will include the issuance of a validation certificate, followed by an air law examination and then the grant of a Mauritian licence based on the foreign licence, including its ratings.

Conditions for the Conversion of Existing Foreign Licences and Ratings for Aeroplanes and Helicopters

A. AEROPLANES

1. Pilot Licences

A pilot licence issued by a State in accordance with their national requirements shall be converted into a MCAR-Part-FCL licence provided that the applicant complies with the following requirements:

- (a) for ATPL(A) and CPL(A), complete as a proficiency check the revalidation requirements of MCAR-Part-FCL for type/class and instrument rating, relevant to the privileges of the licence held;
- (b) demonstrate knowledge of the relevant parts of the operational requirements and MCAR-Part-FCL;
- (c) demonstrate language proficiency in accordance with FCL.055 of MCAR-Part FCL;
- (d) comply with the requirements set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1

National licence held	Total flying hours experience	Any further requirements	Replacement MCAR-Part-FCL licence and conditions (where applicable)	Removal of conditions	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
ATPL(A)	> 1 500 as PIC on multi-pilot aeroplanes	None	ATPL(A)	Not applicable	(a)
ATPL(A)	> 1 500 on multi-pilot aeroplanes	None	as in (c)(4)	as in (c)(5)	(b)
ATPL(A)	> 500 on multi-pilot aeroplanes	Demonstrate knowledge of flight planning and performance as required by FCL.515 of MCAR-Part-FCL	ATPL(A), with type rating restricted to co-pilot	Demonstrate ability to act as PIC as required by Appendix 9 to MCAR-Part-FCL	(c)
CPL/IR(A) and passed an ICAO ATPL theory test in the State of licence issue		(i) demonstrate knowledge of flight planning and performance as required by FCL.310 and FCL.615(b) of MCAR-Part-FCL (ii) meet remaining requirements of	CPL/IR(A) with ATPL theory credit	Not applicable	(d)

National licence held	Total flying hours experience	Any further requirements	Replacement MCAR-Part-FCL licence and conditions (where applicable)	Removal of conditions	
		FCL.720.A(c) of MCAR-Part-FCL			
CPL/IR(A)	> 500 on multi-pilot aeroplanes, or in multi-pilot operations on single-pilot aeroplanes CS-23 commuter category or equivalent in accordance with the relevant requirements of Part-CAT and Part-ORO for commercial air transport	(i) pass an examination for ATPL(A) knowledge in the State of licence issue ¹ (ii) meet remaining requirements of FCL.720.A(c) of MCAR-Part-FCL	CPL/IR(A) with ATPL theory credit	Not applicable	(e)
CPL/IR(A)	> 500 as PIC on single-pilot aeroplanes	None	CPL/IR(A) with class ratings and type ratings restricted to single-pilot aeroplanes	Obtain multi-pilot type rating in accordance with MCAR-Part-FCL	(f)
CPL/IR(A)	< 500 as PIC on single-pilot aeroplanes	Demonstrate knowledge of flight planning and flight performance for CPL/IR level	As (4)(f)	As (5)(f)	(g)
CPL(A)	> 500 as PIC on single-pilot aeroplanes	Night rating, if applicable	CPL(A), with type/class ratings restricted to single-pilot aeroplanes		(h)
CPL(A)	< 500 as PIC on single-pilot aeroplanes	(i) Night rating, if applicable; (ii) demonstrate knowledge of flight performance and planning as required by FCL.310 of MCAR-Part-FCL	as (4)(h)		(i)
PPL/IR(A)	≥ 75 in accordance with IFR		PPL/IR(A) (the IR restricted to PPL)	Demonstrate knowledge of flight performance and planning as required by	(j)

¹ CPL holders already holding a type rating for a multi-pilot aeroplane are not required to have passed an examination for ATPL(A) theoretical knowledge whilst they continue to operate that same aeroplane type, but will not be given ATPL(A) theory credit for a Part-FCL licence. If they require another type rating for a different multi-pilot aeroplane, they must comply with column (3), row (e)(i) of the above table.

National licence held	Total flying hours experience	Any further requirements	Replacement MCAR-Part-FCL licence and conditions (where applicable)	Removal of conditions	
				FCL.615(b) of MCAR-Part-FCL	
PPL(A)	≥ 70 on aeroplanes	Demonstrate the use of radio navigation aids	PPL(A)		(k)

2. Instructor Certificates

An instructor certificate issued by a State in accordance with their national requirements shall be converted into a MCAR-Part-FCL certificate provided that the applicant complies with the following requirements:

National certificate or privileges held	Experience	Any further requirements	Replacement MCAR-Part-FCL certificate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
FI(A)/IRI(A)/TRI(A)/CRI(A)	as required under MCAR-Part-FCL for the relevant certificate	N/A	FI(A)/IRI(A)/TRI(A)/CRI(A)

3. Synthetic Flight Instructor (SFI) Certificate

A SFI certificate issued by a State in accordance with their national requirements shall be converted into a MCAR-Part-FCL certificate provided that the holder complies with the following requirements:

National certificate held	Experience	Any further requirements	Replacement MCAR-Part-FCL certificate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
SFI(A)	>1500 hours as pilot of MPA	(i) hold or have held a CPL, MPL or ATPL for aeroplanes issued by a State; (ii) have completed the flight simulator content of the applicable type rating course including MCC.	SFI(A)
SFI(A)	3 years recent experience as a SFI	have completed the flight simulator content of the applicable type rating course including MCC	SFI(A)

The conversion shall be valid for a maximum period of 3 years. Revalidation shall be subject to the completion of the relevant requirements set out in MCAR-Part-FCL.

4. Synthetic Training Instructor (STI) Certificate

An STI certificate issued by a State in accordance with their national requirements of that State may be converted into a MCAR-Part-FCL certificate provided that the holder complies with the requirements set out in the table below:

National certificate held	Experience	Any further requirements	Replacement certificate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
STI(A)	> 500 hours as pilot on SPA	(i) hold or have held a pilot licence issued by a State; (ii) have completed a proficiency check in accordance with Appendix 9 to MCAR-Part-FCL in an FSTD appropriate to the instruction intended	STI(A)
STI(A)	3 years recent experience as a STI	have completed a proficiency check in accordance with Appendix 9 to MCAR-Part-FCL in an FSTD appropriate to the instruction intended	STI(A)

Revalidation of the certificate shall be subject to the completion of the relevant requirements set out in MCAR-Part-FCL.

B. HELICOPTERS

1. Pilot Licences

A pilot licence issued by a State in accordance with their national requirements shall be converted into a MCAR-Part-FCL licence provided that the applicant complies with the following requirements:

- (a) complete as a proficiency check the revalidation requirements of MCAR-Part-FCL for type and instrument rating, relevant to the privileges of the licence held;
- (b) demonstrate knowledge of the relevant parts of the operational requirements and MCAR-Part-FCL;
- (c) demonstrate language proficiency in accordance with FCL.055 of MCAR-Part-FCL;
- (d) comply with the requirements set out in the following table:

National licence held	Total flying hours experience	Any further requirements	Replacement MCAR-Part-FCL licence and conditions (where applicable)	Removal of conditions	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
ATPL(H) valid IR(H)	>1000 as PIC on multi-pilot helicopters	none	ATPL(H) and IR	Not applicable	(a)
ATPL(H) no IR(H) privileges	>1000 as PIC on multi-pilot helicopters	none	ATPL(H)		(b)
ATPL(H) valid IR(H)	>1000 on multi-pilot helicopters	None	ATPL(H), and IR with type rating restricted to co-pilot	demonstrate ability to act as PIC as required by Appendix 9 to MCAR-Part-FCL	(c)
ATPL(H) no IR(H) privileges	>1000 on multi-pilot helicopters	None	ATPL(H) type rating restricted to co-pilot	demonstrate ability to act as PIC as required by Appendix 9 to MCAR-Part-FCL	(d)
ATPL(H) valid IR(H)	>500 on multi-pilot helicopters	demonstrate knowledge of flight planning and flight performance as required by FCL.515 and FCL.615(b) of MCAR-Part-FCL	as (4)(c)	as (5)(c)	(e)

National licence held	Total flying hours experience	Any further requirements	Replacement MCAR-Part-FCL licence and conditions (where applicable)	Removal of conditions	
ATPL(H) no IR(H) privileges	>500 on multi-pilot helicopters	as (3)(e)	as (4)(d)	as (5)(d)	(f)
CPL/IR(H) and passed an ICAO ATPL(H) theory test in the State of licence issue		(i) demonstrate knowledge of flight planning and flight performance as required by FCL.310 and FCL.615(b) of MCAR-Part-FCL; (ii) meet remaining requirements of FCL.720.H(b) of MCAR-Part-FCL	CPL/IR(H) with ATPL(H) theory credit, provided that the ICAO ATPL(H) theory test is assessed as being at MCAR-Part-FCL ATPL level	Not applicable	(g)
CPL/IR(H)	>500 hrs on multi-pilot helicopters	(i) to pass an examination for MCAR-Part-FCL ATPL(H) theoretical knowledge in the State of licence issue ² (ii) to meet remaining requirements of FCL.720.H(b) of MCAR-Part-FCL	CPL/IR(H) with MCAR-Part-FCL ATPL(H) theory credit	Not applicable	(h)
CPL/IR(H)	>500 as PIC on single-pilot helicopters	None	CPL/IR(H) with type ratings restricted to single-pilot helicopters	obtain multi-pilot type rating as required by MCAR-Part-FCL	(i)
CPL/IR(H)	<500 as PIC on single-pilot helicopters	demonstrate knowledge of flight planning and flight performance as required by FCL.310 and FCL.615(b) of MCAR-Part-FCL	as (4)(i)		(j)
CPL(H)	>500 as PIC on single-pilot helicopters	night rating	CPL(H), with type ratings restricted to single-pilot helicopters		(k)
CPL(H)	<500 as PIC on single-pilot helicopters	night rating demonstrate knowledge of flight performance and planning as required	as (4) (k)		(l)

² CPL holders already holding a type rating for a multi-pilot helicopter are not required to have passed an examination for ATPL(H) theoretical knowledge whilst they continue to operate that same helicopter type, but will not be given ATPL(H) theory credit for a Part-FCL licence. If they require another type rating for a different multi-pilot helicopter, they must comply with column (3), row (h)(i) of the table.

National licence held	Total flying hours experience	Any further requirements	Replacement MCAR-Part-FCL licence and conditions (where applicable)	Removal of conditions	
		by FCL.310 of MCAR-Part-FCL			
CPL(H) Without night rating	>500 as PIC on single-pilot helicopters		As (4)(k) and restricted to day VFR operations	Obtain multi-pilot type rating as required by MCAR-Part-FCL and a night rating.	(m)
CPL(H) Without night rating	<500 as PIC on single-pilot helicopters	demonstrate knowledge of flight planning and flight performance as required by FCL.310 of MCAR-Part-FCL	As (4)(k) and restricted to day VFR operations		(n)
PPL/IR(H)	≥75 in accordance with IFR		PPL/IR(H) (the IR restricted to PPL)	demonstrate knowledge of flight performance and planning as required by FCL.615(b) of MCAR-Part-FCL	(o)
PPL(H)	≥75 on helicopters	demonstrate the use of radio navigation aids	PPL (H)		(p)

2. Instructor Certificates

An instructor certificate issued by a State in accordance with their national requirements shall be converted into a MCAR-Part-FCL certificate provided that the applicant complies with the following requirements:

National certificate or privileges held	Experience	Any further requirements	Replacement certificate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
FI(H)/IRI(H)/TRI(H)	as required under MCAR-Part-FCL for the relevant certificate		FI(H)/IRI(H)/TRI(H) ⁽³⁾

Revalidation of the certificate shall be subject to the completion of the relevant requirements set out in MCAR-Part-FCL.

³ CPL holders already holding a type rating for a multi-pilot helicopter are not required to have passed an examination for ATPL(H) theoretical knowledge whilst they continue to operate that same helicopter type, but will not be given ATPL(H) theory credit for a MCAR-Part-FCL licence. If they require another type rating for a different multi-pilot helicopter, they must comply with column (3), row (h)(i) of the table.

3. SFI Certificate

An SFI certificate issued by a State in accordance with their national requirements shall be converted into a MCAR-Part-FCL certificate provided that the holder complies with the following requirements:

National certificate held	Experience	Any further requirements	Replacement certificate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
SFI(H)	>1.000 hours as pilot of MPH	(i) hold or have held a CPL, MPL or ATPL issued by a State; (ii) have completed the flight simulator content of the applicable type rating course including MCC	SFI(H)
SFI(H)	3 years recent experience as an SFI	have completed the simulator content of the applicable type rating course including MCC	SFI(H)

Revalidation of the certificate shall be subject to the completion of the relevant requirements set out in MCAR-Part-FCL.

4. STI Certificate

An STI certificate issued by a State in accordance with their national requirements of that State may be converted into a MCAR-Part-FCL certificate provided that the holder complies with the requirements set out in the table below:

National certificate held	Experience	Any further requirements	Replacement certificate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
STI(H)	>500 hours as pilot on SPH	(i) hold or have held a pilot licence issued by a State; (ii) have completed a proficiency check in accordance with Appendix 9 to MCAR-Part-FCL in an FSTD appropriate to the instruction intended	STI(H)
STI(H)	3 years recent experience as an STI	have completed a proficiency check in accordance with Appendix 9 to MCAR-Part-FCL in an FSTD appropriate to the instruction intended	STI(H)

Revalidation of the certificate shall be subject to the completion of the relevant requirements set out in MCAR-Part-FCL.

This NTAO is issued by the Authority under the provisions of regulation 135 of the Civil Aviation Regulations. All concerned operators/airlines are required to take cognizance of the contents and requirements detailed in this NTAO before making any request for validation or conversion for the grant of a Mauritian licence based on a foreign licence.



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