



Addressees:

- **Flight crew personnel, with valid ratings (expiring in the time of CoViD-19 outbreak)**
- **ATO, DTO organisation**

The outbreak of the CoViD-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is clearly affecting the aviation industry. Various operators, flight crew personnel, together with training organisations are experiencing difficulties in the use of FSTDs or aircrafts for revalidations of currently valid ratings, f.e. due to accessibility and availability¹ issues. Various proficiency checks, skill tests, LPCs, OPCs may therefore become difficult to perform, resulting in expiration of ratings due to force majeure circumstance. To mitigate this situations, CAA-SI established procedures for mitigating this issue for pilots employed in organisations certified in accordance with Part-ORO (including NCC operators), for freelance pilots and pilots operating under NCO rules (General Aviation pilots).

CAA Slovenia is issuing the following notice for the different scenarios in this context:

1. **Revalidations for pilots employed by operators under managements system of AOC/NCC/SPO operators**
2. **Revalidation of class and type ratings for pilots not included in point 1. (for GA and freelance pilots) and instructor certificates**

1. PILOTS EMPLOYED BY AOC/NCC/SPO OPERATORS

The CAA has notified EASA of the use of flexibility provisions. By these provisions the holders of a valid class or type rating (Part FCL), with validity until incl. **31. 07. 2020**, may apply for rating revalidation as long as they require it valid for the scope of flight operations for the operator.

The operators that may be included in this exemption are those, offering: **Commercial air transport (CAT)**; as well as **SPO, NCC** and non-commercial specialised operators with complex aircraft (non-commercial **SPO**).

The affected ratings will be revalidated initially **for 4 months**. If circumstances persist, the ratings may be revalidated again – for the same period or until the end of general exemption validity (whichever is earlier).

A written request shall be filed by the affected holder of the rating - before the original rating expiry date.

Who may apply?

Rating holders may apply in these circumstances:

1. Type rating or class rating still valid (within CPL, ATPL or MPL licence – in acc. To Part FCL);
2. Rating expires until incl. 31.07.2020;
3. Are employed in an organisation, certified by Part ORO;
4. Have received a refresher training, followed by an assessment of their organisation, stating that the refresher training has been successfully completed within Part-ORO requirements to a satisfactory level for the conduction of a safe flight operation. That refresher training must include abnormal and emergency procedures, relevant for the type of the holder.

¹ FSTD for TR/MPA shall be used as long as it is available and accessible. To determine latter, following criterions are defined:

The FSTD is available if:

- (1) Certified by a competent authority within the scope of the Basic Regulation,
- (2) approved by the competent authority for use within the scope of the Basic Regulation,
- (3) representative of the operator's or applicant's aircraft class or type, and serviceable; and
- (4) representative of the configuration of the operator's or applicant's aircraft.

The FSTD is accessible if:

- (1) accessible to the instructor or examiner of the applicant;
- (2) accessible for use within the scope of the candidate's/operator's training and checking activities; and
- (3) accessible to allow normal programming and prevent excessive scheduling disruptions within the operator's crew roster patterns.
- (c) 'irrespective of any time considerations' means that the FSTD may be used at any time during day or night.
- (d) If an FSTD is not available or accessible, mitigating measures to ensure the required level of safety should be agreed with the competent authority before testing or checking the applicant in an aircraft.

Who may endorse revalidation of rating?

Examiner with relevant privileges can endorse revalidated rating for 4 months from the end of current validity of rating or this can be done by CAA-SI that will issue certificate of revalidation for each rating.

What is required?

An application [FCL.APL-201](#) has to be filed, with the following enclosures:

1. Pilot logbook copy (last 12 months);
2. Copy of the Part FCL licence;
3. Copy of last OPC;
4. Declaration of *Crew-Training Manager regarding the achieved standards and fulfilling the criteria of the competency, defined by the operator* for the safe conduction of flight operation;
5. The program of the refresher training conducted;
6. Copy of the medical certificate.

How to file the application?

Via e-mail: info@caa.si and FCL@caa.si

2. REVALIDATION DUE TO INACCESSIBILITY OF FSTD/aircraft or examiners

Not for pilot from previous scenario above

Holders of Part-FCL pilot licences who are required to perform their licence proficiency check (LPC) to revalidate the validity period of their class ratings, type ratings and instrument ratings are not able to timely reach or gain access to aircraft or flight simulation training devices (FSTDs) to complete the necessary training and checking. This would result in expiry of their ratings although in normal circumstances, this would not happen.

1. REVALIDATION OF RATINGS

The CAA may grant exemption in the scope of provisions, specified in 71(1) Reg. (EU) Nr. 2018/1139. Note that an exemption due to the specific CoViD-19 situation may not be considered as a compensation to the training and checking, as the pilots and operators will have to fulfil all the requirements as soon as the circumstances permit.

Each application will be assessed individually.

Who may apply?

Rating holders may apply in these circumstances:

1. Type rating or class rating still valid;
2. Rating expires until incl. **31.07.2020**;
3. Have received a briefing from an instructor who holds relevant instructional privileges in order to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge to safely operate the applicable class or type. That briefing shall include class – or type – specific abnormal and emergency procedures, as appropriate..

The affected ratings will be revalidated initially for 4 months. If circumstances persist, the ratings may be revalidated again – for the same period or until the end of general exemption validity (whichever is earlier).

Who may endorse revalidation of rating?

Examiner with relevant privileges can endorse revalidated rating for 4 months from the end of current validity of rating or this can be done by CAA-SI that will issue certificate of revalidation for each rating.

How to apply?

File an application FCL, available here [FCL.APL-201](#).

1. Copy of pilot logbook (last 12 months)
2. Certificate on received briefing from an instructor who holds relevant instructional privileges in order to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge to safely operate the applicable class or type.;
3. Refresher briefing summary;
4. Copy of the communication with the FSTD operator (f.e. slot cancellation notice, etc.), if applicable;
5. Copy of licence if rating was revalidated by examiner.

How to file the application?

By e-mail scanned copies: info@caa.si in FCL@caa.si.

2. REVALIDATION OF INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

Holders of Part-FCL instructor and examiner certificates who are required to perform an assessment of competence to revalidate their instructor or examiner privileges in order to continue to exercise their training and checking privileges are not able to timely reach or gain access to aircraft or FSTDs to complete the necessary assessment of competence. This would result in expiry of said certificate.

Instructor certificate will be revalidated for **8 months** or until the end (**23.11.2020**) of the application of this Exemption.

Applicants shall fulfil application [FCL.APL-201](#) and send in accordance with the same procedure as for the ratings.