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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this advisory circular is to provide guidance for the CAA Nepal officials, Civil Aviation Medical Assessor (CAMA), examiners and aviation personnel with regards to resumption of service after being tested negative for COVID-19 and being assessed fit from CAAN medical assessor.

1.2 Applicability

This circular applies to all personnel required to hold medical certificate commensurate to the relevant license/certificate issued by CAAN.

1.3 Description of Changes

N/A

2.0 REFERENCES

2.1 Reference Documents

This circular should be read in conjunction with Civil Aviation Regulations 2002 (CAR 2002), CAAN Personnel Licensing Requirements (PELR) and Medical Requirements.

2.2 Cancelled Documents

N/A

2.3 Definitions and Abbreviations

CAAN- Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal

CAR 2002- Civil Aviation Regulations 2020

FOR- Flight Operations Requirements

FSSD- Flight Safety Standards Department

PCR- Polymerase Chain Reaction

PELR- Personnel Licensing Requirements

3.0 BACKGROUND

The global pandemic, COVID-19 pandemic, caused by corona virus has resulted in the multiple consequences in many countries including Nepal. ICAO and all Member States have paid particular attention of the safety of air travelers and aviation personnel in global and national level. However, various humanitarian flights, rescue flights, repatriation flight, medical supplies flights are in operation taking extreme care in line with various

guidance issued by government, CAAN and other agencies to safeguard the health and wellbeing of aviation personnel. Nevertheless, despite extreme caution, some positive cases of COVID-19 on aviation personnel have been come into notice of CAAN. The ICAO Annex 1, Medical Requirements, PELR and FOR have provisions of restriction of use of privilege of personnel license/ certificate if the holder has degraded medical conditions that temporarily invalidates the medical certificate. When the individual holding the appropriate class of medical certificate is tested negative in PCR for COVID-19 the procedure outlined in this document should be followed to resume the privilege of the personnel licensing.

4.0 DETAILED PROCEDURE

Following procedures will be followed by the individuals holding appropriate medical certificate, airline operator, CAAN officers and medical assessors or examiners.

Individual who is tested positive for COVID-19 by PCR should notify to FSSD or ANSSSD, CAAN, and to ATS provider and/or air operator, as appropriate. Furthermore, the air operator or ATS provider should also inform same information to FSSD or ANSSSD, CAAN, as appropriate.

The individual will be restricted to use the privilege of personnel license/certificate as stipulated in the PELR and Medical Requirements. Further disposition will be as below. The readers should read the document in entirety.

- a) COVID-19 positive asymptomatic and mild symptomatic patients will have to be in isolation for total of 14 (fourteen) days from the day of confirmation of COVID-19 positive test. Before joining duty, they must obtain 2 negative PCR tests report (samples taken at least 24 hours apart) and visit CAMA for medical assessment before joining the duty.
- b) Hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients (moderate & severe symptoms), after discharge from hospitals or medical facilities, will have to be in isolation for total of 14 (fourteen) days from the day of confirmation of positive test including stay at hospital or medical facility and should visit CAMA with hospital discharge papers including 2 negative PCR tests report (samples taken at least 24 hours apart) for medical assessment before joining the duty.
- c) In case of license holder and his/her family member(s) (sharing same accommodation) all testing COVID-19 positive:

License holder should follow provisions of 4. a) and 4. b). S/he should also bring one PCR negative report of each of the COVID positive family member(s) while visiting CAMA for medical assessment.

Note: License holder is relieved from submitting PCR negative report of family member(s), if s/he has not shared same accommodation during the period of isolation.

- d) In case of license holder COVID negative and family member(s) (sharing same accommodation) COVID positive:

License holder should have to be in isolation for total of 14 days from the day of confirmation of positive test in family member(s). If license holder does not exhibit any COVID-19 positive symptoms during this period of isolation, s/he should consult his/her organization and may join duty as per organization policy or procedure.

- e) Medical Assessment: Assessment will include detailed medical history, symptoms, treatment details and any residual symptoms or deficit. Individuals holding applicable class of medical certificate may be allowed to exercise the privilege of personnel license if declared fit by CAMA and cleared by the concerned safety departments.
- f) This policy regarding aeromedical disposition will be reviewed periodically as per latest evidence and government policies, as applicable.

5.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

This issue supersedes the previous Issue 01 of Aeromedical Disposition of COVID-19 issued in July 2020 (COVID-19 Circular 08/2020).

6.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.1 The individual medical certificate holders should not use the privilege of personnel licence when tested COVID-19 positive and should report the case to FSSD, ANSSSD, ATS provider and air operator as appropriate. Record of such positive cases should be maintained by concerned recipients.
- 6.2 FSSD and ANSSSD should report the received cases to CAMA.
- 6.3 When the individuals holding medical certificate wish to use the privilege of personnel licences, they should contact CAMA for further assessment of medical fitness as outlined in section 4.

- 6.4 For the provisions not covered by this circular, the guidance from CAAN and Government of Nepal with respect to COVID-19 should be followed by personnel license/certificate holder and air operator or ATS provider.

7.0 IMPLEMENTATION

The individual personnel license holder, air operator or ATS provider should ensure that these procedures are followed.

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