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Appendix-7 Medical Assessment - Certificate Validity Extension

Alleviation Title	Medical Assessment - Certificate Validity Extension
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Relevant Standard(s)	<p>Personnel Licensing Requirements (PELR) states that ...</p> <p>1.19.3 The period of validity of a Medical Assessment may be extended, at the discretion of the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal, up to 45 days.</p> <p>Medical Requirements (MR)</p> <p>1.26 Medical Validity</p> <p>1. Period of Medical Validity And Validity of License</p> <p>A medical assessment issued shall be valid from the date of the medical examination for a period not greater than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 months for the Private Pilot License – aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift; • 12 months for the Commercial Pilot License – aeroplane, airship, helicopter, and powered-lift; • 12 months for the Airline Transport Pilot License – aeroplane, helicopter and powered-lift; • 60 months for the Glider Pilot License; • 60 months for the Free Balloon Pilot License; • 12 months for the Flight Engineer License; • 48 months for the Air Traffic Controller License; <p>Note- Apart from above PELR has requirements in relevant chapter of PELR for all classes of personnel licences as stipulated in Annex 1.</p> <p>PELR 1.19.2.10 When the holders of airline transport pilot licences — aeroplane, helicopter and powered lift, and commercial pilot licences — aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift, who are engaged in single-crew commercial air transport operations carrying passengers, have passed their 40th birthday, the period of validity specified in this PELR shall be reduced to six months.</p> <p>PELR 1.19.2.11 When the holders of airline transport pilot licences — aeroplane, helicopter and poweredlift, and commercial pilot licences — aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift, who are engaged in commercial air transport operations carrying passengers, have passed their 60th birthday, the period of validity specified in this PELR shall be reduced to six months.</p>

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	<p>PELR 1.19.2.12 When the holders of private pilot licences — aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift, free balloon pilot licences, glider pilot licences and air traffic controller licences have passed their 40th birthday, the period of validity specified in this PELR shall be reduced to 24 months</p>
Problem Statement	<p>Due to requirements of DMEs to provide clinical care to COVID-19 patients, implementation of social distancing practices, closure of workspaces and implementation of other preventive measures some States are unable to ensure that DMEs are available to conduct medical examinations; or affected aviation professionals are unable to travel to medical facilities for a medical examination.</p> <p>Potential undesirable consequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ineligible to perform duties due to licensing requirements to hold a valid medical certificate. ➤ Medical incapacitation that can lead to a safety consequence because of a medical condition if extension of medical certificate is not done in accordance with risk assessment and safety management principles
Applicability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All classes of medical assessments ➤ Assessments, which were valid at the point of time as determined by the State, defined in the published alleviation measure. ➤ Validity ends after 31 December 2020. ➤ This QRG will not be applicable for those individuals who are under investigation following any accident or incident or events related to breach of regulations.
Minimum pre-requisite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Limited to revalidation of an existing medical certificate ➤ No current enforcement action against the licence holder e.g. medical certificate has been suspended, withdrawn/revoked or denied ➤ Continued compliance with medical restrictions/ limitations on licence. ➤ The medical certificate subject to the alleviation is carried and it is accompanied by proof of exemption with date of expiry (publication of the exemption and/or a letter of endorsement could be available from the CAAN's website)
Alleviation summary	<p>General extension has been granted by CAA Nepal with its circulars dated 27th March 2020 and 23rd April 2020, 24th May 2020 and subsequent alleviation circular taking into account practical difficulties amid COVID19 pandemic. The alleviation was further extended till 30 November 2020. The current extension will be valid till 31 December 2020.</p>
Operational context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CAA Nepal has reviewed methods of continuing with medical examinations/ assessments with standard validity periods and found no alternative other than to grant an alleviation. ➤ Consideration has been given to existing public health measures implemented by Nepal.
Possible Mitigations and Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Absence of underlying medical conditions or uncontrolled medical condition ➤ Absence of OML

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	<p>Availability of CAA Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Higher priority for examinations and/ or assessments should be given to essential service flights, medical emergency flights, cargo flights transporting essential medical supplies, humanitarian and repatriation flights, medevac and air ambulance services. <p>Monitoring and management of alleviations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review of the risk assessment on a regular basis ➤ Procedure for the extension of validity, lifting of extension and the return to standard validity periods. ➤ Implementation of a record for tracking the use of the alleviation instrument. <p><i>Note 1: See other QRGs such as Licence and rating validity extension; Recent experience requirements; and Flight crewmember training programmes.</i></p> <p><i>Note2: One shall not use the privilege of license or certificate if the required medical standard is not met or he/she is not physically or mentally fit.</i></p>
<p>Alleviations likely to be unacceptable to other States</p>	<p>Nepalese air operators and licence holders engaged in international operation should note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Extension of the certificate beyond two times the standard certification period may not be acceptable to other States. ➤ Period of the extension longer than the normal validity period for the medical certificate issued or exceeding 12 months may not be acceptable to other States.
<p>References</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Personnel Licensing Requirements ➤ Flight Operation Requirements ➤ Medical Requirements