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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 COVID-19 positive licence holders for 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

ANSSSD- Air Navigation Safety Standards Department

CAAN- Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal

CAR 2002- Civil Aviation Regulations 2020

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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. However to maintain medical confidentiality, personal details of individual should not be shared.

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.

4.1 COVID-19 Positive

- a) All license holders will self-isolate for total of 10 (ten) days from the day of confirmation of COVID-19 positive test.

- b) Retesting has to be done on 10th day of confirmation of COVID-19 positive test. However for persons who have fever, testing will be done only after resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without use of fever reducing medicine.
- c) They must obtain 1(one) negative results using RT-PCR for detection of COVID-19 .
- d) After satisfying all conditions mentioned in section 4.1 a) 4.1b) and 4.1 c) they will visit CAMA with all reports for medical assessment.

Note: Even COVID -19 positive result on 10th day of COVID-19 test, license holder has to report CAMA to get when they will be eligible for next test.

4.2 Close Contact (less than 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more)

- a) License holder sharing same accommodation and in close contact with COVID19 positive family member (s), should self-isolate for 5days from the day of confirmation of positive report of family member (s) and get tested for COVID19 by RT-PCR.
- b) If COVID-19 test is positive, s/he should follow section 4.1.
- c) If COVID-19 test is negative, s/he should submit COVID-19 negative report to office and join duty. However, s/he must wear a mask, physically distance, avoid crowds & indoor crowded places, wash hands frequently, and monitor for symptoms and report as necessary.

4.3 Medical Assessment: Medical Assessment will include detailed medical history, symptoms, treatment details and any residual short or long term symptoms or deficit. Individuals holding applicable class of medical certificate maybe allowed to exercise the privilege of personnel license if they are declared fit by CAMA and allowed to exercise privilege of license by the concerned safety departments.

4.4 Revision of policy: This policy regarding medical disposition will be reviewed periodically as per latest evidence and government policies, as applicable.

5.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

This issue supersedes the previous Issue 03 of Aeromedical Disposition of COVID-19 issued in November 2020 (COVID-19 Circular 08/2020).

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6.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.1 The individual medical certificate holders should not use the privilege of personnel license when tested COVID-19 positive report and should report the case to FSSD, ANSSSD by 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.

8.0 CONTACT OFFICE

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