



Emergency Directive: 20/ED/01

## Emergency Directive: Expiration of Medical Certificates

Original Issue: 02/04/2020

### Purpose:

This Emergency Directive is issued in response to the situation created by COVID-19, and in particular, the declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE) in Papua New Guinea, effective on 24 March 2020. This Emergency Directive is necessary to provide relief from certain requirements of the Civil Aviation Rule Parts 61.35, 63.23 and 65.23.

### Scope and Duration of Emergency Directive:

Medical certificates with expiry dates between 24 March 2020 and 24 June 2020 remain in force until 25 June 2020. Holders of the medical certificates may continue to exercise the privileges of their aviation licences until 24 June 2020 subject to Government travel restrictions. The applicable aviation licences are:

- Commercial pilot licence
- Airline Transport pilot licence
- Air traffic controller licence
- Flight engineer licence

Any conditions, restrictions or endorsements on the existing medical certificate must continue to be complied with in order to exercise the privileges of the licence.

If, due to COVID-19, the medical certificate holder is unable to complete medical tests that are a condition of the medical certificate, the medical certificate holder may apply to the Director of Civil Aviation to extend the due date for those testing and reporting requirements.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority reminds all licence holders that under section 64C of the *Civil Aviation Act 2000* (as amended), if a licence holder is aware of, or has reasonable grounds to suspect, that any change in his or her medical condition or the existence of any previously undetected medical condition that may interfere with the safe exercise of the privileges to which his or her medical certificate relates, the licence holder-

- must advise the Director of the change as soon as practicable; and
- may not exercise the privileges to which the licence holder's medical certificate relates.

## Expiry of Emergency Directive:

This Emergency Directive will expire in accordance with section 64G(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 2000* (as amended), unless renewed by the Director of Civil Aviation.

## Legal Authority to make this Emergency Directive

This Emergency Directive is issued under section 64G(4) of the *Civil Aviation Act 2000* (as amended).

This ED is effective from 24 March 2020.

SIGNED at PORT MORESBY

This 03 day of April 2020

By WILSON SAGATI, OBE

Director of Civil Aviation



  
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