

Dear Colleagues,

Airline Pilots over age 60 flying internationally, particularly into the USA

As you may be aware, the US only accepts a 6 month validity for Class 1 medical certificates if the pilot is aged 60 years or over at the time of the examination, in accordance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices.

When issuing a certificate to a 60+ year old airline pilot flying into the USA, the Class 1 expiry dates should be limited to 6 months to comply with the FAA requirements. We recommend discussing with the pilot the destination they fly into and the certificate duration.

Whilst CAA permits a 12 month currency for Class 1 *for operations other than single pilot air operations carrying passengers* (multicrew), limiting the certificate's validity will avoid inconvenience to the pilot should they be submitted to a FAA spot check when flying in or out of the US.

Acceptable dose of Prednisone

This question has been asked quite frequently. CAA accepts Prednisone use up to 10 mg daily, provided that the condition being treated is itself acceptable and there are no concerns to flight safety

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If you have any questions or forget your password please contact us.

To those of you who still post your medical assessments, you may wish to consider emailing them to us, password protected – using the same password that we have supplied.

CAA ME online session - Wednesday 15 March 18:00 – 19:00 NZ time

The topic is Kidney stones, an invitation will be sent soon.

EMPIC Project

The EMPIC project is currently developing the personnel licensing modules for pilots and aircraft engineers to be rolled out the end of June. The licensing of air traffic controllers will follow in August. These modules will enable participants to apply for their licenses and ratings online.

The EMPIC project is also recommencing work on the medical module in May. The vendor, EMPIC, has proposed a new specification to better meet our NZ requirements.

The project and the CAA Medical unit will be seeking input into the new medical module from key stakeholders. If you would like to be involved, please let us know and we can register your interest with the project team.

CAA – CASA Harmonisation

The two medical teams have resumed work towards harmonisation between CAA & CASA. This is to achieve more commonality between our respective requirements.

Forms

Please ensure the correct CAA forms are used when submitting documents to CAA. If we receive any reports that are not on the correct form then we will ask you to resubmit on the correct form.

ME Regulatory Aviation Medicine Training

The 2023 training has begun with 7 participants – 2 overseas and 5 within NZ – watch this space for new MEs following completion of their training around mid-2023.

Staff Updates

At the end of last year, Dr Dougal Watson retired from the CAA. Recruitment for the PMO position will occur shortly. Dr Claude Preitner will continue as Acting PMO in the meantime.

Conferences and Seminars

[Aerospace Medical Association - ASMA](#)

Annual scientific meeting: 21-25 May 23, New Orleans

[Aviation Medicine Society of New Zealand \(AMS NZ\)](#)

Conference - 8 September 2023 (TBC), Auckland

[Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine \(ASAM\)](#)

Conference - 14-17 September 2023, Tasmania

[International Congress of Aviation & Space Medicine \(ICASM\)](#)

Annual Meeting - 26-29 October 2023, Abu Dhabi

[NZ CAA – CME](#)

7 September 2023 (TBC), Auckland

Best regards

Aviation Medicine Team