

CAA Examination Requirements Timetable

	Class 1		Class 2		Class 3	
	1st	Subsequent Exam	1st	Subsequent Exam	1st	Subsequent Exam
General medical examination	ü	Age < 40: Yearly Age 40 and over: 6 monthly for SAOPAX*. Else yearly	ü	Age < 40: 5 yearly Age 40 and over: 2 Yearly	ü	Age < 40: 4 yearly Age 40 and over: 2 yearly
12-lead ECG	ü	Age: 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, etc. è 68; Age: 70, 71, 72, etc.	ü	Age: 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60; Age: 62, 64, 66, etc.	ü	Age: 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, etc. è 68; Age: 70, 71, 72, etc.
Cardio-vascular risk estimation	35yr and over.	Age: 36 and 40. Age: 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, etc. è 68; Age: 70, 71, 72 etc.	35yr and over.	Age: 40 and 44. Age: 48; 50, 52, 54, 56 etc. è 68; Age: 70, 71, 72, etc.	35yr and over.	Age: 36 and 40; Age: 42, 44, 46, 48 etc. è 68; Age 70, 71, 72, etc.
Blood lipids estimation & Blood sugar estimation	ü	Age: 36 and 40, Age: 42, 44, 46, 48, etc.	ü	Age: 40 and 44, Age: 48, 50, 52, 54, etc.	ü	Age: 36 and 40 Age: 42, 44, 46, 48, etc.
Chest X-ray (CXR)	ü if indicated, see CXR note		ü if indicated, see CXR note		ü if indicated, see CXR note	
Spirometry	ü	If ever smoked Age 46 and 56.	ü	If ever smoked Age 46 and 56.	ü	If ever smoked Age 46 and 56.
Audiometry	ü	Age: 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, etc.	ü if indicated, see note @ right	Age: 36, 40, 44, 48, etc, but only if IFR flights undertaken, if not medical certificate must be endorsed: "Not valid for IFR flight".	ü	Age: 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, etc.
Special vision examination	ü				ü	
Colour-vision screening examination	ü		ü		ü	

SAOPAX * Single-pilot air operation carrying passengers.

CXR Note: Only if the applicant's history indicates a high likelihood of asymptomatic pulmonary disease.

For Tests: The relevant age is the current age, and any age in between, since the last assessment. Refer to GD: "Timetable for Routine Examinations" – Section 12

CAA Medical Standards

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Distance Visual Acuity Corrected or uncorrected at 6m	Each: 6/9 or better Binocular: 6/6 or better	Each: 6/12 or better Binocular: 6/9 or better	Each: 6/9 or better Binocular: 6/6 or better
Intermediate Visual Acuity Corrected or uncorrected at 1m	Binocular: N14 or better	N/A	Binocular: N14 or better
Near Visual Acuity Corrected or uncorrected at 30–50cm	Binocular: N5 or better	Binocular: N5 or better	Binocular: N5 or better
Colour-Perception Ishihara 24 plate book	Reads the first 17 plates with ONE error or less. Refer to GD "Examination Procedures - Section 11"		
Audiometry	If any threshold values are within the shaded area when mapped on the "Audiometry Report Form - 24067-203": Refer to the medical manual		
Cardiovascular risk estimation NHF calculation	10% or more 5yr CV risk requires excluding reversible ischaemia. When calculating refer to NZ Guidelines Group "The assessment and Management of Cardiovascular Risk" for CV risk determination. Include any additional risk factors (e.g. Polynesian, FHx etc.) in the calculation as per the guidelines.		
Spirometry	If FEV1 < 80% of predicted or history of asthma or lung disease, do also post bronchodilator. Refer to GD: "Examination procedures – Section 7.2.4"		
Validity of Tests	All routine investigations required as per GD: "Timetable for Routine Examinations" have a validity period of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 90 days for the General Medical Examination; One year in all other cases; Note: Tests may be repeated if considered reasonably necessary, under s27B(5) of the Act.		
Who is a smoker?	A smoker has two definitions, based on the risk assessment assumptions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CV risk assessment: Framingham defined a smoker as someone who had smoked within the previous 12 months. Spirometry: In determining requirement for spirometry, a smoker is someone who has smoked at any stage in their life. 		

Critical Dates:

- 60 days:** maximum duration of **certificate extensions**. Once only, from expiry date and providing all conditions met – see section 27E of the Act.
- 30 day "grace" period:** Certificates issued within 30 days of expiry may have a new expiry date based on the previous expiry date (as long as certificate has **NOT** already been extended). This avoids annual "slippage" see CAR 67.61(c) and (d).