

# Use of DL9 medicals by PPL holders

## Frequently asked questions for pilots



**Please note: To be able to fly on a DL9 driver licence medical certificate, your DL9 needs to be at least a Class 2 (2,3,4,5) medical certificate with passenger (P) endorsement.**

### **What if I hold a PPL, CPL or ATPL and also have an RPL?**

You can operate the privileges of a PPL based on which medical certificate you decide to maintain or get – a Part 67 Class 2 or a NZTA DL9. The amended rule effectively revokes your RPL as of 5 April 2021.

### **What are the privileges of a PPL holder who has a DL9 medical certificate?**

You can see a comparison of PPL privileges by medical certificate type [here](#).

### **I can't find and/or have misplaced my PPL, CPL or ATPL as I've been using my RPL.**

You'll need to apply for a replacement licence. Please use CAA form [CAA600](#). Please note that no PPLs, CPLs or ATPLs were revoked when an RPL was issued - your original licence is a lifetime licence.

### **I haven't completed a biennial flight review or operational competency assessment for more than 5 years. If I get a DL9 medical, will I be able to fly?**

You will need to re-sit the air law examination, which for most pilots on a DL9 will be PPL subject 4 ([AC61-3](#)). Please refer to CAR Parts 61.37 – Recent flight experience; 61.39 – Biennial flight review; 61.41 – Use of lower pilot licence or rating.

### **I'm living in Australia and have a New Zealand PPL. Can I fly over here on a DL9 or do I still need a Class 2?**

You would need to get permission from CASA to do so, please refer to CAR 61.155(bb)(3)(i). This applies to any other National Aviation Authority (NAA) as well.

### **What do I need to tell my health practitioner when requesting a DL9 certificate?**

You need to inform them that it is for exercising the privileges of a PPL, and the DL9 needs to be issued with Class 2 (2,3,4,5) medical certificate with passenger (P) endorsement.

### **Where do I send my DL9 once it has been completed by my health practitioner?**

You must send a copy of [pages 1 and 4](#) only from your DL9 to CAA within 7 days of it being issued. This is a rule requirement - refer to CAR Part 61.35(d). A record of your DL9 should be available whenever you are flying. Please send the copy of your DL9 to us at [licensing@caa.govt.nz](mailto:licensing@caa.govt.nz).

### **What do I do if I have a change in medical condition after my DL9 has been issued**

As for all participants in the aviation system, holders of PPLs have a general obligation to ensure that they are complying with the requirements for their aviation document. In this case they need to ensure they continue to meet health requirements for holding a PPL.

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### **Can I refuse to issue a DL9 if I have concerns?**

Yes, but the concerns would need to be related to the person's ability to drive safely as opposed to their ability to fly safely and they should be documented as such.

### **Am I assessing fitness to fly with a DL9?**

No, you are assessing whether they meet the driving standards in the NZTA "medical aspects of fitness to drive".

### **Can I contact NZTA with concerns about fitness to fly on a DL9?**

No, but you can contact them about an applicant that does not meet the NZTA driving standards.

### **An applicant did not meet C1 or C2 standards and is now requesting a DL9 – what do I do?**

Assess the applicant in accordance with the NZTA manual and determine if they meet the standards.

### **An applicant flying on a DL9 has had a change in medical condition – do I inform CAA or NZTA?**

If an ME has concerns about a DL9 certificated pilot, they should advise CAA in accordance with **section 27C (3)** of the **Civil Aviation Act**. In respect of concerns regarding a drivers licence holder, a GP will need to notify Waka Kotahi under **section 18** of the Land Transport Act if they consider the licence holder is likely to drive a motor vehicle.

### **I think someone hasn't declared their full medical history and is flying on a DL9 – who do I inform?**

You should advise CAA in accordance with section 27C(3) of the Civil Aviation Act.