



WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to Section 27G(4) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990

I, **STEVE DOUGLAS**, Director of Civil Aviation,

HEREBY MAKE the following emergency directive.

SIGNED AT Wellington

This *10th* day of *March* 2011

By **STEVE DOUGLAS**

Director of Civil Aviation

Background

As a result of the Christchurch earthquake of 22 February 2011, it is necessary to provide relief, without compromising civil aviation safety, to persons applying for medical certification under the Civil Aviation Rules who are unable to meet the requirements of Civil Aviation (Timetable for Routine Examinations) General Directions Notice 2009.

The Director considers it appropriate to issue the following Emergency Directive under section 27G(4) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990 to provide appropriate relief from the requirements regarding the routine examinations required by the General Direction and specified in the Schedule to the General Directions.

Emergency Directive

Purpose

This Emergency Directive provides relief from the requirements for the timing of examinations that an applicant for medical certificate is routinely required to have as part of the medical examination referred to in section 27D(1) of the Act. The relief provided is directed towards applicants who have been affected by the Christchurch earthquake.

Application of Civil Aviation (Timetable for Routine Examinations) General Directions Notice 2009

The timing of applicable routine examinations set out in the Schedule to the Civil Aviation (Timetable for Routine Examinations) General Directions Notice 2009 shall not apply to applicants for medical certificates, whose current address for service or previous address for service at 22 February 2011 required under section 8 of the Civil Aviation Act 1990, is within the Canterbury region provided that:

1. The applicant notifies the Director of Civil Aviation in writing that he/she seeks relief from Civil Aviation (Timetable for Routine Examinations) General Directions Notice 2009 in accordance with this Emergency Directive; and
2. The Director of Civil Aviation is satisfied that action taken including the consideration of medical information regarding the applicant and the imposition of conditions on the medical certificate or restrictions on the validity period of the medical certificate relating to the applicant, is effective in minimising any additional risk to civil aviation safety if the medical certificate is issued notwithstanding the requirements of the Civil Aviation (Timetable for Routine Examinations) General Directions Notice 2009.

Duration

The Emergency Directive shall be in force only for the duration of the national or local state of emergencies established under sections 66 and 68 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and in any event shall expire in accordance with section 27G of the Civil Aviation Act 1990, unless renewed by the Director.