



UK CAA Head Injury Certification Guidance

Classification*	Criteria	Fitness Assessment by Aircrew Medical Category	Assessment content Class 1 cases to be assessed by CAA apart from <u>minimal</u> (AME) Class 2 cases to be assessed by AME
Minimal	<p><u>All must be present</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any concussive or mild head injury symptoms which have recovered within 48hrs Initial Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) 15 No loss of consciousness (LOC) No post traumatic amnesia (PTA) No focal neurological deficit No seizure 	<p><u>Class 1, 2, 3 & LAPL</u></p> <p>Unfit until 7 days after full recovery without symptoms</p>	<p>Medical report from attending doctor OR AME clinical assessment (if not seen by A+E or GP)</p>
<p>The presence of 2 criteria in the most severe category determines the category to be used for certificatory assessment. *Any early (<=7 days) seizure must result in a classification of severe</p>			
Mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any concussive or mild head injury symptoms lasting greater than 48hrs Initial Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) 12-15 LOC less than 30 minutes PTA less than 30 minutes 	<p><u>Class 1, 2 3 & LAPL</u></p> <p>Unfit for 6 weeks after full recovery without symptoms</p> <p><u>Class 1</u> Then OML for further year</p>	<p>Medical report from attending doctor including investigations Class 1 & 3 applicants must be referred to CAA for decision</p> <p>AND AME clinical assessment after resolution of symptoms</p>
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial GCS 9-12 LOC 30 mins to 24 hours PTA 30 mins to 24 hours Linear Skull fracture 	<p><u>Class 1, 3</u></p> <p>Unfit 6 months after full recovery without symptoms Then Class 1 OML for 2 years, Class 3 unrestricted</p> <p><u>Class 2</u></p> <p>Unfit for 3 months after full recovery without symptoms Then OSL for further 3 months</p> <p><u>LAPL</u></p> <p>Unfit for 3 months after full recovery without symptoms</p>	<p>Medical report from attending specialist including investigations. CT/MRI <u>mandatory</u> before recertification Class 1 & 3 applicants must be referred to CAA for decision</p> <p>AND AME clinical assessment after full recovery without symptoms</p>
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial GCS less than 9 LOC more than 24 hours PTA more than 24 hours Transient Focal neurological deficit Brain contusion(s) on CT/MRI or Intracranial haemorrhage on CT/MRI Complex skull fracture Any operative intervention Early seizure* 	<p><u>Class 1,3</u></p> <p>Unfit 2 years after full recovery without symptoms Then Class 1 OML long-term, Class 3 unrestricted</p> <p><u>Class 2</u></p> <p>Unfit for 1 year after full recovery without symptoms or demonstration of stable, non-disabling symptoms Then OSL for 1 year</p> <p><u>LAPL</u></p> <p>Unfit for 6 months after full recovery without symptoms or stable, non-disabling symptoms Then OSL/OPL for 6 months</p>	<p><u>Class 1,3</u> applicants must be referred to CAA for decision Medical report from attending specialist including investigations. CT/MRI mandatory before recertification Neurocognitive testing must be performed Satisfactory Medical Flight Test / Simulator Proficiency Check</p> <p><u>Class 2, LAPL</u> Medical report from attending specialist including investigations. CT/MRI mandatory before recertification AME clinical assessment Satisfactory Medical Flight Test</p>
Very Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penetrating brain Injury Significant parenchymal damage i.e. Brain contusion on CT/MRI (NB multiple unilateral or bilateral increase risk) +/- Intracranial haemorrhage on CT/MRI Enduring focal neurological deficit Early* and /or late (>7 days) seizures 	<p><u>Class 1 2 & 3</u></p> <p>Unfit long-term</p> <p><u>LAPL</u></p> <p>Unfit 1 year after full recovery without symptoms or demonstration of stable, non-disabling symptoms Then OSL/OPL long-term</p>	<p><u>LAPL</u> Medical report from attending specialist including investigations. CT/MRI mandatory before recertification</p> <p>AND Satisfactory Medical Flight Test</p> <p>AND AME clinical assessment</p>