

## UK CAA Head Injury Certification Guidance

**\*The presence of any criterion listed in the severist category determines the category to be used for certificatory assessment**

Classification*	Criteria	Aircrew Medical Category	Assessment Class 1 cases to be assessed by AMS apart from <u>minimal</u> (AME) Class 2 cases to be assessed by AME
Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any concussive or mild head injury symptoms which have recovered within 48hrs</li> <li>• No loss of consciousness (LOC)</li> <li>• No post traumatic amnesia (PTA)</li> <li>• No neurological deficit</li> <li>• No seizure</li> </ul>	<p><u>Class 1, 2 &amp; LAPL</u> Unfit 7 days</p>	<p>Medical report from attending doctor <b>OR</b> AME clinical assessment (if not seen by A+E or GP)</p>
Mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any concussive or mild head injury symptoms for greater than 48hrs</li> <li>• <b>Initial Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) 12-15</b></li> <li>• LOC less than 30 minutes</li> <li>• PTA less than 30 minutes</li> <li>• No neurological deficit</li> <li>• No skull fracture (if scan performed)</li> <li>• No Brain contusion (if scan performed)</li> <li>• No seizure</li> </ul>	<p><u>Class 1, 2 &amp; LAPL</u> Unfit for 6 weeks after resolution of any symptoms</p> <p><u>Class 1</u> Then OML for further year</p>	<p>Medical report from attending doctor including investigations <b>AND</b> AME clinical assessment after resolution of symptoms</p>
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Initial GCS 9-12</b></li> <li>• LOC 30 mins to 24 hours</li> <li>• PTA 30 mins to 24 hours</li> <li>• No neurological deficit</li> <li>• Skull fracture</li> <li>• No Brain contusion on CT/MRI</li> <li>• No seizure</li> </ul>	<p><u>Class 1</u> Unfit 6 months after resolution of any symptoms Then OML for 2 years</p> <p><u>Class 2</u> Unfit for 3 months after resolution of any symptoms Then OSL for further 3 months</p> <p><u>LAPL</u> Unfit for 3 months after resolution of any symptoms</p>	<p>Medical report from attending specialist including investigations. CT/MRI mandatory before recertification <b>AND</b> AME clinical assessment after resolution of symptoms</p>
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Initial GCS less than 9</b></li> <li>• LOC more than 24 hours</li> <li>• PTA more than 24 hours</li> <li>• Focal neurological deficit</li> <li>• Brain contusion on MRI</li> <li>• Intracranial haemorrhage on CT/MRI</li> <li>• Depressed skull fracture</li> </ul>	<p><u>Class 1</u> Unfit 3 years after resolution or stable, non-disabling symptoms Then OML long-term</p> <p><u>Class 2</u> Unfit for 1 year after resolution of symptoms or demonstration of stable, non-disabling symptoms Then OSL for 2 years</p> <p><u>LAPL</u> Unfit for 6 months after resolution or stable, non-disabling symptoms Then OSL/OPL for 6 months</p>	<p>Medical report from attending specialist including investigations. CT/MRI mandatory before recertification <u>Class 1</u>: satisfactory simulator check <u>Class 2 / LAPL</u>: satisfactory Medical Flight Test <b>AND</b> AME clinical assessment</p>
Very Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penetrating brain Injury</li> <li>• Significant parenchymal damage</li> <li>• Disabling neurological deficit</li> </ul>	<p><u>Class 1 &amp; 2</u> Unfit long-term <u>LAPL</u> Unfit 1year after resolution of symptoms or demonstration of stable, non-disabling symptoms Then OSL/OPL long-term</p>	<p>Medical report from attending specialist including investigations. CT/MRI mandatory before recertification <b>AND</b> Satisfactory Medical Flight Test <b>AND</b> AME clinical assessment</p>