

TOPIC: Claiming Additional Protected Rights

At the point of submitting an application for the conversion of the BCAR Section L national licence to that of the EASA Part-66 aircraft maintenance licence, it was the responsibility of the licence holder to ensure that all protected rights was being claimed at that point. The exception to this process was those engineers who applied for the Fast-Track process. (see Note 1)

As a Part-66 licence holder, any post conversion request for additional protected rights must meet the requirements of Part-66 (see Note 3)

1. Fast-Track

The Fast-Track process was introduced to enable engineers within a large maintenance organisation to convert their current active type ratings, in order to meet the 28th of September 2006 deadline. Other types previously held as authorisations, remain as protected rights and can be claimed at any time in the future (should they be required) by completing the relevant Form 19.

If a request for additional type ratings (large aircraft) is being claimed, the applicant's conversion records retained on file must be reviewed to ascertain that the applicant had previously converted using the Fast-Track method.

If the original conversion application was not Fast-Track then any further extension of the EASA Part-66 Aircraft Maintenance Licence must meet the requirements of Part-66 66.A.45 (c)

“ Except as otherwise specified in paragraph (h), ratings shall be granted following satisfactory completion of the relevant category B1, B2 and C aircraft type training approved by the competent authority or conducted by an appropriately approved Part-147 maintenance training organisation”

2. One-Step

The One-Step process was introduced to enable engineers within the light maintenance organisations to convert their national licence privileges by 28th of September 2008. After this date all persons certifying aircraft, of all categories under EASA regulations must hold a Part-66 licence. Additional protected rights could only be claimed at a later date based upon company authorisations held prior to the licence conversion date by completing the original Form 19.

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Large Aircraft: Applicants whose original conversion application was processed as Fast Track are still entitled to claim previously held types; Form 19 must be completed in all cases and relevant documentation be submitted.

Light Aircraft: Applicants who have already converted their licence by the One-Step process do not hold the same protected rights as applicants whose conversion applications were Fast-Tracked. As a holder of the EASA Part-66 licence and unless they have evidence of certifying the aircraft being claimed, they will be required to meet the requirements of Part-66 66.A.45. Form 19 must be completed in all cases and relevant documentation be submitted.