

Message from the Chief Medical Officer

Dear AME

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas/New Year break and have not been unduly affected by the inclement weather recently.

The theme for this year is Medical Governance. The serial legislation, which is currently being put in place to provide a strengthened framework for the regulation of doctors, has already seen the introduction of a Licence to Practise for all doctors in current medical practice. The consultation on Responsible Officers has now closed and the final legislative text is awaited. The Department of Health consultation on revalidation for doctors is due to be launched in March and will be of considerable interest to all of us. In the meantime, we continue to review our own practice. In January, we held what I hope will be the first annual meeting to discuss Medical Governance issues. Most of the actions that have been generated from the meeting relate to work undertaken in Medical Department by CAA staff or our Consultant Advisers.

The review of the EASA NPA on Part Medical is to take place during the next three months with a view to EASA publishing the Comment Response Document in July 2010. We will continue to keep you informed about the progress of the EASA rules as and when we receive further information.

Despite the economic recession with its consequent impact on both commercial and general aviation, the numbers of medical certificates being revalidated has remained remarkably constant. There has been a reduction in initial Class 2 applicants but, as there is a distinct seasonal trend to initial Class 2 applications, we will have to see

whether this spring brings a revival in the number of applicants.

Paul Collins Howgill is currently putting together the AME Seminar Training programme, which we will be rolling out during 2010. If there is any particular topic that you are keen for us to address as part of the programme, please do let us know.

Robert Hunter will be attending the SAAME meeting and I will attending the AAME meeting in March and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at those meetings.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Sally Evans
 Chief Medical Officer

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

As you will be aware, when a professional licence holder reaches age 60 years they are no longer permitted to fly single pilot air transport operations carrying passengers. Currently a validity date is printed in the “Expiry date of this certificate for single pilot air transport operations carrying passengers” box on the certificate if you print the certificate using AME Online. This occurs on loading a Class 1 medical, even if the pilot is aged 60 years or more.

Recently, some pilots have had their medical certificates checked during a ramp inspection and been told that it is not valid as a date populates the single pilot air transport box and they are over the age of 60 years.

Several solutions have been tried to prevent this happening but none are totally successful. A fix has been requested for the MARS/AOL system and it is hoped that this will be added to the next set of enhancements in late 2010.

In the meantime, one temporary solution is to issue handwritten certificates for JAA Class 1

Web

Over the winter break there were some problems with broken links and pages that had “disappeared”. These should now have been corrected, but please feel free to contact Fi Nolan (fiona.nolan@caa.co.uk) if you come across any more that have been missed.

Since the last newsletter (October 2009) the following pages have been added/updated on our website:

In the middle of October the [February 2009 minutes of Civil Aviation Medicine Forum](#) were published.

At the end of that month the [Clinic Charges](#) were updated with the new colour vision charge relating to the new CAD test.

Remember if you sign up for  feeds you can keep up-to-date with all the important changes to our site.

NB: *Notifications are only sent for relevant updates, not for grammatical or aesthetic changes.*

Other

New Scheme of Charges take effect from 01/04/2010

The Scheme of charges consultation has now closed and the new scheme has been published at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/251PLS.pdf> (Please see page 20 of 25). In effect this now incorporates all AMEs, so if you are not yet online, please contact us and we will happily guide you through the process.

The first billing for the new scheme will be for the quarter ending 30/06/2010 and the invoices sent out at the end of July.

In light of this, please could you ensure the CAA Medical Department and Finance Department have your up-to-date correspondence addresses. Please email

medicalweb@caa.co.uk and credit.control@caa.co.uk

European Class 3 Requirements

The European Class 3 Medical requirements will be reviewed and updated by the "ATCO Medical Requirements Task Force 2" (AMRTF2) under the auspices of Eurocontrol. Stuart Mitchell will be representing the UK CAA on this panel. Any resulting changes are likely to be implemented in 2011.

Mutual recognition of medical certificates from other States

A [list of medical certificates](#) that are mutually recognised by the UK CAA for the issue of a UK National or JAR pilot's licence can be found under **What's New** and in the **Other Information** area of our website

At this time, Lithuanian Class 1 and 2 medical certificates, French Class 2 and German Class 2 medical certificates cannot be used to validate a UK issued National or JAR pilot's licence and pilots with one of these medical certificates should ensure that they obtain a mutually recognised medical certificate at the time of their next medical examination.

For information the dates when the UK discontinued mutual recognition are:
Lithuania Class 1 and 2: 6 July 2009
France Class 2: 6 July 2009
Germany Class 2: 1 September 2009

Air Navigation Order (ANO) 2009

The Air Navigation Order (ANO) 2009 came into force on 1 January 2010. It replaces the ANO 2005.

Government drafting rules dictate shorter Articles (so more of them) and gender neutrality (no more ‘he’ ‘his’ or ‘him’).

The new ANO can be found at <http://www.caa.co.uk/cap393>

Substantive changes are explained at pages 232-235. A table of comparison between the article numbers of the 2005 and 2009 Orders is at pages 237-240.

Please note item 10 on page 233. Certificate holders can now inform the CAA of illness, injury or pregnancy by a number of means such as telephone, email and fax, not just "in writing " as previously required.

We are currently reviewing the Medical Department web pages and updating any references to the ANO 2005 as necessary. A link to the current ANO can also be found in the **Documents for Download** area of our site:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?catid=49&pagetype=90&pageid=7099>

Call Centre

Once again, we would like to remind you that **all** calls to Medical Department should be routing through the call centre number +44 (0)1293 573700. Further information on this can be found at [Call Centre](#).

Finally

If there is anything that you would like to see featured in the newsletter then please let us know so that we can endeavour to include it in future issues.

Links

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