

Exemption for European Class 3 ATCO Medical Certificates

1. The Civil Aviation Authority, in exercise of its powers under Article 153 of the Air Navigation Order 2005, hereby exempts any person specified in paragraph 2 (a specified person) from the requirement in paragraph 3 (the specified requirement) subject to the conditions in paragraph 4.
2. This exemption applies to any air traffic controller or student air traffic controller who, on 1 September 2009, had included in his licence a valid medical certificate issued in accordance with Article 112 of the Order as it was in force on that date (“an old style medical certificate”).
3. A specified person is exempt from the requirement to hold a medical certificate which complies with Article 112 of the Order as amended by the Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2008 and in force on 1 September 2009.
4. The conditions of this exemption are –
 - (a) the old style medical certificate is valid and is not in suspension or revoked; and
 - (b) the old style medical certificate has not expired.
5. This exemption applies from 1 September 2009 until 30 September 2011.

Lally Evans

Signed.....

For Civil Aviation Authority

Date.....13 July 2009.....

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A European Directive as implemented in the United Kingdom requires that with effect from 1 September 2009 an air traffic controller or student air traffic controller must have included in their licence a European Class 3 medical certificate which meets the requirements laid down by Eurocontrol.

This exemption applies to any air traffic controller or student air traffic controller who, immediately before the Directive requirement came into force held a valid UK Class 1 medical certificate appropriate for ATCO duties. They need not obtain a new European Class 3 medical certificate until their UK certificate expires.

This does not affect the need for the UK medical certificate to be valid, so they cannot act as an air traffic controller or student air traffic controller during any period of temporary unfitness/suspension or if the UK medical certificate is revoked.