



THE UK IMC RATING - REVISED STATEMENT - May 2012

1. Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 1178/2011 (the “EASA Aircrew Regulation”) states that the privileges of licence holders that are gained before the regulation applies should as far as possible be preserved.
2. In accordance with Article 4(3) of the Aircrew Regulation the CAA has compiled a Conversion Report, which has been submitted to EASA. In respect of the UK IMC Rating the Conversion Report proposes that:

“On conversion to a Part-FCL aeroplane licence, the holder of a UK-issued aeroplane licence that includes the privileges of the UK IMCR prior to 8th April 2014 will have a Restricted IR included in the Part-FCL licence. The privileges of the IR(R) shall be identical to those of the UK IMCR and the IR(R) will be valid in UK airspace only. The validity of the IR(R) entered in a Part-FCL licence shall be subject to the same revalidation and renewal requirements that apply to the UK IMCR”.

For these purposes a “UK-issued aeroplane licence that includes the privileges of the UK IMCR” means any licence issued by the CAA that includes an IMC Rating and any UK (pre-JAR) ATPL(A) or CPL(A) - because the privileges of those licences include the privileges of the IMC Rating.

3. As proposed, a valid IR(R) that is entered on a UK-issued Part-FCL licence will allow the holder to exercise the privileges of the UK IMC Rating on both EASA and non-EASA aeroplanes in UK airspace into the future.
4. There will continue to be provision under the Air Navigation Order to add the IMC Rating to UK (non-EASA) licences into the future, but these IMC Ratings will only be valid for non-EASA (Annex II) aeroplanes from 8th April 2014 onwards. From that date forward the IR(R) must be held on a Part-FCL licence to exercise the privileges with EASA aeroplanes.
5. Subject to any changes we may consider following any further consultation with the Agency, the CAA intends to implement these conversion terms with effect from 17th September 2012. It is intended that conversions to Part-FCL licences, including the IR(R), will be available from that date. The first edition of CAP 804, (which becomes effective on 17th September) anticipates this and includes the IMCR to IR(R) and other conversions that were included in the Conversion Report submitted to the Agency, subject to the caveat that the Agency may question these conversion terms.