

UK CAA Medical Certificate Table of Validity Periods for Examinations and Tests

Medical Certificate	European Union				United Kingdom	
	Class 1 Pilots	Class 2 Pilots	LAPL Pilots	Class 3 ATCOs	UK Class 1 (Flight Engineers)	
Initial Issue	AeMC		AeMC / all AME s	AeMC	AeMC	
Revalidation / Renewal	AeMC / Class 1 rated AME		AeMC / all AMEs	AeMC / all AMEs / GP	AeMC / Class 1 or 3 rated AME	
	Single pilot air transport operations carrying passengers	Other commercial operations				
VALIDITY	< 40yrs: 12 months ≥ 40yrs: 6 months	< 60yrs: 12 months >60yrs: 6 months	Under 40 60 months * 40-49 24 months ** ≥ 50yrs: 12 months  *not valid after 42nd birthday **not valid after 51st birthday	<40yrs 60 months*** ≥ 40yrs 24 months  ***not valid after 42nd birthday	<40yrs**** 24 months ≥ 40yrs: 12 months  ****not valid after 41st birthday	12 months
Electrocardiogram (ECG)	At initial, then <30yrs: 60 months 30-39yrs: 24 months 40-49yrs: 12 months >50yrs: at every medical  or if clinically indicated		First examination after age 40 >50yrs: 24 months  or if clinically indicated	At initial, then <30yrs: 48 months 30 - <40yrs: 24 months >40yrs: 12 months  or if clinically indicated	At initial, then <30yrs: 60 months 30 - <40yrs yrs: 24 months ≥ 40yrs: 12 months  or if clinically indicated	
Audiogram	At initial then <40yrs: 60 months ≥ 40yrs: 24 months		<u>Instrument rating only</u> Prior to initial issue then: Under 40: 60 months >40: 24 months	At initial then <40yrs: 48 months ≥ 40yrs: 24 months	<40yrs: 60 months ≥ 40yrs: 36 months	
COMPREHENSIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY (NB Class 3 ATCOs require tonometry at 1 <sup>st</sup> exam >40yrs)	At initial, then 5 years if between +3D to +5D or -3D to -6D: 2 yearly if > - 6D 2 yearly if anisometropia or astigmatism >3D: or if clinically indicated		Clinical indication only	At initial, 4 years if exceeds +3 to -3D 2 years if exceeds -6D 2 years if >3D of anisometropia or astigmatism or if clinically indicated	At initial then <40yrs: 48 months ≥ 40yrs: 24 months	
HAEMOGLOBIN	Every examination		Clinical indication only	Clinical indication only	Clinical indication only	
LIPIDS	At initial, then at age 40		Clinical indication only	At initial, then at age 40		
RESPIRATORY FUNCTION TESTS	At initial (FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC), then if clinically indicated		Clinical indication only	At initial (FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC), then if clinically indicated	At initial (FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC), then if clinically indicated	

**KEY:**  
**AeMC** - Aeromedical Centre  
**AME** - Aeromedical Examiner  
**FEV<sub>1</sub>** - Forced Expiratory Volume (in 1 second)  
**FVC** - Forced Vital Capacity  
**GP** - General Practitioner  
**LAPL** - Light Aircraft Pilot's Licence



**Notes on Validity, revalidation and renewal of Class 1, 2 and LAPL medical certificates**

- A licence holder shall not at any time hold more than one medical certificate issued in accordance with Part MED
- Upon revocation of a medical certificate, the holder shall immediately return the medical certificate to the licensing authority. Upon suspension of the medical certificate, the holder shall return the medical certificate to the licensing authority on request of the authority.

• **Revalidation**  
 Examinations and/or assessments for the revalidation of a medical certificate may be undertaken up to 45 days prior to the expiry date of the medical certificate.

• **Renewal**  
 If the holder of a medical certificate does not comply with (b), a renewal examination and/or assessment shall be required.

In the case of Class 1 and Class 2 medical certificates:

- if the medical certificate has expired for more than 2 years, the AeMC or AME shall only conduct the renewal examination after assessment of the aero-medical records of the applicant;
- if the medical certificate has expired for more than 5 years, the examination requirements for initial issue shall apply and the assessment shall be based on the revalidation requirements.

In the case of LAPL medical certificates, the AeMC, AME or GMP shall assess the medical history of the applicant and perform the aero-medical examination and/or assessment in accordance with MED.B.095.

**Notes on Validity, revalidation and renewal of Class 3 medical certificates**

- A licence holder shall not at any time hold more than one medical certificate issued in accordance with Part ATCO.MED
- Upon revocation of a medical certificate, the holder shall immediately return the medical certificate to the licensing authority. Upon suspension of the medical certificate, the holder shall return the medical certificate to the licensing authority on request of the authority.

• **Revalidation:**  
 Aero-medical examinations and assessments for the revalidation of a medical certificate may be undertaken up to 45 days prior to the expiry date of the medical certificate.

• **Renewal:**  
 If the holder of a medical certificate does not comply with the revalidation requirements, a renewal aero-medical examination and assessment shall be required.

If the medical certificate has expired for:

- less than 2 years, a routine revalidation aero-medical examination shall be performed;
- more than 2 years, the AeMC or AME shall only conduct the renewal aero-medical examination after assessment of the aero-medical records of the applicant;
- more than 5 years, the aero-medical examination requirements for initial issue shall apply and the assessment shall be based on the revalidation requirements.