

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

Medical Certificate	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/all AMEs / GP	AeMC	AeMC
Revalidation / Renewal	AeMC / Class 1 rated AME		AeMC / all AMEs	AeMC / all AMEs / GP	AeMC / Class 1 or 3 rated AME	AeMC / Class 1 rated AME
	<b>Single pilot air transport operations carrying passengers</b>	<b>Other commercial operations</b>				
<b>VALIDITY</b>	< 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
<b>Electrocardiogram (ECG )</b>	At initial, then <30yrs: 60 months 30-39yrs: 24 months 40-49yrs: 12 months >50yrs: at every medical  or if clinically indicated		At initial, then 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
<b>Audiogram</b>	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
<b>COMPREHENSIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY</b> (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 or astigmatism or anisometropia is between 2D and 3D: 2 yearly if < -6D or > +5D or if anisometropia or astigmatism >3D: or if clinically indicated		Clinical indication only		At initial, then 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
<b>HAEMOGLOBIN</b>	Every examination		Clinical indication only		Clinical indication only	Clinical indication only
<b>LIPIDS</b>	At initial, then at age 40		Clinical indication only		At initial, then at age 40	
<b>RESPIRATORY FUNCTION TESTS</b>	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.