



Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E 5884

Extension of the validity of English Language Proficiency endorsements for Air Traffic Controllers holding Level 6 (expert level)

Background

- 1) This exemption is issued to meet the urgent operational needs of Air Traffic Controllers holding Level 6 (expert level) in English Language Proficiency. Such holders of Language Proficiency, employed by an Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) within the United Kingdom (UK), are communicating with aircraft and other ANSPs solely in the English Language, additionally using the language in everyday life.

Interpretation

- 2) In this exemption, references to EU regulations are to those regulations as retained and amended in UK domestic law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and are referenced hereafter as "UK Regulation (EU) year/number" or "UK Regulation (EU) No. number/year".

Exemption

- 3) The Civil Aviation Authority ('the CAA'), pursuant to Article 71(1) of UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 exempts holders of the licences issued under UK Regulation (EU) 2015/340, with the English Language Proficiency Level 6 endorsement (expert level), as issued in accordance with ATCO.B.035(a)(3) of that regulation, from the requirement to renew as required by ATCO.B.035(a)(3)(i).
- 4) This exemption applies to holders of ATCO licences issued by the CAA under the UK Regulation (EU) 2015/340, holding English Language Proficiency Level 6 (expert level).

Date in Force

- 5) This exemption applies to all licences held or issued under UK Regulation (EU) 2015/340 from the date the licence is signed until 22 December 2025, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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Note: This Exemption is put into place, whilst the CAA takes appropriate action to work with the DfT, to ensure a rule change, that will bring English Language Proficiency requirements for ATCOs in line with other aviation professionals.