

Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E6451

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.

Exemption

- 2) 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(c).
- 3) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No.1567 which is revoked.

Date in Force

- 4) This exemption applies to all licences held or issued under UK Regulation (EU) 2015/340 from 01 November 2025 until 22 December 2028, 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.