

Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E6470

Issue of class ratings for the National Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes)

Background

- 1) Subject to specific conditions, this exemption permits aeroplane class ratings associated with the National Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) ("the NPPL(A)") to be issued without the applicant for the rating being required to pass an NPPL General Skill Test ("NPPL GST") in the class of aeroplane for which the rating is sought. Unless equivalent privileges are already held by the applicant on a separate flight crew licence, the initial issue of an NPPL(A) will always require the passing of an NPPL GST.

Exemption

- 2) The Civil Aviation Authority ("the CAA"), pursuant to Article 266 of the Air Navigation Order 2016 ("the Order"), hereby exempts the holder of, or applicant for, an NPPL(A) from the requirements listed in the first line of Table A in Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 8 to the Order, that for the initial issue by the CAA of a certificate of revalidation pertaining to an aeroplane class rating the holder must pass an NPPL GST with the authorised examiner signing the licence application form in an aeroplane of the class for which the certificate is sought.
- 3) This exemption is subject to compliance with either of the following conditions:
 - a) the holder of an NPPL(A) makes an application for the addition of an aeroplane class rating to the licence, having completed appropriate flight training with a Flight Instructor or Class Rating Instructor, and the instructor is satisfied that the holder has the necessary knowledge and skill to act as pilot in command in that class of aeroplane; or
 - b) the holder of a pilot's licence that is not an NPPL(A) makes an application for an NPPL(A) with an associated aeroplane class rating and already holds valid flying privileges in the same class of aeroplane for which the application is being made.

Date in Force

- 4) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 30 November 2026, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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