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General Exemption E6746

Issue and Renewal of Class Ratings for the National Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes)

Background

1) This exemption is issued for compelling reasons whilst legislative changes remain in progress.

2) Subject to specific conditions, the exemption permits aeroplane class ratings associated with the National Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) ("the NPPL(A)") to be issued or renewed 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

3) 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 Table A in Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 8 to the Order, that for the initial issue or renewal by the CAA of a certificate of revalidation pertaining to an additional 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.

4) This exemption is subject to compliance with one 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; or

   c) the holder of a pilot's licence that is not an NPPL(A) makes an application to renew an aeroplane class rating endorsed on to an NPPL(A) on the basis of holding either a valid class rating or equivalent privileges in the same class of aeroplane for which the application is being made.

5) This exemption supersedes the Official Record Series 4 No. 1652 which is revoked.

Date in Force

6) This exemption has effect from the date it is signed until 30 November 2027, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.

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