



NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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ALL OPERATORS LETTER (DG 013/21)

Ref: NCAA/DG/AIR/11/16/313
Date: 22nd June, 2021
To: All Nigerian Air Operator Certificate (AOC) Holders
From: Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority
Attn: Accountable Manager / Director of Operations
Subject: **TARGETED EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC: FLIGHT CREW PROFICIENCY**

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, ICAO permitted alleviations to the Standards of the Annexes, as interim measures to support continued operations and the NCAA issued several exemptions from certain regulatory requirements. ICAO has requested States to move away from alleviations to compliance with Standards of the annexes and advised that targeted exemptions be granted to specific operator or defined group of individuals.

This AOL is to inform all operators that NCAA has carried out another review of the COVID-19 pandemic situation and determined that the COVID-19 pandemic is still very much around.

While the NCAA acknowledges that many of our air operators are making good progress in Simulator Training for Flight crews and are fully in compliance with the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations regarding Flight Crew Training, some have still expressed concerns and are looking for additional flexibility to enable continued operations.

In view of the above, the NCAA has consequently decided to further extend the period of validity of Targeted Exemptions (TE) for Flight Crew Proficiency (Pilot Proficiency Checks-PPC) based on ICAO guidelines on the subject matter. **The NCAA has determined that the AOC holder must provide to the Authority recent evidence of confirmed unavailability of simulator slots for their flight crew and/or inaccessibility to the State where the Approved Type Rating Training Organization (TRTO) is located or Approved Training Organizations (ATO). Such evidence shall include communication trails with the applicable TRTO or ATO.**

ACTION REQUIRED

Utilization of the Targeted Exemption is subject to submission to the NCAA, a satisfactory updated risk assessment carried out by the AOC holders to assure that related safety risk mitigation measures are in place and residual risks are kept ALARF (As Low As Reasonably Practicable). All Nigerian AOC holders are hereby to note the attached Exemption Document Number **NCAA/DOLTS/GEN012/21/002** dated **22nd June 2021** here attached and comply with the conditions and limitations contained therein.

Please, comply accordingly.

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EXEMPTION DOCUMENT



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This exemption is granted by virtue of the powers conferred on the Authority by the Civil Aviation Act 2006 and Nigeria Civil Aviation Regulations Part 1.4.

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| Details of Applicant Seeking Exemption | Name: ALL NIGERIAN AIR OPERATOR CERTIFICATE (AOC) HOLDERS |
| Specific requirements of the regulations for which exemption is being sought | PILOT PROFICIENCY: Nig. CARs Parts 2.3.1.6 and 8.4.1.14. No person shall act as a pilot of an aircraft unless he or she has successfully passed two proficiency checks within 12 months, conducted by an authorised representative of Authority. |
| Purpose of Exemption/Exemption | In recent times since the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic, access to flight simulator training facility has gradually improved but still limited in some countries and therefore ICAO has recognised the need for Targeted Exemptions (TE) by States from some ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices. Based on the ICAO Targeted Exemptions (TE) provisions, the NCAA hereby grants a Targeted Exemptions (TE) that permits pilots to renew and continue to exercise the privileges of their licences without complying with the full Pilot Proficiency - Commercial Air Transport Operations requirements of the regulations. The exemption is effective from 1st April 2021. |
| Entity(ies) to whom Exemption applies | ALL NIGERIAN AIR OPERATOR CERTIFICATE (AOC) HOLDERS |
| Conditions and Limitation of the Exemption | The relief is subject to the AOC holder submitting to the NCAA a Safety Risk Assessment and measures put in place to manage this risk. The condition for benefitting from the exemption includes (1) Completion of ground school which include (a) review of normal checklist, (b) review of abnormal checklist and (c) emergency checklist. (2) Touch drills, or use of other acceptable training devices, in support of assessing the theoretical training and application of SOPs including normal and non-normal operations especially recall items; and (3) Carryout an Operational Line check on the aircraft to be conducted by an NCAA approved check airman or training captain prior to submission of a Pilot's license for renewal and before exercising the privileges of licence. |
| Validity of the Exemption | Expiry Date: Midnight 30 th September, 2021 (UTC + 1hr) |
| Cancellation of previous Exemption (If any) | Not Applicable |
| Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP). If the exemption affects a significant population of the aviation community of Nigeria (If applicable) | The Targeted Exemption (TE) shall be published in the AIP because it affects a significant population of the aviation community. This relief is subject to the AOC holder submitting to the NCAA a satisfactory Safety Risk Assessment and the associated measures put in place to manage this risk to ALARP (As Low As Reasonably Practicable). |
| Date of issue: 22 nd June, 2021 | Name: Engr. Kayode I. Ajiboye Signature:  Title: Director, Airworthiness Standards For: Director General |
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