



CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTIVE (CAD)

DIRECTIVE NO

SLCAA/CAD/2020/001

SUBJECT

Medical Assessment-Certificate Validity Extension



BASIS/COMMENCEMENT

- a) Operational Limitations due to medical factors have been considered as part of the risk assessment when decisions are made regarding the extension of medical assessment
- b) Continued provision of intercurrent medical reports in cases where reports are required by SLCAA.
- c) A copy of this Exemption Document should be carried along with the applicable licence as no endorsement would be made by the SLCAA

During this period (and possibly beyond), there will be medical certificate holders who need to provide reports (e.g. annual cardiology review for coronary artery disease, and six monthly and annual diabetic follow-up reports. HIV six monthly and annual reports, annual psychiatry reports, annual ophthalmologist reports, etc.) to their AAME and/or the SLCAA in the normal way but preferably by email to maintain their certificatory status. These actions should continue and medical certificate holders should they provide the reports as required in a timely manner. Medical Certificates holders are advised to carry out these required medical reviews and tests early to avoid subsequent difficulties.

Where medical certificates holder experience difficulties with their private doctors or consultant specialists their AAME may be able to advise them of alternative providers, doctors, or specialists who can provide the clinical reports and or tests.

In a situation where the medical certificate holder has difficulties that cannot be easily overcome, they are to contact the Authority to discuss the possibility of extending the deadline for the submission of the reports and or tests.

	Failure of a medical certificate holder who has a medical condition or limitation to submit the required medical report and or test or seek an extension to the deadline for the submission of the report or test from the Authority, the Authority may withdraw the extension granted him/her
APPLICABILITY	Holders of Class 3 Medical Certificates (ATCOs) Certificates, which were valid at the point of time as determined by SLCAA defined in the published alleviation measure.
REASON(S)	The Covid-19 second wave in the country has not allowed the holders of Medical Certificates who are required to undergo a routine Medical Examination to revalidate their Medical certificates to continue to exercise licence or certificate privileges are not able to timely reach or gain access to the Authorised Aviation Medical Examiner (AAME) to complete the necessary medical examination. Due to the requirement of the AAME to provide clinical care to COVID-19 patients, implementation of practice social distancing practices, closure of workspaces, and implementation of other preventive measures we are unable to ensure that the AAME is available to conduct medical examinations. Also, affected aviation professionals are unable to visit medical facilities for medical examination as mentioned above.
ACTIONS REQUIRED AND COMPLIANCE TIMELINES	<i>The validity of all holders of Sierra Leonean ATCOs Medical Certificates which was earlier issued on 31st October 2019 to expire on 30th October 2020 is hereby extended to 28th February 2021</i>
ISSUE /REV NO /DATE.	Original Issue.
EFFECTIVE DATE	5 th August 2020
REFERENCES	ICAO Targeted Exemption (TE) Due COVID
REMARKS	THIS DIRECTIVE REMAINS VALID UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY 2021.
ISSUED BY,	
NAME	Moses Tiffa Baio
TITLE	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SIERRA LEONE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY.
SIGNATURE/	 
DATE	5 TH August 2020