



## Directive of Aruba

Bijzondere Luchtvaart Aanwijzing (BLA)

**BLA nr.** : 2020-003  
**Date** : May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Subject** : Covid19 – outbreak: Extension of validity period for licences, ratings, certificates, instructors and examiners

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The Department of Civil Aviation Aruba ('DCA), on behalf of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Primary Sector, and pursuant to the 'Regeling Vluchtuitvoering (AB 2000 no 85)' and its Attachment AUA-OPS 1 (AUA-OPS 1.010), the Director's Decree DLA/2019-08, and its Attachment AUA-FCL (article FCL.005 (f)), the Director's Decree DLA/2019-09, and its Attachment AUA-MED grants an exemption to the following requirements:

### AUA-OPS 1,

- Subpart N
- Subpart O

### AUA-FCL:

- Articles FCL.055, FCL.060, FCL.075 (h), FCL.625, FCL.740, FCL.940 and FCL.1025

### AUA-MED

- Articles MED.A.045 and MED.D.030

### Summary of the exemption:

#### A. AUA-OPS1:

1. This general exemption is applicable for the following:
  - a) operator proficiency checks (OPC);
  - b) line training and checking;
  - c) operator emergency and safety equipment training and checking;
  - d) operator recurrent ground, refresher and flight training and checking;
  - e) operator cabin crew recurrent training and checking;
  - f) operator technical crew recurrent training and checking;
  - g) all other required training and checking (e.g. DG training, dispatcher training, loadmaster training, ground personnel training, security etc.);
2. Provided that the regular validity period of training and checking of the items listed in paragraph 1, expires before **31 October 2020** that validity period is extended by 4 months under the following conditions:
  - a) The operator shall request permission to use this exemption from their assigned inspector.

- b) The operator shall conduct a risk assessment and issue a flying staff instruction to establish an alternative training and checking programme. Any submission should clearly identify the areas of the requirements that are unable to be met and detail how continued competence will be demonstrated and achieved. The risk assessment shall clearly identify how full compliance will be achieved once this exemption is revoked.
- c) Following the expiry/revocation of this exemption the operator shall ensure that crews are compliant with their existing approved OM Part D.

**B AUA-FCL:**

1. This general exemption is applicable for the following:
  - a) licence proficiency checks (LPC);
  - b) class and type ratings;
  - c) instrument ratings (IR) ;
  - d) recent pilot experience;
  - e) Language proficiency as per FCL.055;
  - f) instructor's ratings and authorisations;
  - g) examiner designations;
  - h) pilot validation certificates;
2. Provided that the regular validity period of a rating or a certificate expires before **31 October 2020**, that validity period is extended by 4 months. To benefit from this exemption licence holders shall comply with the following conditions:
  - a) they shall hold a valid class or type rating;
  - b) they shall operate under the management of a commercial air operator or an operator operating under AUA-OPS 2;
  - c) they shall receive refresher training followed by assessment by means established by the operator to determine that the required level of knowledge to operate the applicable class or type are maintained. That assessment shall include class- or type-specific abnormal and emergency procedures;
  - d) instructor's and examiners shall hold valid instructor and examiner certificates or designations;
  - e) holders of a pilot validation wanting to benefit of this exemption must submit the exemption of the Authority issuing the original licence, proving that the original licence is still valid.
3. The maximum period in the case of FCL.060(c)(1) of 120-day is extended to 180-days under the same conditions as specified in that point.
4. The Language proficiency endorsement will be valid until the end of the application of this exemption provided the language endorsement is valid and during the period of this exemption, they have received a briefing from an instructor who holds relevant instructional privileges in order to refresh the required level of knowledge.

C. AUA-MED

1. This general exemption is applicable for the following:

- a) medical certificates
- b) aeromedical examiners (AME)

2. Under the following condition

- a) Provided that the regular validity period of the AUA-MED Class 1 medical certificate expires before 31 October 2020, the validity period will be extended by 4 months. AUA-MED Class 1 medical certificate holders benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid Class 1 medical certificate without restrictions, except visual ones.
- b) The regular validity period of AME certificates will be extended until the end of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak or 12 months after the expiry date of the current AME certificate. AME's benefitting from this exemption shall hold a valid aero-medical examiner certificate.

D. Certified true copies of validations issued from this date till **31 October 2020**, will be issued for a period of 90 days;

E. This Directive is issued to meet the urgent operational needs of a limited duration to unforeseeable circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Everyone making use of this exemption shall always carry a copy of this Directive together with all original certificates and/or copy of validations as proof of the exemption.

F. If, towards the end of the 4-month period specified in point (A2, B2 and C2 a), the Department of Civil Aviation of Aruba considers that the reasons for granting this Exemption still applies, the validity period of the rating or certificate may be further extended for a period of up to 4 months or by the end of the application of this Exemption, whichever comes first.

G. 1. This Directive takes effect on the day of its signing.

2. This Directive BLA nr. 2020-003 dd. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 supersedes the Directive BLA nr. 2020-001 of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 which is hereby withdrawn.



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