

How we're helping you – exemptions being put in place

The actions of various levels of government to stop the spread of COVID-19 are evolving rapidly and I am conscious that you will have many challenges in front of you as you adapt to this changing environment.

In recognition of these difficulties, we are putting in place various general exemptions for a number of CASA authorisations or permissions, which are designed to proportionally manage safety risks while providing relief as follows:

- If you have an Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) or a Part 141/142 Certificate, it will be
 extended through an administrative process by six months. You do not need to do
 anything.
- If you are a pilot or an air traffic controller, you will be able to exercise the privileges of your licence for six months after the expiration of any medical certificate you hold. The conditions on your medical certificate will continue to apply. You do not need to do anything.
- If your current flight review or proficiency check expires after 1 March 2020, you will be
 able to continue to use all the privileges of your licence for a further three months from
 when it expires. You will need to apply to extend these arrangements beyond the 3
 months.
- Operators will have relief from Part 61 proficiency checking and flight review as well as training and checking requirements up to 30 June 2020. Further relief options are being developed.

In addition to the exemptions listed above, we'll be putting some general exemptions in place to cover dangerous goods, drug and alcohol management procedures and emergency procedures.

Further measures for other sectors such as maintenance organisations and remotely piloted aircraft operations are currently being considered.

Our decisions are designed to make it as easy as possible for you to continue current operational activities while ensuring aviation safety is maintained and operational risks are managed.

If you have specific questions, please email regservices@casa.gov.au (if you are enquiring on behalf of an organisation) or applications@casa.gov.au (if you are enquiring on behalf of yourself).

Regards
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