

15. (1) Subject to the approval of the Minister, the Board may issue to any person applying therefor a licence to operate a commercial air service. Licences.

(2) No such licence shall be issued in respect of a commercial air service, owned, leased, controlled or operated by any person who is engaged in the transport of goods or passengers for hire or reward by means other than aircraft unless the Governor in Council is of opinion that it is in the public interest that such licence be issued. Not to be issued to persons engaged in other than aircraft transport.

(3) The Board shall not issue any such licence unless it is satisfied that the proposed commercial air service is and will be required by the present and future public convenience and necessity. Only in case of public convenience and necessity.

(4) The Board may exempt from the operation of the whole or any part of subsection (3), any air carrier or commercial air service or any class or group thereof, except a scheduled commercial air service operating wholly within Canada or the operator thereof either generally or for a limited period or in respect of a limited area, if in the opinion of the Board such exemption is in the public interest. Exception.

(5) Notwithstanding the issue of a licence under subsection (1), no air carrier shall operate a commercial air service unless he holds a valid and subsisting certificate issued to him by the Minister certifying that the holder is adequately equipped and able to conduct a safe operation as an air carrier over the prescribed route or in the prescribed area. Operating certificate necessary.

(6) In issuing any licence, the Board may prescribe the routes that may be followed or the areas to be served and may attach to the licence such conditions as the Board may consider necessary or desirable in the public interest, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may impose conditions respecting schedules, places of call, carriage of passengers and freight, insurance, and, subject to the *Post Office Act*, the carriage of mail. Routes and conditions.

(7) The Board shall upon application grant to Trans-Canada Air Lines a licence to operate a commercial air service under such terms and subject to such conditions as will enable Trans-Canada Air Lines to perform any agreement made, under section 15 or 24 of the *Trans-Canada Air Lines Act*, between the Minister of Transport and Trans-Canada Air Lines or between the Minister of Transport and any corporation created under section 19 of that Act. Licence to T.C.A.