

Provided that without prejudice to the provisions of rule 160, the Director-General of Civil Aviation may, subject to such conditions and limitations as he may specify, by order in writing, exempt any such pilot from the provision of this rule.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this rule, the flying time of a pilot either as solo pilot or pilot in command of an aircraft will be counted fully and the flying time of a pilot engaged as co-pilot or supernumerary pilot will be counted at 80 per cent. of the flight time.

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43. Renewal of licences.—Licences may be renewed for the periods specified in rule 42 on production of proof of recent flying experience and after the passing of the medical examination as laid down in Schedule II:

Provided that in the case of a member of the operating crew of an aircraft engaged in public transport or aerial work, who is on duty in a region distant from official medical centres, the medical examination may exceptionally at the discretion of the Central Government be deferred for two consecutive periods of three months each on condition that such member obtains locally in each case and forwards to the Director-General of Civil Aviation in India a favourable medical certificate furnished by a medical practitioner who possesses qualifications entitling him to inclusion in the Medical Register of Great Britain:

Provided further that the holder of any licence may be required before the renewal of the licence to satisfy all or any of the requirements which are applicable on the first grant of a licence of the same class:

Provided further that in the case of a pilot's licence the Central Government may, when renewing the licence, restrict the types of aircraft for which the licence is endorsed to those on which it is satisfied that the holder of the licence has had recent reasonable flying experience.

44. Aircraft not registered in India.—An aircraft not registered in India shall carry the personnel prescribed by the laws of the State in which it is registered and such personnel shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of that State.

45. Validation of foreign licences.—When a licence has been granted by the duly competent authority in any part of His Majesty's dominions outside India or in any foreign State and is for the time being in force the Central Government may, subject to such conditions and limitations and for such periods as it shall think fit, confer on such licence the same validity for the purpose of flying aircraft registered in India as if it had been granted under these rules and a licence so validated shall be subject to the provisions of rule 19.

46. Deleted.

47. Age of applicants.—Licences shall not be granted to applicants who at the time of qualification do not comply with the following conditions—

(a) An applicant for a Pilot's "A" Licence shall have attained the age of 17 years.

(b) An applicant for a Pilot's "A-1" Licence or for a Pilot's "B" Licence shall have attained the age of 19 years and shall not be more than 45 years of age.