

SECTION S. FLIGHT RADIO OPERATOR'S LICENCE

1. Requirements for issue of licence.—An applicant for a Flight Radio Operator's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements—

(a) *Age.*—He shall be not less than 18 years of age on the date of application;

(b) *Medical fitness.*—He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical board, after undergoing a medical examination during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements, as notified by the Director General under Rule 39-B:

(c) *Knowledge.*—

(i) *Technical Qualifications.*—He shall produce a valid First Class Radio Telegraph Operator's Certificate endorsed for Aeromobile Service issued or recognised by the Central Government under the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Rules, 1954:

(ii) *Other Requirement.*—He may be required to pass, at the discretion of the Director General, a test to establish his knowledge of the current aeromobile radio telegraph/telephone operating practices and procedures, standards and recommended practices pertaining to air traffic control communication as promulgated by the Director General from time to time;

(d) *Experience.*—He shall produce satisfactory evidence of having completed not less than 4 months satisfactory experience as a Flight Radio Operator and obtained at least 25 hours' experience in flight during the preceding 12 months in an aircraft equipped with radio apparatus in accordance with Rule 63:

Provided that an applicant who has not had the experience as required may be granted a provisional licence for a period not exceeding one year in order to enable him to obtain the necessary experience:

(e) *Skill.*—He may, if so necessary, be subjected to a flight check as provided under rule 12(3) of the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Rules, 1954 to establish his competency as a Flight Radio Operator.

2. Validity.—The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue or renewal of licence. The licence shall be valid for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of medical examination except where an applicant is medically examined during 30 days preceding the date of expiry of the licence, full period of validity may be allowed from the date of expiry subject to the validity of the First Class Radio Telegraph Operator's Certificate issued under the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Rules, 1954.

3. Renewal.—A licence will be renewed on production of satisfactory evidence of—

(a) having undergone a medical examination in accordance with clause (b) of paragraph 1:

(b) having a current First Class Radio Telegraph Operator's Certificate (Aeromobile Service) issued or recognised by the Central Government under the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Rules, 1954.