

New and Improved Licensing System

The South African Civil Aviation Authority is proud to announce a new and improved licensing system which will allow for quick and easy licence application. This new system will reduce the issuing time of licences to as little as one hour for walk-in clients while the turn-around time for posted applications has been reduced to three days.

However, this new system can only be effective if the correct criteria are met and if the correct documents accompany each licence application. We are thus appealing to all licence applicants to ensure that they take note of the following requirements when applying for a licence:

Please note that these are the basic requirements for licensing applications. For more information, refer to the SACAA Regulations, 1997.

Requirements for the issuing of a Student Pilot's licence (aeroplane and helicopter)

- a) be not less than 16 years of age
- b) hold a class 1 or class 2 medical certificate, issued in terms of Part 67
- c) an original or certified proof of identity of the applicant
- d) two recent passport-sized photos
- e) application form for Student Pilot's licence
- f) appropriate fee as prescribed in Part 187.

Requirements for the issuing of a Private Pilot's licence (aeroplane)

- a) be not less than 17 years of age
- b) hold a valid Class 1 or Class 2 medical certificate, issued in terms of Part 67
- c) hold at least a valid restricted certificate of proficiency in radiotelephony (aeronautical)
- d) show evidence of holding a student pilot's licence or having held, within the previous 60 months, any of the following -
 - i) a pilot's licence (aeroplane) issued by a contracting state
 - ii) a South African Air Force pilot's qualification
 - iii) a recreational pilot's licence issued in terms of part 62
- e) have passed a theoretical knowledge examination as prescribed in Document SA CATS FCL 61
- f) application form
- g) have undergone the PPL skills test (aeroplane)
- h) logbook summary
- i) two recent passport-sized photos (unless such a person is the holder of another licence issued by SACAA)
- j) appropriate fees as prescribed in part 187
- k) proof of English language proficiency check.

Requirements for the issuing of a Private Pilot's licence (helicopter)

- a) be not less than 17 years of age
- b) hold a valid Class 1 or Class 2 medical certificate, issued in terms of Part 67
- c) hold at least a valid restricted certificate of proficiency in radiotelephony (aeronautical)
- d) show evidence of holding a valid student's licence or having held, within the previous 60 months, any of the following -
 - i) a pilot's licence (helicopter) issued by the contracting state
 - ii) a South African Air Force pilot's licence
 - iii) a recreational pilot's licence issued in terms of Part 62
- e) have passed a theoretical knowledge examination as prescribed in Document SA CATS FCL 61
- f) application form
- g) have undergone the PPL skills test (helicopter)
- h) logbook summary
- i) two recent passport-sized photos (unless such person is the holder of another licence issued by SACAA)
- j) appropriate fee as prescribed in part 187
- k) proof of English language proficiency check.

Requirements for the issuing of a Commercial Pilot's licence (aeroplane)

- a) be not less than 18 years of age
- b) hold a valid Class 1 medical certificate, issued in terms of Part 67
- c) hold a valid general certificate of proficiency in radiotelephony (aeronautical)
- d) show evidence of holding or having held within the previous 60 months, any of the following -



- i) a pilot's licence (aeroplane) issued by the contracting state
- ii) a South African Air Force pilot's qualification
- iii) a valid student pilot's licence where the applicant has completed an integrated training course approved by the authority
- e) have passed the appropriate theoretical knowledge examination as prescribed in Document SA-CATS-FCL 61
- f) have undergone the CPL skills test (aeroplane)
- g) hold a valid night rating
- h) instrument rating (if applicable)
- i) two recent passport-sized photos (unless such person is the holder of another licence issued by SACAA)
- j) appropriate fee as prescribed in terms of part 187
- k) proof of English language proficiency check.

Requirements for the issuing of a Commercial Pilot's licence (helicopter)

- a) be not less than 18 years of age
- b) hold a valid Class 1 medical certificate, issued in terms of Part 67
- c) hold a valid general certificate of proficiency in radiotelephony (aeronautical);
- d) show evidence of holding or having held, within the previous 60 months, any of the following –
 - i) a pilot's licence helicopter issued by the contracting state
 - ii) a South African Air Force pilot's qualification
 - iii) a recreational licence issued in terms of part 62
- e) have passed a theoretical knowledge examination as prescribed in Document SA-CATS-FCL 61
- f) application form
- g) undergo a skills test referred to in regulation 61.06.3
- h) two recent passport sized- photos (unless such person is the holder of another licence issued by SACAA)
- i) night rating if applicable
- j) instrument rating if applicable
- k) logbook summary
- l) appropriate fee as prescribed in terms of part 187
- m) proof of English Language Proficiency check.

Requirements for the issuing of an Airline Transport Pilot's licence (aeroplane)

- a) be not less than 21 years of age
- b) hold a valid Class 1 medical certificate, issued in terms of Part 67
- c) show evidence of holding or having held, within the previous 60 months, the following –
 - i) a pilot's licence aeroplane issued by the contracting state
 - ii) a South African Air Force pilot's qualification
 - iii) a recreational pilot's licence issued in terms of part 62
- d) hold a valid general radio certificate of proficiency in radiotelephony (aeronautical)
 - i) have passed the appropriate [theoretical knowledge] examination as prescribed in Document SA-CATS-FCL 61
 - ii) have undergone the ATPL skills test; and
 - iii) hold a valid South African instrument rating, or passed a South African instrument rating skills test [as prescribed in Subpart 15]
- e) application form
- f) instrument rating
- g) two recent passport- sized photos (unless such person is a holder of another licence issued by SACAA)

- h) log book summary
- i) appropriate fee as prescribed in terms of part 187
- j) proof of English language proficiency check.

Requirements for the issuing of an Airline Transport Pilot's licence (helicopter)

- a) Be not less than 21 years of age
- b) hold a valid Class 1 medical certificate, issued in terms of Part 67
- c) show evidence of holding or having held, within the previous 60 months, any of the following –
 - i) a pilot's licence (helicopter) issued by a contracting state
 - ii) a South African Air Force pilot's qualification
 - iii) a recreational licence issued in terms of part 62
- d) have acquired the experience referred to in regulation 61.08.2
- e) have successfully completed the appropriate training as prescribed in Document SA-CATS-FCL 61
- f) have passed the appropriate written examination as prescribed in Document SA-CATS-FCL 61
- g) have undergone the ATPL skill test referred to in regulation 61.08.
- h) pass a South African instrument rating skills test if applicable
- i) application form
- j) logbook summary (career summary)
- k) appropriate fee as prescribed in terms of part 187
- l) proof of English language proficiency check.

Requirements for the issuing of a Cabin Crew (Part 64) licence

- a) 18 years or older
- b) application form
- c) proof of written exams
- d) skills test report within 90 days immediately preceding date of application signed by a designated flight examiner
- e) class 1 or 2 medical certificate issued in terms of part 67
- f) two recent passport-sized photos
- g) certified copy of identity document or passport
- h) appropriate fee as prescribed in terms of part 187.

Requirements for the issuing of a Flight Engineer (Part 63) licence

- a) skills test report signed by an examiner or flight engineer instructor
- b) valid class 1 medical
- c) certified proof of identity or passport
- d) passed theoretical exams
- e) proof of the required experience
- f) proof of the successful completion of the appropriate training
- g) valid commercial or higher licence held by the applicant
- h) BSC aeronautical engineering degree held by the applicant
- i) appropriate fee as prescribed in part 187
- j) two recent passport-sized photos.

Requirements for the issuing of an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Part 66) licence

- a) application form
- b) logbook summary
- c) certified copy of ID or passport
- d) two recent passport-sized photos
- e) appropriate fee as prescribed in terms of part 187.