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URGENT NOTICE TO DAMEs

RE: USE OF LOCUM DOCTORS BY DAMEs

It has come to the attention of the AVMED Department of the SACAA that some designated aviation medical examiners (DAMEs) are employing locum doctors in their practises to examine licensed aviation personnel on their behalf.

The AVMED Department of the SACAA cautions any such DAMEs engaging in this practise to take note of the following:

- Only DAMEs are authorised to examine licensed aviation personnel
- If a DAME employs a locum doctor to examine licensed aviation personnel, it is the duty of such DAME to ensure that any such doctor is designated and authorised to perform such examinations
- Senior DAMEs should ensure that any locum doctors employed to perform medical examinations of Class I and Class III applicants, are designated as Senior DAMEs

The Institute for Aviation Medicine will not accept any medical examination forms for aviation medical examinations performed by any persons other than designated AMEs, even if the designated AME employing any such person has countersigned the examination form.

Please note that this notice does not apply to the use of other physicians or para-professionals in performing specialised parts of the aviation medical examination such as Audiometry, ECG, Eye testing etc.

Please contact the AVMED Department of the SACAA on +2711 545 1134/ 1243 should you have any queries regarding the above notice.