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Dear Instructors and Examiners,

Hope everyone is OK and schools well on the way to recovery after the last peculiar year and a half. It would seem there is much demand for flying training now.

Guide Amendments

It has been a while since any amendments to the Guide were done but new ones are on the web site now ready to download.

<https://www.bmaa.org/information-library/pilot-licensing/pilot-licensing---instructors-and-examiners/i-e-guide>.

Do please get them, read them, and update your Guide/s.

A brief summary of some of the amendments:

- PFLs – a rewrite for clarification regarding possible outcomes and, how low is low enough as discussed at the last Instructor Zoom seminar
- Differences Training, not just for the 600 Kg Microlights but also more guidance on the conduct of the training.
- Detailing that the SSR is into a climb
- Adding teaching of incorrectly set trims in aircraft with in-flight adjustable trims
- More guidance for Unusual Attitudes
- A new guidance document for SEP FIs training on Microlights

Instructor Differences Training

The advent of the 600 kgs and the requirement for differences training for the different variants:

It should be self-evident, but instructors must have had differences training themselves on the variant that requires the differences training to be given by them if they do not already have previous experience on that variant.

Best practise for use of the paper VFR charts and use of GPS:

Some of you may have already seen this from the recently issued CAA 'TrainingCom' to instructors, but if not worth a read.

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Extract from CAA TrainingCom Summer 2021 (CAP2237 August 2021)

‘Use of VFR Navigation Chart.

Although Part-NCO does not specify that a paper VFR navigational chart should be used for any intended flight there are situations where electronic devices are not always reliable and therefore, from a threat and error viewpoint, to mitigate the various problems associated with electronic devices, a paper VFR chart should be readily available. It is also essential that examiners and instructors ensure that, during the pre-flight stage of any flight and during local area and navigational flights, a paper VFR Chart must be used to allow traditional planning and route study to take place. The use of electronic devices containing APP’s, such as, Sky Demon, should be used as a backup, or ‘how goes it’ and not used as the primary source of navigation.’

Booking Instructor Tests

A gentle reminder that we, the FIEs, ask for some 2 months’ notice for booking a test, more time if possible.

General housekeeping

One IB to cancel - IB 01-2020 16th March 2020 – ‘Revalidation Prior to Expiry of Instructor Certificate’

The information in this IB regarding the 12 month period was incorrectly given to the Panel by a CAA representative. The information in the Guide is correct and unchanged - If you test within 3 months prior to expiry of your existing certificate then the new certificate will start from the end of the month which includes the expiry date of the existing certificate.

Please cancel this IB if you have downloaded it.

Examiner information

On the web site you will see new section for Examiners:

<https://www.bmaa.org/information-library/pilot-licensing/pilot-licensing--examiner-information>.

This contains some cross over information with the Instructor section but does add specific new information for examiners:

- Notes from the last FE seminar are there and have been amended recently for clarification on the possible outcomes for PFLs on GSTs. I think these notes are useful for Examiners wanting to refresh prior to revalidations, and to those thinking of applying for a FE authority. And, of course, for instructors preparing students for GSTs.
- There is a useful guide in the form of a chart to help with the understanding of the requirements for revalidating the PPL (A) M which seem to cause some difficulties for some.

Booking a revalidation for Examiner Oral Assessments

When an Oral Assessment is completed the FIE conducting the OA cannot revalidate your Examiner Authority only the CAA can, unlike your FI certificate.

As the FE authority contains within it both the R and GR authorities, they too have to be revalidated.

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Only when the BMAA LIAC receives the form BMAA FE/OA showing a pass and has received correctly completed answers to the revalidation questions for the R and GR authorities, can the recommendation be made to the CAA.

Therefore, please make provision for plenty of time for this otherwise you may be left with no valid examiner authority whilst the CAA issue you the new one.

The OA can take place any time before the expiry of the existing authority.

Exam Answer Sheets

There have been incidences recently of examiners giving the ground exam answer sheets to the candidate to send to the BMAA with their Form 102M applications. This means the exam answer sheets could have been photocopied and circulated to other students.

The instructions sent with the new exams asked for answer sheets to be sent to the BMAA with the Licence application for a trial period, but this is **no longer required**.

Ground exam answer sheets must be held by the examiner for a minimum of two years with the student's records. If this is not possible for any reason then the answer sheets can be sent to LIAC with an explanation, for example when an examiner is conducting ground exams with someone not from their school.

FIC Instructors

We are in the process of issuing new FI(R) Course pre entry ground exams. It is expected that work will be starting on a new FI(R) C syllabus soon.

That's all for now, happy landings,

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