



## Instructor and Examiner Bulletin 01-2013

Dear Instructor and Examiner,

### **Microlight FE Authorisations and NPPL/PPL (A) M Renewals**

Good news!

The authorisation certificate for Microlight Flight Examiners used to have a clause that stated:

*2. You are hereby authorised to sign Certificates for Revalidation and Renewal of the ratings specified in 1 (b); providing that in the case of a Renewal the period of lapse does not exceed 5 years.*

The more recent authorisation certificate has a wording change and removes the 5 year limit:

*2. The named person is authorised to sign Certificates of Test, Revalidation and Experience for the ratings specified in 1 (b).*

The CAA has confirmed that the requirement for Microlight Class ratings lapsed by more than five years to be renewed by them has been removed. The Renewal Certificate can now be signed by a Microlight FE.

Guide Section 6.1 part 2.5 has been amended to reflect this change.

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## Section 6.1 MICROLIGHT CLASS RATINGS - REVALIDATION AND RENEWAL

### 1 AIRCRAFT RATING REVALIDATIONS Revalidation by experience.

- 1.1 The normal way of revalidating the privileges of a Microlight Class Rating is by experience. A Certificate of Experience or Revalidation may only be completed and signed if the flying logbook presented to the Examiner indicates that the required flying experience has been achieved.
- 1.2 Experience requirements: There are different minimum flying experience requirements for Microlight Class ratings that are dependent upon the type of licence in which the rating is included and the date that the rating was first issued.
  - 1.2.1 **NPPL MICROLIGHT CLASS RATING HOLDERS.** For all microlight class ratings issued from the 1st of February 2008 and all those included in any NPPL the requirements are that within the 24 month period of validity of a Certificate of Revalidation the holder must have completed:
    - 1) A minimum total of 12 hours flying time
    - 2) Of the 12 hours at least 6 must have been flown within the 12 months preceding the expiry date of the current certificate.
    - 3) Any 8 of the 12 hours must have been flown as Pilot in Command
    - 4) At least 12 take offs and 12 landings
    - 5) At least one hour of flying training in a microlight aircraft conducted by an instructor entitled to give flying training in a microlight aircraft
  - 1.2.1.1 Note: The requirement for 1 hour of flying training does not require that the training be conducted in one flight, nor in the same aircraft, nor with the same instructor. This is a difference to the revalidation requirement for JAR/ EASA PPL system.
  - 1.2.1.2 Note: Flying Instructor Tests can be classed as Flying Training for the purposes of the NPPL revalidation.
  - 1.2.1.3 Note: Where the holder has not completed the required 1 hour of flying training but has completed all other requirements the Certificate may be revalidated but must be endorsed "Single Seat aircraft only". The holder may then only fly single seat aircraft until the endorsement is removed following the completion of the required minimum of 1 hour of flying training.
  - 1.2.1.4 Note: The Single Seat endorsement does not allow the holder to fly two-seat aircraft solo.
  - 1.2.1.5 Note: The Certificate of Revalidation, gained by experience, can only be signed during the period of validity of the current Certificate.
  - 1.2.1.6 Note: Because there is a requirement for at least 6 hours to be flown in the last twelve months of the certificate's validity an examiner cannot revalidate a certificate in the first twelve month period.
  - 1.2.1.7 All the requirements must have been completed within the currency of the existing Certificate.

- 1.2.1.8 The Certificate of Revalidation cannot be signed after the expiry of the previous Certificate, nor can experience gained during the validity of a Certificate that has expired be used to qualify for revalidation by experience, unlike a Certificate of Experience for Microlight Class ratings issued before 1st February 2008, excluding NPPLs.
- 1.2.1.9 If the holder of an expired rating presents his documents to an Examiner for renewal the Examiner cannot complete a renewal by experience, the applicant must renew by test.
- 1.2.1.10 The Certificate of Revalidation has a validity period of 24 months from the expiry date of the existing certificate.
- 1.2.1.11 ADMINISTRATION: The examiner completes a Certificate of Revalidation in the holder's licence.
- 1.2.1.12 To remove the Single Seat Only restriction the Examiner enters the same Rating Revalidation as for the existing Rating omitting the Single Seat Only restriction. The validity date remains the same as for the current rating.
- 1.2.1.13 **HOLDERS OF MORE THAN ONE NPPL CLASS RATING.** The holder of more than one NPPL Aeroplane Class rating may use experience gained in aircraft of all NPPL Classes towards the revalidation by experience of any one Class however the minimum flight time required to revalidate by experience in any particular Class is 1 hour as Pilot in Command or 1 hour of flying training with an instructor in that Class. Details of experience required for multiple rating holders are published in CAP 393 Schedule 7.
- 1.2.2 **MICROLIGHT CLASS RATING HOLDERS.** For Microlight Class ratings issued before 1st February 2008 but EXCLUDING those included in a NPPL the requirements are that within the preceding 13 months and during the validity of an existing Certificate of Experience or Test the holder must have completed at least:
- 1.2.2.1 5 hours experience as Pilot of a microlight, including at least 3 hours as Pilot in Command with up to 2 hours as dual flying instruction as PUT with a qualified flying instructor who has certified that he/she was fit to act as PIC.
- 1.2.2.2 Note: If more than 13 months have elapsed since the aircraft rating was issued or revalidated a Certificate of Experience may be issued provided that sufficient flying experience was gained during the preceding 13 months and it was within the validity period of the previous certificate.
- 1.2.2.3 The Certificate of Experience has a validity period of 13 months from the date that it is signed.
- 1.2.2.4 ADMINISTRATION: The examiner enters and completes a Certificate of Experience in the holder's logbook.
- 1.2.2.5 Microlight Class Rating holders. Holders of Microlight Class ratings issued before 1st February 2008 but EXCLUDING those included in a NPPL may opt to adopt the NPPL revalidation requirements, as detailed in 1.1, as an alternative to the 13 month system detailed in 1.3
- 1.2.3 NPPL SSEA & SLMG CLASS RATINGS - REVALIDATION**
- 1.2.3.1 In certain circumstances Examiners authorised to sign certificates of revalidation for Microlight Class ratings may also sign them for other NPPL Class ratings, the SSEA and SLMG.

- 1.2.3.2 Before taking advantage of this scope of the authority an Examiner must make sure that they fully understand the requirements for all NPPL Class Rating revalidations and any limitations that an Examiner might be subject to. For details refer to The CAA Flight Examiners' Handbook.

## 2 AIRCRAFT RATING RENEWALS / REVALIDATION BY TEST.

- 2.1 Pilots who are unable to revalidate by experience are required to complete an aircraft rating renewal by Test. Ratings revalidated by test have the same validity period as those revalidated by experience.
- 2.2 The Examiner should ensure the pilot's eligibility prior to commencing the GST. The Examiner must ensure that if refresher training was required that it has been completed and endorsed in the pilot's logbook by the relevant flying Instructor.
- 2.3 **ALL MICROLIGHT CLASS RATINGS.** Revalidation by test **within the validity period** of the current certificate.
- Pass the NPPL (M) GST conducted by a Microlight Examiner
- 2.3.1 Validity period. A revalidation by test of a Microlight Class rating issued on or after the 1st February 2008, and in any NPPL, completed during the validity period of a current Certificate is valid from the expiry date of that Certificate.
- 2.3.2 Validity period. A revalidation by test of a Microlight Class rating issued before the 1st February 2008, other than in any NPPL, completed during the validity period of a current Certificate is valid from the date of test.
- 2.4 **ALL MICROLIGHT CLASS RATINGS.** Renewal by test for expired ratings. Where the last **certificate has expired by less than 5 years**, the holder will be required to complete the following:
- Pass the NPPL (M) GST conducted by a Microlight Examiner
- 2.4.1 ADMINISTRATION: For Microlight Class ratings issued before 1st February 2008 other than in any NPPL the Examiner enters a Certificate of Test in the holder's log book.
- 2.4.2 ADMINISTRATION: For all Microlight Class ratings issued from the 1st of February 2008 and all those included in any NPPL the Examiner completes the Certificate of Revalidation in the holder's licence.
- 2.5 **ALL MICROLIGHT CLASS RATINGS.** Renewal by test for expired ratings. Where the last **certificate has expired by 5 years or more**, the holder will be required to complete the following:
- Undergo a course of refresher flying training in a microlight as specified by an instructor qualified to give instruction on a microlight;
  - Pass the NPPL (M) GST conducted by a Microlight Examiner
  - Pass the Aeroplane Technical Part 2 Oral exam conducted by a Microlight Examiner, the exam to include pilot maintenance and conditions of the Permit to Fly

2.5.1 ADMINISTRATION: For Microlight Class ratings issued before 1st February 2008 other than in any NPPL the Examiner enters a Certificate of Test in the holder's log book.

2.5.2 ADMINISTRATION: For all Microlight Class ratings issued from the 1st of February 2008 and all those included in any NPPL the Examiner completes the Certificate of Revalidation in the holder's licence.

## **2.6 Notes**

2.6.1 A licence holder may not exercise the privileges of a rating until the Certificate has been completed.

2.6.2 A renewal of an expired Microlight Class rating by test is valid from the date of test.

## NPPL REVALIDATION BY EXPERIENCE, TESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

