

To All Instructors and Examiners

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Dear All,

COVID-19 Outbreak: Extension of Validity Periods for Microlight Class Ratings, Instructor Ratings/ Certificates and Examiner Authorities – ORS4 1378

Accompanying this IB:

1. BMAA guidance for NPPL (A) M extensions, Instructor Certificate extensions and Examiner Authority extensions
2. ORS4 1378.

I hope the guidance is self-explanatory, if not get in touch with a Panel member or Geoff.

The purpose of the 'refresher briefing' is to brief to ensure lack of currency issues are addressed, not test. However, every individual applying for an extension is just that, individual. Some briefings may be quite concise and short some may need to be developed further on discussion.

In order to extend the rating/ certificate the certifier will need sight of the original document. Not the logbook as no hours are required for the extension as it is not a revalidation or renewal.

Keep a record of all extensions you are signing.

Do note that only a FI can extend the class ratings, not a FI(R). Similarly, a R or GR Examiner cannot extend a class rating unless they themselves are a FI. I know there are some out there who are not FIs.

Written Exams - Extension

Geoff now has agreement for an extension to the written exams:

'The CAA also extends the validity period of examinations completed that were due to expire between **19 March 2020 and 18 September 2020**, until 18 March 2021, applicants are to annotate their application with '**COVID-19 delay**'.

Exceedingly difficult times, extraordinary how perfect the weather has been since we all became flightless, I know we are all suffering... but more important to keep well and safe to fly when we finally can.

All the best

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