

PEL Notice No. 48

Reissuance of FAA Pilot Certificates due to EU Pilot Licences Numbering Change



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This notice is intended to inform pilots who were issued an FAA pilot certificate on the basis of a Malta pilot licence of the administrative process for the reissuance of FAA pilot certificates.

Administrative Process for the Reissuance of FAA Pilot Certificates

Background

New European Commission flight crew licensing regulations (Commission Regulation EU 1178/2011) prescribe a licence format for all European Union Member States to follow. As a result of this format change, pilots' licence numbers in Malta licences have changed. The renumbered licences will render FAA pilot certificates that were issued on the basis of a foreign licence (14 CFR Part 61.75) invalid since the FAA certificates were originally issued on the basis of their existing or current European pilot licence number.

Under current standard procedures, pilots who wish to have their FAA certificates reissued are required to travel to an FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) in the United States to comply with the FAA requirement for verifiable identification of each certificate holder or applicant. Recognizing the difficulties that this will present to European pilots, the FAA's Flight Standards Service has decided to grant a deviation from its standard reissuance practice.

Limitations

- This process is only applicable to European pilots who reside outside the United States and who currently hold FAA pilot certificates based on pilot licences issued by EASA Member States.
- This process is limited to licence number changes; and does not apply to other changes to an FAA pilot certificate, such as a change in ratings. For such other changes, the pilot will be required to comply with current standard FAA processes for reissuance of a pilot certificate.
- This process is applicable from 8 April 2013 through 8 October 2018.

This procedure will not apply to suspended, revoked or expired Malta licences.

Actions for Pilots

Pilots who had their FAA certificate issued on the basis of a Malta licence and who wish to have their FAA certificate reissued according to this process need to apply to Transport Malta, Civil Aviation Directorate, Personnel Licensing Section to send the information below to the FAA.

Applicants have to submit the following documents/information to Transport Malta:

- Original FAA validated certificate
- Pilot's current mailing address
- Original Malta ID Card or Original Identification Document which must include an official photograph of the applicant, the applicant's signature, and the applicant's residential address, if different from the mailing address.
- Malta pilot licence

Transport Malta, Civil Aviation Directorate has to ensure the positive identification of the pilots and to verify that the pilots hold valid Part-FCL pilot licences.

To document that these requirements have been met, Transport Malta, Civil Aviation Directorate will send the following information to the FAA:

1. Pilot's full name
2. Malta licence numbers (both the former number AND the new Part-FCL licence number)
3. FAA validated certificate number
4. Pilot's current mailing address (Note: this is critical because the FAA will mail the new FAA pilot certificate - with the updated Part-FCL licence number - directly to the pilot)
5. A statement that the current Part-FCL pilot licence is valid and is not suspended, revoked, or expired.
6. A statement affirming that positive identification of the pilot was obtained. Such identification must include an official photograph of the applicant, the applicant's signature, and the applicant's residential address, if different from the mailing address. This information may be presented in more than one form of identification.

For further information on this process you may contact:

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