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MALTA PART-FCL ATPL (A) THEORETICAL EXAMS

EXAMINATION PROCEDURE

Subjects

An applicant for the ATPL(A) theoretical knowledge examinations shall be examined in the following 14 subjects:

Subject	Time (minutes)	Number of Questions
010 Air Law	60	44
021 Aircraft General Knowledge - Airframe/ Systems/ Power plant	120	80
022 Aircraft General Knowledge - Instrumentation	90	60
031 Mass and Balance	60	25
032 Performance	60	35
033 Flight Planning and Monitoring	120	43
040 Human Performance	60	48
050 Meteorology	120	84
061 General Navigation	120	60
062 Radio Navigation	90	66
070 Operational Procedures	75	45
081 Principle of Flight	60	44
091 VFR Communications	30	24
092 IFR Communications	30	24

Frequency

TM CAD will conduct the Part-FCL ATPL theory exams normally every three months. ATO/s will be provided with examination timetable and venue details. The time table will be published in advance on the TM-CAD website.

Application Forms

Applications for theoretical examinations shall be made on Application Form Number TM/CAD/0174 which can be downloaded from the Transport Malta website www.transport.gov.mt > Aviation > Personnel Licensing > Flight Crew Licensing > Application FCL – Aircrew Regulation

Application forms must be received at least **21** days before the start of the examination session together with the payment. The recommendation from the ATO,

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where required, must be received at least **7** days before the start of the examination session.

ATO recommendation

An applicant shall be recommended for an examination by the Approved Training Organisation responsible for the applicant's training when the applicant has completed the appropriate elements of the course of theoretical knowledge instruction to a satisfactory standard. The recommendation of the ATO shall be valid for 12 months. If the applicant has failed to attempt at least one theoretical knowledge examination within this period of validity, the need for further training shall be determined by the ATO, based on the needs of the applicant.

Language

The examination will be provided in the English language. Candidates will be allowed to use a dictionary.

Content

The theoretical examination questions are all multiple choice with no penalty marking.

Oral Examinations

Oral examinations will not be conducted in lieu of written or computer based examinations.

Examination Material

All charts, maps and data sheets will be provided with the exam paper. Candidates must bring their own scientific, non-programmable, non-alphanumeric calculator without specific aviation functions, mechanical navigation slide-rule (CRP), protractor, divider, ruler, pen, pencil, highlighter pen, and if they wish a translation dictionary.

Security

Candidates will not be allowed to take the examination unless they present a Malta or State of Nationality ID Card with photo or a passport. The photo ID must be placed on the desk and will be checked by the invigilator.

Misconduct

If TM CAD considers that the applicant is not complying with examination procedures during the examination, this misconduct will be considered with a view to failing the applicant, either in the examination of a single subject or in the examination as a

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whole. In addition the applicant may be banned from taking theoretical examinations for a period decided by the TM CAD.

Pass Standards

- a) A Pass in an examination paper will be awarded to an applicant achieving at least 75% of the marks allocated to that paper. There is no penalty marking.
- b) An applicant will be deemed to have successfully completed the required theoretical knowledge when awarded a pass in all of the required subjects within a period of 18 months counted from the end of the calendar month when the applicant first attempted an examination.
- c) An applicant shall re-enter the complete examination as though for an initial attempt if he has failed to pass any single examination paper within four attempts, or has failed to pass all papers within either six sittings or the period mentioned in paragraph (b) above. Before re-taking the examinations, the applicant shall undertake further training at an ATO. The extent and the scope of the training needed shall be determined by the training organisation, based on the needs of the applicant.

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CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION

Candidates must ensure that they are available for the examination 15 minutes before the start time. **If the candidate arrives 15 minutes after the commencement of the examination without valid reason, he/she shall be prohibited to take the examination. The examination finish time will remain the same as published.**

Mobile phones and any other communication or recording equipment must be switched off and placed away from your person. Any attempt to communicate with anyone outside the examination room or record an examination question will be very severely dealt with and may lead to immediate disqualification and you may lose any passes already achieved.

Bags and coats are to be placed at the front or rear of the room or a separate area if provided. All headgear must be removed and placed on the floor.

The only items that are to be placed on the desk are the mandatory items i.e. Exam Question Paper, Answer Sheet, Annexes to the exam questions, calculator, CRP, ruler, dividers, writing material.

All other items including pencil cases and CRP cases must be placed on the floor.

Check that the details are correct on the cover sheet. Make sure that the paper number on the cover sheet corresponds to the paper number on your question papers. If not make the necessary corrections and inform the invigilator. The cover sheet must stay on the desk at all times.

Check the examination paper and the appendices. Once you are satisfied that they are correct sign and date the cover sheet and write your details on the answer sheet. Do not make any other marks on the question paper or the answer sheet apart from your answers.

Any writing before the start of the examination, other than the details on the cover sheet and the answer sheet will not be tolerated.

Start time and finish time will be taken from the clock in the examination room.

Workings must be done on the rough working paper provided. No other paper can be used except the rough working paper and the answer sheet.

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Pencils must be put down immediately when time is called, otherwise disciplinary action may be taken.

No extra time will be given for the candidates to write comments. Any comments must be written during the exam time.

If you wish to speak to the invigilator raise your hand. Silence must be observed at all times.

At the end of the examination remain seated until all the paperwork is collected. If you finish the examination early please raise your hand and remain seated until all your paperwork is collected and checked, then if permitted by the invigilator leave the room quietly. Candidates may only leave the room if permitted by the invigilator. All the question papers and the appendixes must be handed in to the invigilator. **Write your name, paper number and date and sign all the papers and appendixes where you have done your working.** All your papers will be placed in an envelope and sealed. Make sure you have returned all the papers and appendixes.

Any attempt to take a question paper or an appendix or text written during the examination out of the examination room will be very severely dealt with and may lead to immediate disqualification and you may lose any passes already achieved.

In accordance with ARA.FCL.300(e) and ARA.FCL.300(f) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 of 3 November 2011 as amended, any violation of examination regulations may result in the candidate being disqualified in any subject that has been taken and barred from further participation in future examinations for a period of at least 12 months.

In accordance with the provision of ARA.GEN.355(e) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 of 3 November 2011 as amended, the Civil Aviation Directorate may inform other national authorities that the candidate is banned from the examinations.

The examination room will be locked during the lunch breaks. Personal items left anywhere remain your own responsibility.

Personnel Licensing Section

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