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Malta Civil Airworthiness Requirements

1. Introduction

The scope of this IAN is to inform the relevant stakeholders of the issue of a new version of the Malta Civil Airworthiness Requirements. This new revision is document reference **MCAR/08/25 Amendment 8 dated 10 October 2025**. This Amendment 8 is being issued as a re-styled re-edition of Amendment 7 with no changes in content.

2. Applicability

The MCARs are only applicable to aircraft and aircraft operations which fall under the Air Navigation Act (ANA) but do **not** fall under the EASA Basic Regulation since they are either Annex I aircraft (non-EASA aircraft), opt-outs or their operation does **not** fall under the scope of the EASA Basic Regulation.

The technical requirements of this revision of the MCARs which covers aircraft certification, continuing airworthiness and aircraft maintenance also include safety management requirements for continuing airworthiness management organisations and maintenance for those organisations managing and maintaining aircraft with a National Certificate of Airworthiness under the provisions of the ANA and MCARs.

It is recognised that the issue of National Certificate of Airworthiness, Maintenance Organisation and Continuing Airworthiness Management Organisations has been rare, if not unique, however it is important that the Technical Requirements are in place if and when required.

The MCARs also cover the technical requirements for those manned aircraft that do not qualify for a National Certificate of Airworthiness but require a National Permit to Fly issued by TM CAD. These aircraft are normally historic aircraft, microlight aircraft and 'opted out' aircraft. This revision does not introduce any major changes in the procedures and practices related to the issue of a Permit to Fly. It introduces provisions for airworthiness reviews/ inspections for renewal of the Permit to Fly to be carried out by delegated authorised personnel.

3. Information

The Malta Civil Airworthiness Requirements are accessible on the Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate website <https://www.transport.gov.mt/Aviation/Regulation-Policy/MCAR-s-699>

More detailed information may be obtained from the TM CAD Airworthiness Inspectorate.

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