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Guidance to Flight Instructors

Recording of flight time.

Applicable to:

1. FIs(A) & (H) of single-pilot, single and multi-engine aeroplanes or helicopters.
2. Restricted FIs(A) & (H) of single-pilot, single and multi-engine aeroplanes or helicopters.

Background

The intention of this notice is to:

- Differentiate between FIs(A) & (H) conducting flight instruction or trial flights and when acting as a “Safety Pilot” in accordance with an ATO safety policy when an aircraft is leased by a licenced pilot.
- Provide guidance as to the correct manner of recording of flight hours by flight instructors when carrying out flight instruction, trial flights or when acting as a “Safety Pilot” in accordance with an ATO safety policy when an aircraft is leased by a licenced pilot.

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Regulation References

FCL.050 Recording of flight time

The pilot shall keep a reliable record of the details of all flights flown in a form and manner established by the competent authority.

FCL.060 Recent experience

A pilot shall not operate an aircraft in commercial air transport or to carry passengers:

- (1) as PIC or co-pilot unless he/she has carried out, in the preceding 90 days, at least 3 take-offs, approaches and landings in an aircraft of the same type or class representing that type or class.

AMC.1 FCL.060(b)(1)

When a pilot needs to carry out one or more flights with an instructor or an examiner to comply with the requirement of FCL.060(b)(1)(above) before the pilot can carry passengers, the instructor or examiner on board those flights will not be considered as a passenger.

Clarification:

- The examiner or instructor may act in his capacity when required to meet AMC.1 FCL.060(b)(1)

FCL.740.A Revalidation of class and type ratings – aeroplanes

For the revalidation of single-pilot single-engine piston aeroplane class ratings or TMG class ratings, the applicants shall:

- (i) within the 3 months preceding the expiry date of the rating, pass a proficiency check in the relevant class in accordance with Appendix 9 to this Part with an examiner; or
- (ii) within the 12 months preceding the expiry date of the rating, complete 12 hours of flight time in the relevant class, including:
 - 6 hours as PIC,
 - 12 take-offs,
 - 12 landings, and

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- refresher training of at least 1 hour of total flight time with a flight instructor (FI) or a class rating instructor (CRI). Applicants shall be exempted from this refresher training if they have passed a class or type rating proficiency check, skill test or assessment of competence in any other class or type of aeroplane.

Note:

Both (i) and (ii) above must be clearly marked in both the Pilot's and Examiner's/Instructor's logbook.

Clarification:

- Instructors who record in the Logbook that they are conducting "recency checks" when carrying out "Safety Pilot" flights with LAPL or PPL holders in accordance with ATO safety policy are incorrect.
- Such flights are not considered as "Checks".
- Restricted FIs conduct instructional flights, as stated in (ii) above, need to be supervised.

Trial Flights

Trial flights are introductory flights by an ATO which are intended to introduce a training flight to persons who may be interested to undergo a PPL or LAPL course.

Trial flights shall be conducted by a flight instructor. PEL Notice 40 defines what can be done during these flights.

- Trial flights are NOT sightseeing flights.
- An operator AOC approval is required for sightseeing flights.

Flight Instructors acting as a "Safety Pilot" flying with a licenced pilot

"Safety Pilot" is not defined in Regulation (EU) 1178/2011.

Clarification:

ATOs lease out single-pilot SEP and MEP aircraft to pilots holding a license with valid

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relevant class ratings.

There is nothing contrary to an ATO's safety policy requiring the hiring pilot being accompanied by a Flight Instructor for safety reasons. However, the Flight Instructor shall not record the flight in his/her Logbook. The FI(A) or (H) on such flights is considered as a passenger unless she/he is to take over the aircraft controls for safety reasons. Under such circumstances, the pilot leasing the aircraft becomes a pilot under instruction, whilst the FI(A) & (H) becomes the Pilot-in-Command.

FCL.740.H Revalidation of class and type ratings – helicopters

(a) Revalidation. For revalidation of type ratings for helicopters, the applicant shall:

(3) When applicants hold more than 1 type rating for single-engine piston helicopters, they may achieve revalidation of all the relevant type ratings by completing the proficiency check in only 1 of the relevant types held, provided that they have completed at least 2 hours of flight time as PIC on the other types during the validity period.

Note:

When meeting (a)(3) above, the flight must be clearly marked in both the Pilot's and Examiner's/Instructor's logbook.

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Guidance: Record keeping and how to log flight time in Personal Logbook

FI(A) & (H) when instructing: License or Ratings - *Renewals and Revalidations*

Student

Name	Pilot in Command	Dual	Remarks section
Student	No entry	Yes	Exercise/s and instructor signature

FI(A) & (H)

Name	Pilot in Command	Dual	Remarks section
Self	Yes	No entry	Student and exercise/s

FI(A) & (H) – Proficiency check

Pilot

Name	Pilot in Command	Dual	Remarks section
Student	Yes	No entry	Revalidation check flight and examiner signature

FI(A) & (H)

Name	Pilot in Command	Dual	Remarks section
Student	Yes	No entry	Revalidation check flight

Trial Flight

Passenger

1. Refer to PEL Notice 40 Trial Flights
2. No Logbook entries.
3. Record must be kept by the ATO.

FI(A) & (H)

Name	Pilot in Command	Dual	Remarks section
Instructor	Yes	No entry	Trial Flight/Name of passenger/s

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Flying as “Safety Pilot” as per ATO safety policy

Pilot-in-Command

Name	Pilot in Command	Dual	Remarks section
Pilot name	Yes	No entry	Normal remarks

FI(A) & (H)

Name	Pilot in Command	Dual	Remarks section
Instructor	No entry	No entry	No entry

Guidance Material

EU Regulation 1178/2011 – Part FCL
Part.FCL.Subpart J – Instructors
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