

Section F

Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)

1. Requirements for issue of Licence— An applicant for a Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall satisfy the following requirements namely :-

(a) Age— He shall not be less than seventeen years of age on the date of application.

(b) Educational Qualification— He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent examination from a recognised Board.

(c) Medical Fitness— He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.

(d) Knowledge— He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engine as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General;

Provided that an applicant in possession of a valid Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) or a Commercial/Senior Commercial/Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) shall pass an examination only in Aircraft and Engines.

(e) Experience— He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a Pilot of a helicopter not less than forty hours of flight time, which shall include—

(i) not less than fifteen hours of solo flight time of which not less than ten hours shall have been completed within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application.

(ii) not less than five hours of cross-country flight time as the sole occupant of helicopter or helicopters including a flight of not less than one hundred nautical miles in the course of which full stop landings at two different points shall have been made. This flight time may be included in the flight time required under sub-clause (i).

Provided that a person who has satisfactorily completed not less than three hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of an aeroplane shall be required to complete on a helicopter not less than twenty hours of total flight time, dual and solo, which shall include not less than ten hours of solo flight time

completed within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for a licence.

(f) Flying Training— He shall have completed flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.

(g) Skill— He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of an Examiner, on the type of helicopter to which the application for the licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

2. Validity— The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue or renewal of the licence. The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C subject to the compliance with the renewal requirements as stipulated in para 3 hereinafter.

3. Renewal— The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant

(a) having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c); and

(b) having satisfactorily completed not less than five hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of a helicopter within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal or in lieu thereof; having satisfactorily completed the flight test as laid down in para 1(g) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

4. Ratings— (a) Aircraft Rating :

(i) The licence shall indicate the class and the types of helicopter the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all single piston engine type of helicopters having an all-up-weight not exceeding one thousand five hundred Kgs. may also be granted if he has completed not less than two hundred and fifty hours as Pilot-in-command and has at least four different types of helicopters entered in the aircraft rating of his licence :

Provided that the privileges of the open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone a ground and flight familiarisation with a Flight Instructor or an approved Examiner for the type of helicopter. A certificate to this effect shall be recorded by the Examiner/Flight Instructor in the Pilot's Log Book before the pilot is released to exercise the privileges of the open rating.

(b) Night Rating— Night Rating entitles the holder to carry passengers at night. Conditions for the issue of this rating are as follows :—

(i) he must have completed not less than 50 hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of a helicopter and as sole manipulator of the controls, including not less than ten take-offs and ten landing patterns by night within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application; and

(ii) he must have completed not less than five hours of dual instructions in night flying.

(c) Instrument Rating— Instrument rating entitles the holder to fly under the Instrument Flight Rules. The standard of medical fitness and conditions for issue of this rating are laid down in Section P

5. Extension of Aircraft Rating— For extension of Aircraft Rating, to include an additional type of helicopter, an applicant shall be required to produce evidence of —

(a) having passed written examination in Aircraft and Engines as laid down in para 1(d);

(b) having undergone adequate dual instructions and acquired sufficient solo flying experience to gain competency on the type; and

(c) having satisfactorily completed the flying test as laid down in para 1(g) on the type within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for extension of Aircraft Rating ;

6. Privileges— Subject to the validity of endorsement and ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of rules 39B, 39C and 42, the privileges of the holder of a Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall be to act, but not for remuneration, as Pilot-in-Command or as a Co-Pilot of any helicopter which is entered in the Aircraft Rating of his licence and carry passengers therein :

Provided that :—

(a) no flight shall be undertaken for hire or remuneration of any kind, what-so-ever;

(b) the passengers are carried by night only when the holder of licence is in possession of a valid night rating and has carried out not less than five take-offs and five landings patterns by night as Pilot-in-Command within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of intended flight; and

(c) no flight shall be undertaken under the Instrument Flight Rules without being in possession of a valid Instrument Rating.