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SUBJECT:

AIR CREW LICENSING CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS

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REASON:

Following several enquiries received from the industry with regard to licensing requirements, the GCAA licensing department would like to appraise the UAE aviation communities of the current progress and status of licensing projects

This Information Bulleting is issued to:

a) Inform UAE AOC/POC Holders of the establishment of Air Crew Licensing Committee;
b) Inform UAE AOC/POC Holders about the recent changes made to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for all services related to individual Licenses;
c) Inform UAE AOC/POC Holders about the importance of accurate data entry when applying to the GCAA services ;
d) Inform UAE AOC/POC Holders about the list adopted by the GCAA for type rating endorsement for aircrews;
e) Inform UAE AOC/POC Holders about the future combination of CMC issuance with initial flight crew licence;
f) Inform UAE AOC/POC Holders about conversion of “frozen” ATPL” requirement; and
g) Inform UAE AOC/POC Holders about future launching of automatically issued temporary licence.

INFORMATION TOPICS:

Information Topic 1:

GCAA Licensing Department will recommence an Aircrew Licensing technical committee to address activities in relation to Aircrew licensing, excluding medical issues. Next meeting is planned in 1st Quarter of 2019, all AOC/POC Holders are required to submit details of the person(s) representing their organization to aircrewlicensing@gcaa.gov.ae by 1st January 2019.

Information Topic 2:

Since 1st May 2018, GCAA licensing department has reduced all Service Level Agreement (SLA) time by 50% and expects further reduction in due time. All Aircrew licensing applications have the following processing time:

a) Normal track applications 10 days instead of 20 days
b) Fast track applications 05 days instead of 10 days

All AOC/POC Holders are reminded that these processing times start from the time applications are submitted correctly and accepted by GCAA license department for further processing. If an application does not comply with the applicable requirements the SLA time will be reset with new processing time.

Information Topic 3:

All applicants and UAE AOC/POC Holders are reminded to submit accurate information to the GCAA by verifying all data before submitting their application to the GCAA, the GCAA would like to remind applicants that licences are printed exclusively based on the information entered by applicants. Even though the system belongs to the GCAA, and for obvious reasons of data integrity, the Aircrew licensing system has been designed in a manner to prohibit alteration of information or data related to the licence by the GCAA. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each applicant to verify the accuracy of information automatically populated by the system. If an applicant seeks change to the same information and data then the applicant must contact the GCAA aircrewlicensing@gcaa.gov.ae for appropriate course of action.

Information Topic 4:

The GCAA is currently working on developing its own type rating and license endorsement. Until that time the GCAA will be using EASA type rating list for license endorsement. UAE AOC/POC Holders are required to be familiar with the EASA list before planning to introduce new aircraft type or operations.

Information Topic 5:

Effective 1st January 2019, initial issuance of CMC will be possible through the application for a license. The CMC may be requested as optional. Renewal of CMC is possible through a dedicate service on the GCAA website.

Information Topic 6:

A frozen ATPL is a generic name for the ATPL integrated course which results in the issue of a CPL and IR on ME Land aircraft (SPA). When the GCAA converts a foreign licence whose holder has undergone a frozen ATPL integrated course, the GCAA will issue him/her a CPL(IR) licence without considering previous examinations credits he/she had for any future application. This policy is based on the recognition of foreign licence issued by an ICAO Member State but it is not a recognition of the training course and examination systems from the foreign State itself. The GCAA understand the need to come up with

pragmatic approach to support the UAE industry and has established a working group to propose a solution by 1st Quarter of 2019.

Information Topic 7:

Effective 1st January 2019, the GCAA will start automatically issuing temporary license for aircrews which coincide with the GCAA paperless project. It is a step forward in the enhancement of service delivery and to meet customer need. The following conditions should be observed:

a) The temporary automated license will be sent to the individual applicant and its operator by email;
b) Upon receipt, the holder may start exercising the privileges of his/her licence without waiting for the printing of hard copy licence;
c) The validity period of the temporary automated license will be for 15 calendar days. This period will allow the applicant to collect the hard copy licence;
d) The applicant and operator must ensure that correct email addresses is available in the GCAA e-Services.

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