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**Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act, 2021**  
**Civil Aviation Act, 2021**  
**Civil Aviation Regulations, (CARs) 2021**  
**Civil Aviation (General) Regulations, 2017 (CAGR 2017)**

### **Continued Extension of Validity Periods for Licences, Ratings and Certificates**

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1. In response to the exceptional circumstances that continue to be caused to civil air transport operations by the Covid-19 outbreak and in line with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) recommended operational measures to ensure safe operations during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas ('the CAA-B'), on behalf of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and pursuant to section 18 of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act, 2021 and previously pursuant to the Civil Aviation (General) Regulations, 2017 (CAGR 2017), now exempts all aircraft owners and operators, aircrew, air traffic controllers, instructors, examiners, aviation maintenance and training licence and certificate holders, for whom the CAA-B is the Competent Authority, wherever normal revalidation facilities are not available, from the requirements detailed in the GENERAL EXEMPTION EXTENSION – COVID-19 issued on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (subject to the conditions set out in 2.2 of GENERAL EXEMPTION – COVID-19 issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020) until the **31<sup>st</sup> May 2021** unless previously revoked.

### **No further extension of Validity Periods for medical certificates**

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2. It is hereby confirmed that the exemption from the standard validity periods for ALL medical certificates expired on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

### **New expiration date for General Exemptions**

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3. The general exemptions issued on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 will now have effect until the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, unless previously revoked.

## Targeted Exemptions (TE) System

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4. Following ICAO CART Recommendation 12, the CAA-B is presently reviewing ICAO's Targeted Exemptions (TE) system which ICAO implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, and which the CAA-B intends to implement as alternative to the continued granting of general exemptions to service providers and personnel to maintain the validity of their certificates, licenses, and other approvals during the Covid-19 pandemic. The CAA-B intends to implement the Targeted Exemptions (TE) system in part in May 2021.



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### Notes:

1. The CAA-B is aware that operators and individual licence holders may continue to have difficulties in completing training and checking during the period of the Covid-19 pandemic and issues this exemption in line with guidance from ICAO, IATA and templates devised and provided by other Member States.
2. Any questions or queries regarding the application of this exemption should be made, in the first instance, to the relevant POI, Medical Examiner or Air Traffic Regional Office. Alternatively, contact the CAA-B for general queries or for licensing or medical specific queries at [tamikojohnson@bcaabahamas.com](mailto:tamikojohnson@bcaabahamas.com)
3. Exemptions will be kept under constant review by the CAA-B who will react as required as the circumstances in regard to Covid-19 change.
4. Recording of extension of privileges:
  - a) Licence holders: Recording the extension of the validity period of the rating privileges for licence holders is to be inserted on the Certificate of Revalidation page of the licence, the Rating Certificate Endorsement to show the relevant endorsement as would normally be entered. At the Date of Rating Test and/or Date of IR Test as applicable, enter "CAA-B Covid-19", at 'Valid' enter the new expiry date as permitted by this exemption, the Examiner's Certificate Number and Examiner's Certificate and signed entries will be completed as normal.
  - b) Examiner certificate holders: Recording the extension of the validity period of privileges for examiner certificate holders, the authorised person is to enter on the Examiner's Certificate 'Extended to DD/MM/YYYY as permitted by "CAA-B Covid-19" stating their Examiner's Certificate Number and signed.
  - c) Operators: Organisations using this exemption for their licence holders are to provide a spreadsheet monthly to the CAA-B via [donald.barrett@bcaabahamas.com](mailto:donald.barrett@bcaabahamas.com) detailing the revalidations.
  - d) To demonstrate compliance with the Civil Aviation Regulations 2021 all Aircrew and ATC's should carry their medical certificate and a copy of the exemption notice as part of their licence.
  - e) Every individual, operator or organization that takes advantage of this general exemption must notify the CAA-B, for recording purposes, indicating the type of exemption, the individual, operator or organization affected for recording purposes.