

2.9 AERONAUTICAL STATION OPERATOR PERSONNEL

2.9.1 APPLICABILITY

(a) This section prescribes the requirements for the issue, renewal or re-issue of an aeronautical station operator licence.

2.9.2 GENERAL

(a) An applicant shall, before being issued with an aeronautical station operator licence, meet such requirements in respect of age, knowledge, experience, skill, medical fitness and language proficiency as are specified for that licence.

(b) An applicant shall for renewal or re-issue of a licence, rating or authorisation meet the requirements as are specified for that licence.

2.9.3 AERONAUTICAL STATION OPERATOR LICENCE

(a) Age. The applicant for an aeronautical station operator licence shall be not less than 18 years of age.

(b) Knowledge. The applicant for an aeronautical station operator licence shall receive and log ground training from an authorised instructor on the following subjects appropriate to the privileges of an aeronautical station operator:

(1) General Knowledge. Air traffic services provided within Nigeria.

(2) Operational Procedures. Radiotelephony procedures; phraseology; telecommunication network.

(3) Rules and regulations. Rules and regulations applicable to the aeronautical station operator.

(4) Telecommunication equipment. Principles, use and limitations of telecommunication equipment in an aeronautical station.

(c) Knowledge testing. An applicant for an aeronautical station operator licence shall—

(1) Have received an endorsement for the knowledge test from an authorised instructor who:

(i) Conducted the training on the knowledge areas; and

(ii) Certifies that the person is prepared for the required knowledge test.

(2) Pass the required knowledge test.

(d) Experience. The applicant for an aeronautical station operator licence shall have:

(1) Satisfactorily completed an approved training course within the 12-month period immediately preceding application, and have served satisfactorily under a qualified aeronautical station operator for not less than 2 months; or

(2) Satisfactorily served under a qualified aeronautical station operator for not less than 6 months during the 12-month period immediately preceding application.

(e) Skill. The applicant for an aeronautical station operator licence shall demonstrate, or have demonstrated, competency in:

(1) Operating the telecommunication equipment in use; and

(2) Transmitting and receiving radiotelephony messages with efficiency and accuracy.

(f) Privileges and limitations. Subject to compliance with the requirements specified in this Part:

(1) The privileges of the holder of an aeronautical station operator licence shall be to act as an operator in an aeronautical station.

(2) Before exercising the privileges of the licence, the holder shall be familiar with all pertinent and current information regarding the types of equipment and operating procedures used at that aeronautical station.

(3) The aeronautical station operator licence does not qualify the holder to provide Aerodrome Flight Information Service

(g) Validity: The validity period of the licence is 5 years. A licence shall become invalid when an aeronautical station operator has ceased to exercise the privileges of the licence for a period of 6 months. A licence shall remain invalid until the aeronautical station operator's ability to exercise the privileges of the licence has been re-established.

(h) Renewal. An aeronautical station operator licence that has not expired may be renewed every 5 years if the holder presents to the Authority evidence that he/she has within the past 6 months preceding the expiry date —

- (1) Be actively engaged in the duties of an aeronautical station operator; or
- (2) Received refresher training acceptable to the Authority.

(i) Reissue. If the Aeronautical Station Operator licence has expired, the applicant shall have received refresher training acceptable to the Authority.