EXEMPTION DOCUMENT

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

NGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

This exemption is granted by virtue of the powers conferred on the Authority by the Civil Aviation Act 2006 and Nigeria Civil Aviation Regulations Part1.4

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Nig. CARS Part 2.11.1.8.(C) (4) The period of validity of a Medical Assessment may be extended, at the discretion of the Authority, up to 45 days.

Note.—It is advisable to let the calendar day on which the Medical Assessment expires remain constant year after year by allowing the expiry date of the current Medical Assessment to be the beginning of the new validity period under the proviso that the medical examination takes place during the period of validity of the current Medical Assessment but no more than 45 days before it expires.

2.11.1.8 (C) (1) (2) (c)

Validity:

(1) The validity period of the medical certificate shall be:

(i) 12 months for the Class 1 for the CPL, MPL and ATPL licences.

(ii) 12 months for the Class 2 for the FE licences.

(iii) 60 months for the Class 2 for the PPL licences.

(iv) 24 months for the Class 2 for the Cabin Crew licences.

(v) 24 months for the Class 2 for the SPA.

(vi) 48 months for the Class 3 for the air traffic controller licence.

(2) The period of validity of a Medical Assessment may be extended, at the discretion of the Authority, up to 45 days.

(3) For initial issuance of the medical certificate, the period of validity shall begin on the date the medical examination is performed. The period of validity shall for the last month counted, include the day that has the same calendar number as the date of the medical examination or, if that month has no day with that number, the last day of that month.

2.11.1.8 (C) (2) (ii)

(b) The 12-month interval specified for the CPL and ATPL who are carrying passengers in single-pilot operations shall be reduced to 6 months.

2.11.1.8 (C) (2)

(iii) When holders have passed their 60th birthday: (a) The 12-month interval specified for the CPL, MPL, and ATPL who are engaged in commercial air transport operations shall be reduced to 6 months.
### Entity(ies) to whom Exemption applies
- Holders of the following classes of medical certificates:
  - Class 1 Medical certificate - ATPL, MPL and CPL
  - Class 2 Medical Certificate – FE, PPL, SPA and CC
  - Class 3 Medical Certificate - ATCO
- Certificates, which were valid at the point of time as determined by the NCAA, defined in the published alleviation measure.

### Purpose of Exemption/Exemption
The COVID-19 second wave in the country has affected the smooth operation of the Aeromedical Standards Department of the Authority leading to a disruption in the timely evaluation of the Medical reports of Aircrew and ATCOs and also the issuance/ renewal of their Medical Certificates by the Authority.

Also, holders of Medical certificates who are required to undergo a recurrent medical examination to revalidate their Medical certificates to continue to exercise their licence or certificate privileges on behalf of their operator are not able to timely reach or gain access to an Authorised Aviation Medical Examiner (AAME) to complete the necessary medical examination.

Due to requirements of AAMEs to provide clinical care to COVID-19 patients, implementation of social distancing practices, closure of workspaces and implementation of other preventive measures we are unable to ensure that AAMEs are available to conduct medical examinations. Also affected aviation professionals are unable to travel to medical facilities for a medical examination as mentioned above.

*The Validity of the exemption on all Holders of Nigerian Aircrew and ATCO Medical Certificates which was earlier issued on 1st April 2020 to expire on 31st December 2020 is hereby extended to 31st January 2021.*
**Conditions and Limitation of the Exemption**

- Operational limitations due to medical factors have been considered as part of the risk assessment when decisions are made regarding the extension of medical assessment.

- Continued provision of intercurrent medical reports in cases where reports are required by NCAA.

- A copy of this Exemption Document should be carried along with the applicable licence as no licence endorsement would be made by the NCAA.

During this period (and possibly beyond), there will be medical certificate holders who need to provide reports (e.g. annual cardiology review for coronary artery disease, Six-monthly and annual diabetic follow-up reports, HIV Six-monthly and annual reports, annual psychiatry report, annual ophthalmologist report etc) to their AAME and/or the NCAA in the normal way but preferably by email to maintain their certificatory status. These actions should continue, and medical certificate holders should ensure they provide the reports as required in a timely manner. Medical Certificate holders are advised to carry out these required medical reviews and tests early to avoid subsequent difficulties.

Where medical certificate holders experience difficulties with their private doctors or consultant specialists, their AAME may be able to advise them of alternative providers, doctors or specialists who can provide them with the clinical reports and/or tests.

In situations where a medical certificate holder has difficulties that cannot be easily overcome, they are to contact the Authority to discuss on the possibility of extending the deadline for the submission of the report and/or test.

**Validity of the Exemption**


**Cancellation of previous Exemption (if any)**

**Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP). If the exemption affects a significant population of the aviation community of Nigeria (If applicable)**

The exemption shall be published in the AIP because it affects a significant population of the aviation community.

**Date of issue:**

30th December 2020

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**Title:** For Director General/CEO

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