 <p><b>SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA</b></p> <p align="center"><b>CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY</b></p> <p align="center"><b>GENERAL NOTICE # PEL-2020/005</b> <b>Revision 2</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>SACAA</b> <b>Private Bag X 73</b> <b>Halfway House</b> <b>1685</b></p>
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## CONDUCTING SKILLS TESTS DURING COVID-19 LEVEL 3 LOCKDOWN

### 1. Applicability

1.1. This General Notice is applicable to the skills tests listed below, and which are conducted during the Covid-19 lockdown in terms of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011 (As amended):

- NPL
- PPL
- CPL
- ATPL
- IR
- Night rating
- Flight instructor rating
- Class rating
- Type rating

1.2. This General Notice is valid from 2020-06-01 until superceded by an amended notice.

### 2. Purpose of this General Notice

2.1 This General Notice serves to ensure compliance with the content of the Government Gazette No 43375 (*Amendment of direction 5 of Directions published under Government Notice No. 438, in Government Gazette No. 43189 of 31 March 2020*) and to ensure that the aviation industry is conversant with the procedures to follow.

### 3. Background


3.1 In response to the content of Government Gazette No. 43375, SACAA issued NOTAM A1773/20 valid from 2020-06-01 for an estimated time of 30 days.

3.2 Paragraph 3 of NOTAM A1773/20 states that “skills tests are allowed, provided that the Examiner or Instructor is authorised by SACAA to conduct a flight test during lockdown.

3.3 The term “skills test” is defined by SACAR 1.01.1 as an initial test carried out for the purpose of issuing a pilot licence or rating.

#### 4. Requesting authorisation to conduct a skills test

- 4.1 An examiner or flight instructor wishing to conduct any skills test in an aircraft or approved FSTD, is required to obtain a prior authorization from SACAA by sending a request by email at [PEL.SkillsTest@caa.co.za](mailto:PEL.SkillsTest@caa.co.za) at least 3 working days prior to the skills test.
- 4.2 Approval for multiple skills tests may be requested in one email.
- 4.3 The request shall contain the following information:
- date of the intended skills test(s);
  - type of skills test(s);
  - full name, licence number and contact details of the examiner or flight instructor;
  - full name, licence number and contact details of the candidate(s);
  - name(s) and SACAA number of the ATO(s);
  - place(s) of departure; and
  - in case a navigation flight is required to be conducted during the skills test, the intended routing and airfields where the landings are performed (no full-stop);
- 4.4 A skills test may only be conducted once the examiner or flight instructor is in possession of the written authorisation issued by SACAA.
- 4.5 Both the request and SACAA authorization shall be carried by the examiner or flight instructor during the skills test.
- 4.6 An existing, approved Covid-19 signed procedural checklist for Aviation Training Organizations is acceptable evidence of compliance with paragraph 4(a) of NOTAM A1773/20 during the approved skills test.
- 4.7 The authorization shall be attached to the application documentation submitted to SACAA. No unauthorized skills test will be accepted by the Authority.

Issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)		
	JOHAN NIEMAND	04 June 2020
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