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## CONDUCTING SKILLS TESTS DURING COVID-19 LEVEL 3 LOCKDOWN

### 1. Applicability

- 1.1. This General Notice is applicable to all relevant Parts that require a flight test; conducted during the Covid-19 lockdown in terms of the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011 (As amended).
- 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 This General Notice is valid from 2020-06-01 until superceded by an amended notice.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 license or rating.
- 3.4 The following licensing actions do not require prior authorization and may automatically be conducted:
  - revalidation checks
  - competency checks
  - differences training
  - familiarization training

### 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). It is recommended that requests for authorization be submitted at least 3 days prior to the flight test to ensure timeous approval.
- 4.2 Approval for multiple skills tests may be requested in one email.

- 4.3 The request shall contain the following information:
- The calendar period within which it is reasonably expected that the flight test(s) will be conducted.
  - type of skills test(s);
  - full name, licence number and contact details of the examiner(s) or flight instructor(s);
  - 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.

<b>Issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)</b>		
	<b>JOHAN NIEMAND</b>	<b>05 June 2020</b>
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