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RE-OPENING OF THE SACAA EXAMINATIONS

On 30 May 2020 the Minister of Transport, Mr. Fikile Mbalula MP announced several measures meant to relax restrictions on aviation operations. As a result, the SACAA Examinations department wishes to share some of the key business decisions taken in order to optimise its services to the civil aviation community during the Level 3 lockdown period.

Reference is made to the Industry Communique published on 27 March 2020 in relation to Examinations.

In accordance with the **SACAR Part 61** read together with the **SA-CATS 61.01.10** (11) on the Theoretical Knowledge Examination Pass Standards:

(a) A candidate shall complete all required PPL, CPL, ATPL or Grade III Flight Instructor Rating examination subjects, as applicable, within a continuous period of 18 months from the date of achieving a first credit for such an examination. A credit for an examination is held for each successful attempt.

On 26 March 2020, the 18-month period for completing examinations as stipulated in SA-CATS 61.01.10 was suspended because the student's examination periods were going to be affected by the lockdown period.

In order to address the commencement of SACAA examinations, a two phased plan has been put in place.

PHASE 1

- 1) Writing of Examinations at the SACAA head offices and at all Designated Exam Centres and ATOs will commence from **Monday 8th June 2020**.
- 2) The SACAA examination bookings will be open to students from **Tuesday 02 June 2020**.

- 3) The SACAA Midrand office will conduct three sessions a day starting at: 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30.
- 4) Students are required to send their bookings via email to exams@caa.co.za in order to avoid unnecessary delays and contravention of Covid-19 regulations applicable to the SACAA offices.
- 5) Only confirmed applicants shall be allowed to enter and sit for an examination at the SACAA premises.
- 6) No student shall be allowed to enter the SACAA premises without wearing a face cloth or protective mask.
- 7) Drop off and pick up is only permitted out of the office park.
- 8) The SACAA examinations will accommodate a maximum of **20** students per session at the Midrand offices to ensure compliance with Covid-19 social distancing regulations and the SACAA guidelines.
- 9) Examination stations will be sanitized after every session to ensure the safety of our students.
- 10) All students intending to enter the SACAA premises will be subjected to safety screening by authorised Security Personnel before admission into the building.
- 11) No examinations will take place at Outstations (George, Port Elizabeth, Durban and Cape Town) until further notice.

PHASE 2

- 1) Phase 2 of examinations will extend to Outstations i.e. in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, George, and Durban.
- 2) Safety screening by Authorised Personnel at outstations will take place and all students will be subjected to screening.

CONCLUSION

The SACAA is committed to heeding the call by the Minister of Transport by adhering to the Level 3 lock down directions and guidelines.

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