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SUBMISSION OF INITIAL CABIN CREW SKILLS TESTS REPORTS AFTER WRITING THE SACAA CABIN CREW EXAM

1. Applicability

The South African Civil Aviation Regulations (SACAR) of 2011 Part 64.02.4.(2) states:

The applicant shall undergo the skills test referred to in sub-regulation (1) within six months of passing the theoretical knowledge examination referred to in regulation 64.02.3 and within the 90 days immediately preceding the date of application.

2. Purpose of this General Notice

It has emerged that initial cabin crew candidates undergo practical skills tests prior to successful completion of the South African Civil Aviation Authority (*SACAA*) cabin crew examination. This is inconsistent with the provisions of the SACAR referred to above. The standing requirement is for the completion of the cabin crew examination before a skills test is conducted.

Due to the nationwide Covid-19 lockdown that commenced on 27 March 2020, there are a number of initial cabin crew applicants that have not yet written the SACAA exam successfully, who have however conducted a skills test before lockdown and have exceeded the 90 day requirement for submission of an application of a cabin crew member license.

This General Notice serves to address the identified non-compliance and provide a dispensation for affected initial cabin crew applicants.

3. General condition

The SACAA has approved the following process for pending and future applications for initial cabin crew membership license:

- All skills tests conducted during February 2020 will be valid until 31 August 2020 provided that a SACAA cabin crew exam is written and passed by 31 August 2020. A refresher course, as detailed in CAR 121.03.9, shall also be given to the candidates before they write the SACAA exam.
- All skills tests conducted during March 2020 will be valid until 30 September 2020 provided that a SACAA cabin crew exam is written and passed by 30 September 2020. A refresher course, as detailed in CAR 121.03.9, shall also be given to the candidates before they write the SACAA exam.

- Any skills tests conducted until 31 August 2020 will still be accepted by the licensing officers even if it was conducted before the SACAA exam.
- As from 1 September 2020 all candidates and ATO's shall comply with the regulation as stated above. All skills test shall only be conducted after the SACAA exam has been passed.
- The examination center will, with immediate effect, no longer require skills tests when an examination booking is made for a candidate or when they arrive for the exam. The skills test will be required as part of the application for a cabin crew member license.

4. Decision by the Director of Civil Aviation

The SACAA reserves the right to amend the decisions contained in this notice should circumstances dictate the necessity thereof. Please note: If there are any regulatory changes this Notice will be subject for review.

Issued by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)		
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