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**GENERAL EXEMPTION RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF AIRCRAFT
MAINTENANCE ENGINEER (AME) THEORETICAL EXAMINATIONS BY AVIATION
TRAINING ORGANISATIONS (ATOs)**

1. APPLICABILITY

- 1.1. This notice applies to the administration of AME theoretical examinations (general examinations), which have been impacted by amendments to the applicable regulatory provisions.
- 1.2. The 21st Amendment to the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011 (SA-CARs), as contained in the Government Gazette No 11359 Vol 677 of 15 November 2021 (No 45491), contains revised requirements for theoretical knowledge examinations towards attaining an AME licence (Part 66 of SA-CARs), which came into effect upon promulgation on 15 November 2021.
- 1.3. The examination curriculum, including the syllabus, is not affected by the changes contained in the 21st Amendment of the SA-CARs.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS GENERAL NOTICE


- 2.1. The Director of Civil Aviation has approved an exemption to allow ATOs to administer AME theoretical examinations (general examinations) from 15 November 2021 until 31 January 2022.
- 2.2. As from 01 February 2022, all AME theoretical examinations (general examinations) for the issuance of AME licence shall be administered by South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) in line with the revised requirements.
- 2.3. The benefits of centralising the AME general theoretical examinations for the issuance of AME licence are as follows:
 - Eliminating the harmful effect of public knowledge about the database at ATOs;
 - Limiting the opportunity for cheating;
 - Increasing and maintaining the consistency of examination standards; and
 - Comprehensive and fair evaluation of candidates.

2.4. ATOs may continue to facilitate AME courses as per their respective Operation Specifications. However, for the issuance of an AME licence, the following AME theoretical examinations (general examinations) shall, with effect from 01 February 2022, be written at SACAA:

AME GENERAL EXAMINATIONS	
Subject	Pass Mark
Airframe General (CAT A)	75%
Airframe General (CAT B)	75%
Rotorcraft General	75%
Piston Engine General (CAT C)	75%
Piston Engine General (CAT D)	75%
Gas Turbine (CAT C)	75%
Gas Turbine (CAT D)	75%
Instrument General (CAT X & W)	75%
Electrical Equipment (CAT X & W)	75%
SACATS & SACARs	75%
Avionics Equipment/ Radio/Rader/Electronics	75%
Propeller Engines	75%
Helicopter/Rotorcraft	75%
Ignition Equipment	75%

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Notice shall come into operation on date of publication.

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 Electronically transmitted	POPPY KHOZA	26/11/2021
SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION	NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS	DATE