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67.00.1 Applicability

(1) This Part applies to the issuing of medical certificates for flight crew, cabin crew and air traffic service personnel.

(2) The Director may designate medical officers to perform in terms of this Part any functions or duties on his or her behalf.

(3) Where appropriate, the reference to the Director in this Part shall be deemed to include medical officers referred to in sub-regulation (2).

67.00.2 Classes of medical certificates

(1) The classes of medical certificates are as follows:

(a) Class 1

(i) ATPL for aeroplane, airship, helicopter, and Powered-lift;

(ii) CPL for aeroplane, airship, helicopter, and Powered-lift;

(iii) Class I test pilot rating;

(iv) Instrument rating; and

(b) Class 2

(i) SPL;

(ii) PPL for aeroplane, airship, helicopter and Powered-lift;

(iii) Flight engineer licence;

(iv) Free balloon CPL;

(v) Class II test pilot rating;

(vi) Commercial glider pilot;

(vii) Part 96 authorisation issued under Part 62 licence.

(2) A flight crew member who holds a valid Class 1 medical certificate shall be deemed to also hold valid Class 3 and Class 4 medical certificates.

(3) An ATS personnel member who holds a valid Class 3 medical certificate shall be deemed to hold a valid Class 4 medical certificate.

(4) Upon expiry of a Class 1 medical certificate referred to in sub-regulation (2), a flight crew member may, if he or she does not renew a Class 1 medical certificate, may request that such expired Class 1 medical certificate be substituted by a Class 2, Class 3 or Class 4 medical certificate, which shall be valid for the remainder of the period for which it would have been valid as a Class 2, Class 3 or a Class 4 medical certificate as the case may be in accordance with regulation 67.00.6.

(5) Upon expiry of a Class 3 medical certificate referred to in sub-regulation (3), an ATS may, if he or she does not renew a Class 1 medical certificate, request that such expired Class 1 medical certificate be substituted by a Class 3 medical certificate, which shall be valid for the remainder of the period for which it would have been valid as a Class 3 medical certificate in accordance with regulation 67.00.6.

(6) The medical requirements, standards or guidelines to be complied with by an applicant for, or a holder of, a medical certificate are as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67.

(7) A holder of a Class 4 medical certificate who flies above 12 000 ft. shall meet the respiratory and lung function test requirements of a Class 2 medical certificate as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67.

(8) A person under 60 years of age who submits to the Director a duly completed Class 5 medical self-declaration on the appropriate prescribed form shall be deemed to be a holder of a Class 5 medical certificate subject to compliance with the requirements prescribed in the associated technical standard in Document SA-CATS 67.

(9) A person aged 60 years or older who submits to the Director a duly completed Class 5 medical declaration in the appropriate prescribed form, signed by a medical practitioner registered under the Health Professions Act, 1974, (Act No. 56 of 1974) shall be deemed to be a holder of a Class 5 medical certificate.

(10) Upon the expiry of a Class 2 medical certificate a flight crew member may, if he or she does not to renew it, request that such expired Class 2 medical certificate be substituted by a Class 4 medical certificate, which shall be valid for the remainder of the
period for which it would have been valid as a Class 4 medical certificate as the case may be in accordance with regulation 67.00.6.

(11) A flight crew member who holds a valid Class 2 medical certificate shall be deemed to be also holding [a] valid Class 3 and Class 4 medical certificates.

(12) In the case of a Class 3 medical certificate, the requirements in terms of regulation 67.00.2 (1) concerning Class 3 shall apply.

67.00.3 Functions of Director regarding medical examinations

(1) The Director must -

(a) exercise control over medical examinations or tests and over aviation medical examiners performing such examinations or tests;

(b) determine standards for such examinations or tests and for the training of such aviation medical examiners;

(c) issue or amend medical certificates and keep all books or documents regarding such examinations or tests;

(d) apply basic safety management principles to the medical assessment process of licence holders by inter alia:

(i) routinely collecting and analysing medical findings during medical assessments to identify areas of increased medical risk;

(ii) continuously re-evaluating the medical assessment process to concentrate on identified areas of increased medical risk;

(iii) routinely collecting and analysing incapacitation in-flight and on active duty; and

(iv) ensuring that accredited medical conclusions are reached.

(2) The Director may designate a body or institution to -

(a) exercise control over medical examinations or tests and over aviation medical examiners performing such examinations or tests;

(b) determine standards for such examinations or tests and for the training of such aviation medical examiners;

(c) issue or amend medical certificates and keep all books or documents regarding such examinations or tests; and

(d) subject to the provisions of Regulation 67.00.9, advise the Director on any matter connected with such examinations, tests or aviation medical examiners and on the training of flight crew and cabin crew in first aid.

(3) The designation referred to in sub-regulation (2) shall be made in writing and shall be published in the *Gazette* within 30 days from the date of such designation.

(4) The powers and duties referred to in sub-regulation (2) shall be exercised and performed according to the conditions, rules, requirements, procedures and standards prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67.

(5) The designated body or institution shall permit an authorised officer, inspector or authorised person to carry out such safety inspections and audits which may be necessary to verify the effective performance of the designated functions in terms of Regulation 67.00.3 (2).

67.00.4 Designation of aviation medical examiners

(1) The Director may, after consultation with the designated body or institution, designate aviation medical examiners to perform medical examinations or tests required for the issuing of medical certificates.

(2) The conditions and requirements for and the rules, procedures and standards connected with a designation referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67.

(3) The Director shall sign and issue to each DAME a document which shall state the full name of such aviation medical examiner and contain a statement that -

(a) such aviation medical examiner has been designated in terms of sub-regulation (1); and

(b) such aviation medical examiner is empowered to -

(i) perform the medical examination or test required for the issuing of the appropriate medical certificate;

(ii) subject to the provisions of Regulation 67.00.8, issue such medical certificate; or

(iii) defer the issuing of such medical certificate pending an appropriate instruction from the designated body or institution.

(4) In considering an application for designation as an aviation medical examiner, the Director may conduct an investigation that he or she deems necessary: which may include pre-audited to assess competence, suitability of the facility, equipment and personnel prior to designation.

(5) The medical assessor shall conduct periodic oversight of the competence of all designated aviation medical examiners to assess suitability of their facilities, equipment and training of their personnel.

(6) The conditions and requirements for and the rules, procedures and standards connected with the competence, suitability of the facility, equipment and training of their personnel as referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be as prescribed in Document SA- CATS 67.

67.00.5 Class 4 medical certificates

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 67.00.4, any medical practitioner who is registered in terms of Section 17 of the Medical, Dental and Supplementary Health Service Professions Act, 1998 (Act No. 1 of 1998), may perform a medical examination for the purpose of the issuing of a Class 4 medical certificate.

(2) The provisions of Regulations 67.00.7(1) and (2) applies with the necessary changes to an application for the issuing of a Class 4 medical certificate.

(3) The medical practitioner concerned shall, within 60 days from the date on which the medical examination has been performed, submit the application together with any appropriate -

(a) supporting medical reports; and

(b) results of medical examinations or tests performed; to the designated body or institution for the verification of the application and the issuing of the medical certificate.

(4) An applicant who complies with the appropriate medical requirements and standard referred to in Regulation 67.00.2(6), shall be entitled to a medical certificate.

(5) On receipt of the documents referred to in sub-regulation (3), the designated body or institution shall -

(a) verify the application concerned; and

(b) if the applicant complies with the appropriate medical requirements and standards referred to in sub-regulation 67.00.2(6), issue the medical certificate.

(6) The designated body or institution may, if a medical conclusion requires that -

(a) medical examinations or tests be performed at shorter intervals; or

(b) additional examinations or tests be performed, endorse the medial certificate with such requirement or limitation.

67.00.6 Period of validity of medical certificates

(1) A Class 1 medical certificate shall, subject to sub-regulation (5) be issued for a period of -

(a) twelve (12) calendar months, calculated from the last day of the calendar month in which the medical certificate is issued, where the applicant is less than 40 years of age on the date on which the medical certificate is issued;

(b) six (6) calendar months in the case of an airline transport pilot (aeroplane or helicopter), engaged in single-crew commercial air transport operations, calculated from the last day of the calendar month in which the medical certificate is issued, where the applicant is 40 years of age or more on the date on which the medical certificate is issued;

(c) twelve (12) calendar months in the case of an airline transport pilot (aeroplane or helicopter), engaged in multi-crew commercial air transport operations, calculated from the last day of the calendar month in which the medical certificate is issued, where the applicant is 40 years of age or more, but less than 60 years of age, on the date on which the medical certificate is issued;

(d) twelve (12) calendar months in the case of a commercial pilot (aeroplane or helicopter), calculated from the last day of the calendar month in which the medical certificate is issued, where the applicant is 40 years of age or more, but less than 60 years of age, on the date on which the medical certificate is issued;

(e) six (6) calendar months in the case of a pilot as specified in subparagraph (c) and (d), where the applicant is 60 years of age or more.

(2) A Class 1 medical certificate referred to in sub-regulations (1)(c) and (d) shall be valid subject to the condition that the holder -

(a) submits a six (6) monthly medical report, if he or she has a medical disease or risk factor for which he or she receives regular treatment by his or her treating physician or DAME, and the report shall include:

(i) nature of disease or risk factor;

(ii) information regarding control of risk factors or disease;

(iii) complications that have developed as a result of the disease or risk factor; and

(iv) type of treatment and side-effects of treatment.

(b) submits an annual follow-up blood test where applicable; and

(c) adheres to the requirements of any Schedule or Protocol as detailed in Document SA-CATS 67, where applicable.

(3) A medical certificate shall, subject to sub-regulation (5), be valid for a period of-

(a) in the case of Class 2 certificate, 60 months calculated from the last day of the calendar month in which the medical certificate is issued where the holder is less than 40 years of age;

(b) in the case of Class 3 certificate, 48 months calculated from the last day of the calendar month in which the medical certificate is issued where the holder is less than 40 years of age;

(c) 24 months, in the case where the holder of a Class 2 or Class 3 medical certificate has passed his or her 40th birthday;

(d) 12 months, when the holder of a Class 2 or Class 3 medical certificate has passed his or her 50th birthday.

(4) A Class 4 medical certificate shall, subject to sub-regulation (5), be issued for a period not exceeding -

(a) sixty (60) calendar months, calculated from the last day of the calendar month in which the medical certificate is issued, where the applicant is less than 40 years of age on the date on which the medical certificate is issued; and

(b) thirty six (36) calendar months, calculated from the last day of the calendar month in which the medical certificate is issued, where the applicant is 40 years of age or more on the date on which the medical certificate is issued.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulations (1) to (4), a DAME or a medical assessor may reduce the period of validity of a medical certificate and endorse such medical certificate with the reason for the reduction or with any limitation-

(a) if any indication requires medical examination or test to be performed; or

(b) when the safe performance of the duties essential to the operation of an aircraft executed by the holder of such medical certificate, depends on a reduction in the period of validity of such medical certificate or compliance with any special limitation.

(6)

(a) The holder of a medical certificate shall, at least 15 days immediately preceding the date on which such medical certificate expires, apply for the extension of such medical certificate.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), the Director may, on such conditions as he or she considers necessary, extend the medical certificate for a period not exceeding 30 days.

67.00.7 Application for medical certificate

(1) An application for the issuing of a medical certificate shall be made on the appropriate prescribed form.

(2) An applicant who attends a medical examination or test for the issuing of a medical certificate shall-

(a) produce proof of his or her identity;

(b) produce for inspection any licence held for which the certificate is required and the most recent medical certificate held, if any;

(c) provide the DAME with a statement of medical facts detailing personal, familial and hereditary history; and

(d) sign a declaration confirming the accuracy, completeness and truthfulness of the information contained in the medical examination form.

(3) Subject to the provisions of regulations 67.00.3(2)(c) and 67.00.4(3)(b)(iii), an applicant who complies with the appropriate medical requirements and standards referred to in regulation 67.00.2(6), shall be entitled to a medical certificate.

(4) Upon completion of the medical examination, a DAME shall complete and sign he appropriate part of the medical examination form.

(5) A DAME shall report to the medical assessor any case where, in the DAME's opinion, an applicant's failure to meet any requirement is such that exercise of the privileges of the licence being applied for or held, is likely to jeopardize aviation safety.

67.00.8 Issuing of medical certificate

(1) A medical certificate shall be issued by the DAME concerned on the appropriate prescribed form.

(2) The DAME concerned shall, within 60 days from the date on which the medical certificate has been issued, submit the original application together with any appropriate -

(a) supporting medical reports; and

(b) results of medical examinations or tests performed,

to the designated body or institution for verification purposes.

(3) On receipt of the documents referred to in sub-regulation (2), the designated body or institution shall verify that the holder of the medical certificate complies with the appropriate medical requirements and standards referred to in Regulation 67.00.2(6).

(4) A medical certificate issued by a DAME, shall remain in force, subject to any requirement or limitation endorsed thereon and for the period for which it was issued: Provided that the designated body or institution may -

(a) if the medical certificate has been issued to an applicant who does not comply with the appropriate medical requirements and standards referred to in Regulation 67.00.2(6), cancel the medical certificate; or

(b) if medical conclusion requires that -

(i) medical examinations or tests be performed at shorter intervals;

(ii) additional examinations or tests be performed; or

(iii) when the safe performance of the duties essential to the operation of an aircraft, of the holder of the medical certificate, depends on compliance with any special limitation, endorse the medical certificate with such requirement or limitation.

(4A) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part, a medical assessor may, in exceptional circumstances, issue or renew a medical certificate to an applicant who does not meet some of the medical standards prescribed in this Part if-

(a) accredited medical conclusion indicates that in special circumstances the applicant's failure to meet any requirement, whether numerical or otherwise, is such that exercise of the privileges of the licence applied for is not likely to jeopardize flight safety;

(b) relevant ability, skill and experience of the applicant and operational conditions have been given due consideration; and

(c) the licence is endorsed with any special limitation when the safe performance of the licence holder's duties is dependent on compliance with such limitation.

(5) For the purposes of sub-regulation (2), the words "original application" includes any incomplete application.

67.00.9 Duties of holder of medical certificate

(1) The holder of a medical certificate shall -

(a) carry such medical certificate on his or her person when carrying out the duties as a flight crew member, an air traffic service personnel member or a cabin crew member, as the case may be;

(b) not under any circumstances act as a PIC, or in any other capacity as a flight crew member, an air traffic service personnel member or a cabin crew member, as the case may be -

(i) while he or she is aware of any medical condition or medication which could affect the validity of such medical certificate;

(ii) while she is pregnant during periods and under circumstances as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67;

(iii) if the holder has given birth in the preceding six weeks; or

(iv) after such medical certificate has expired;

(c) without undue delay, notify the designated body or institution of any -

(i) injury;

(ii) hospitalisation;

(iii) surgical operation or invasive procedure;

(iv) regular use of medication;

(v) pregnancy;

(vi) absence due to illness for a period of more than 21 days; or

(vii) psychiatric treatment, which renders such holder unable to comply with the appropriate medical requirements and standards referred to in Regulation 67.00.2(6).

(2) For the purposes of sub-regulation (1)(c), the holder of a medical certificate shall, before such holder resumes the exercising of the privileges of the licence held by him or her, furnish the designated body or institution with proof that he or she has fully recovered from the decrease in medical fitness.

(3) The holder of a Class 4 medical certificate shall, after the medical certificate has been issued to him or her, on an annual basis complete and submit to the designated body or institution the medical declaration as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67.

(4) No flight crew member shall -

(a) consume any alcohol less than 8 hours prior to the specified reporting time for operational duty or the commencement of a shift;

(b) commence an operational duty while the concentration of alcohol in any specimen of blood taken from any part of his or her body is more than 0,02 gram per 100 milliliters;

(c) consume alcohol during the operational duty period or whilst on standby for operational duty; and

(d) commence an operational duty period while under the influence of liquor or any drug having a narcotic effect.

(5) Flight crew members shall not -

(a) exercise the privileges of their licences and related ratings while under the influence of any psychoactive substance which might render them unable to safely and properly exercise these privileges; and

(b) engage in any problematic use of substances.

67.00.10 Validations

(1) The Director may, after consultation with the body or institution designated in terms of regulation 67.00.3, recognise a foreign medical report, medical assessment or medical certificate issued by an appropriate authority for the purpose of validating a foreign flight crew member's licence, air traffic service personnel's licence or cabin crew member's licence.

(2) If, because of duty in a State or territory outside the Republic, deferral of the issuing of a South African medical certificate for a flight crew member or a cabin crew member, as the case may be, has to be made, such deferral shall not exceed -

(a) a single period of six months in the case of a flight crew member of an aircraft used in non-commercial operations; or

(b) two consecutive periods, each of three months, in the case of a flight crew member or a cabin crew member, as the case may be, of an aircraft used in commercial operations: Provided that in

each case a favourable medical report is obtained after examination by a designated examiner of the area concerned, or, in cases where such a designated medical examiner is not available, by a physician legally qualified to practice medicine in that area. A report of the medical examination shall be sent to the Authority were the license is issued.

(c) in the case of a private pilot, a single period not exceeding 24 months where the medical examination is carried out by an examiner designated by the Contracting State in which the applicant is temporarily located. A report of the medical examination shall be sent to the Authority were the license is issued.

(3) After the expiry of the periods referred to in sub-regulation (2), the applicant will be required to undergo the appropriate medical examination as soon as he or she returns to the Republic.

67.00.11 Foreign medical examinations

(1) The Director may recognise any foreign medical report, history and examination form and investigations issued by an appropriate authority for the purposes of renewing a flight crew member's licence.

(2) The holder of the licence referred to in sub-regulation (1)) shall submit all the medical records, which may include, but is not limited to, a history and examination form signed by both the licence holder and the examining doctor registered with the appropriate authority, and all relevant investigations.

(3) All medical records submitted in terms of this Regulation should be in English, or, if originally in a foreign language, translated into English by an official translator.

67.00.12 Period of validity of medical records

The records of a medical examination shall, for the purpose of issuing a medical certificate, be valid for a period not exceeding 90 days, and a medical certificate may not be issued after this period on the records of such examination.

67.00.13 Substance abuse

(1) If there is reasonable suspicion that the holder of a medical certificate is abusing substances, and thereby poses a risk to aviation safety, the medical officer designated in terms of Regulation

67.00.1(2) may require such holder to undergo substance abuse testing, which shall be done as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67.

(2) Reasonable suspicion may be as a result of but not limited to:

(a) observation of physical symptoms;

(b) Physical-, behavioural-, performance indicators;

(c) Direct observation of substance use

(d) A pattern of abnormal conduct / erratic behaviour;

(e) Arrest or conviction for a drug related offence; or

(f) Being the target of a criminal investigation for such an offence;

(g) Evidence of tampering with previous substance test specimen;

(h) Post rehabilitation.

(3) The holder of a medical certificate must submit themselves within 48 hours of being required to do so, for preliminary substance abuse testing to a Collection Officer appointed by the Director, or to a DAME at the holder's expense, as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67.

(4) A holder of a medical certificate who has undergone preliminary testing must be informed of the results within three days of receipt thereof.

(5) The medical officer referred to in sub-regulation (1) may suspend the medical certificate of a person who has received a non-negative result and such person must be subjected to further confirmatory testing.

(6) The holder of a medical certificate who has received a negative result must be refunded of medical expenses incurred for collection and analysis of specimen in respect of the substance abuse testing.

(7) The holder of a medical certificate who submits himself or herself after 48 hours of being required to do so is required to undergo confirmatory testing, as prescribed in the SA-CATS 67.

(8) The medical officer designated in terms of Regulation 67.00.1(2) shall suspend, , the medical certificate of a person who refuses to submit himself or herself to a substance abuse testing after being required to do so.

(9) The holder of a medical certificate whose medical certificate is suspended in terms of sub-regulation (5) or (8) may appeal to the Director against the suspension within 14 days from the date of the suspension.

(10) The provisions of Regulation 185.00.6 apply, with the necessary changes, to an appeal lodged in terms of sub-regulation (9).

(11) The site and specimen collection, packaging, transport and lab analysis must be done as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67.

67.00.14 Suspension or cancellation of medical certificate

(1) A medical officer designated in terms of Regulation 67.00.1 (2) may suspend a medical certificate if there is a reasonable suspicion that the holder of the medical certificate does not comply with the requirements prescribed in Regulation 67.00.9.

(2) The medical officer may require the holder of a medical certificate whose certificate has been suspended in terms of this Regulation, to undergo medical examination at the holder's expense, at a medical specialist chosen by the medical officer.

(3) A notice of the suspension of medical certificate contemplated in sub-regulation (1) must be given in writing, stating the reasons for the suspension.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (3), the medical officer may notify the holder of the medical certificate of the suspension otherwise than in writing: Provided that a written notification of such suspension is submitted to the holder immediately thereafter.

(5) A person whose medical certificate is suspended in terms of sub-regulation (1) may appeal to the Director against the suspension within 14 days from the date of the suspension.

(6) The provisions of Regulation 185.00.6 apply, with the necessary changes, with regard to the appeal contemplated in sub-regulation (5).

(7) The holder of a medical certificate who succeeds in an appeal against the suspension shall be refunded the expenses referred to in sub-regulation (2).

67.00.15 Medical confidentiality

(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-regulation (2), all information provided by or on behalf of an applicant for a medical certificate, which is personal medical information, shall be confidential, and shall be used only in respect of the medical certificate and the entire medical certification process, unless otherwise authorised by the applicant.

(2) Any medical practitioner employed by the designated body or institution shall ensure the protection of information referred to in sub-regulation (1) which is kept by such designated body or institution: Provided that when medical information appears to be fraudulent, false or misleading, or when such medical information will jeopardise aviation safety, or when it is necessary for the purpose of an appeal in terms of Regulation 67.00.13, the medical practitioner shall release to the Director such information for appropriate investigation and action.

67.00.15 Language

(1) An applicant to be designated as a DAME shall provide proof of his or her proficiency to read, speak and understand the english language as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 67