

Gibraltar Director of Civil Aviation

Extension of the Validity of English Language Proficiency Endorsements for Air Traffic Controllers Holding Level 6

Direction 05

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1	Initial Issue	26/10/2023

Rationale

This exemption is issued to meet the urgent operational needs of Air Traffic Controllers holding Level 6 (expert level) in English Language Proficiency. Such holders of Language Proficiency, employed by an Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) in Gibraltar is communicating with aircraft and other ANSPs solely in the English Language, additionally using the language in everyday life.

All Air Traffic Controller Officers (ATCO) in Gibraltar are operating under licenses issued by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in accordance with UK retained Regulation (EU) 2015/340 and recognised by the Director of Civil Aviation (DCA) under regulation 60(3) of the Civil Aviation (Air Navigation) Regulations 2009.

Direction

As DCA, in the exercise of my powers under section 17(1) of the Civil Aviation Act 2009, I direct that all persons or organizations conducting Air Traffic Control Services at Gibraltar Airport are to comply with the following requirements:

1. The DCA pursuant to section 17(1) of the Civil Aviation Act 2009 exempts holders of the licences issued under UK Regulation (EU) 2015/340, with the English Language Proficiency Level 6 endorsement (expert level), as issued in accordance with ATCO.B.035(a)(3) of that regulation, from the requirement to renew as required by ATCO.B.035(a)(3)(i).
2. This exemption applies to holders of ATCO licences issued by the CAA under the UK Regulation (EU) 2015/340 and recognised by the DCA pursuant to Regulation 60(3) of the Civil Aviation (Air Navigation) Regulations 2009, holding English Language Proficiency Level 6 (expert level).

Date in Force

This exemption applies to all licences held or issued under UK Regulation (EU) 2015/340 and recognised by the DCA pursuant to Regulation 60(3) of the Civil Aviation (Air Navigation) Regulations 2009 from the date the licence is signed until 22 December 2025, both dates inclusive, unless previously revoked.



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