



COVID-19 Contingency Related Differences (CCRD)

AvMed difference filing on CCRD Platform

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Global Safety Issues due to limited operations and travel restrictions

- **States and Industry**
 - Validity of Medical Assessments,
 - Currency and Proficiency of Commercial Pilots;
- **ICAO**
 - Best course of actions in coordination with the SME's of Flight Operations and other Panels



State Obligations under the Convention

- Recognition of Certificates
 - Personnel Licenses
 - Medical Certificates
 - Certificate of Airworthiness
- Equal to or above the minimum Standards



COVID-19 Pandemic
State Safety Operational Measures
Challenges



Avoid Disruption By complying to CC;

- Temporary validity until 31st of March 2021
- States have an obligation to recognize Licenses (Art 33)
- States can file a difference (Art 38)
- Certificates with differences need to have a document that describes them (Art 39)
- States need **(NOT)** to accept international operations with non-complaint certificates (Art 40)
- **Many States are Encouraged to accept COVID-19 related differences when filed with appropriate Mitigation Measures.**



COVID-19 NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY DIFFERENCES FORM

With reference to State Letter AN/11/55-20/50, the CCRD sub-system has been created in the existing Electronic Filing of Differences (EFOD) system to capture any differences to Certification and Licensing ICAO Standards that may arise from mitigation measures due to the spread of COVID-19.

What

It is recognized that States may need to take flexible approaches to enable service providers and personnel to maintain the validity of their certificates, licenses and other approvals as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This form allows a State to identify those temporary differences.

Why

This is necessary to support States in meeting their obligations to conduct international operations where certain Annexes. It also allows the sharing of information on when by other States during this period.

When

These temporary measures apply until 31 March 2021. The

Who

There is no restriction on who can fill out the form. However, monitoring, coordination, or an authorized user from a Member of the information provided.

How

Standards specifically related to certification and licensing to differ are listed in this form. The specific Annex reference and 2. The information required in each subsequent column

Annex & Reference Number	General	
	Alleviations measures	
	Annex Standard or Recommended Practice	
Annex 1 1.2.4.4.1	1.2.4.4.1	The period of validity of a Medical Assessment may be extended, at the discretion of the Licensing Authority, up to 45 days. <i>Note. — It is advisable to let the calendar day on which the Medical Assessment expires remain constant year after year by allowing the expiry date of the current Medical Assessment to be the beginning of the new validity period under the proviso that the medical examination takes place during the period of validity of the current Medical Assessment but no more than 45 days before it expires.</i>
Annex 1 1.2.5.1.2	1.2.5.1.2	A Contracting State, having issued a licence, shall ensure that other Contracting States are enabled to be satisfied as to the validity of the licence. <i>Note 1. — Until 2 November 2022, the maintenance of competency of flight crew or remote flight crew members, engaged in commercial air transport operations, may be satisfactorily established by demonstration of skill during proficiency flight checks completed in accordance with Annex 6.</i> <i>Note 1. — As of 3 November 2022, the maintenance of competency of flight</i>

Annex	Standards	SARPS
Annex 1	2	1.2.4.4.1, 1.2.5.1.2
Annex 6 Part I	3	9.4.1, 9.4.2, 9.4.4
Annex 6 Part II	2	3.9.4.2, 3.9.4.3
Annex 6 Part III	2	7.4.1, 7.4.3
Total	9	

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Guidance by ICAO; Quick Reference Guidance (QRG)

- Conduct of limited medical examination by alternative means e.g. teleconsultation, in lieu of physical examination
- Operational limitations due to medical factors have been considered as part of the risk assessment when decisions are made regarding the extension of medical assessment.
- Continued provision of inter-current medical reports in cases where reports are required by the Licensing Authority.



- Monitoring and management of alleviations
- Review of the risk assessment on a regular basis
- Procedure for the extension of validity, lifting of extension and the return to standard validity periods.
- Implementation of a record for tracking the use of the alleviation instrument.
- **Alleviations likely to be unacceptable to other States**
 - Extension of the certificate beyond two times the standard certification period.
 - Period of the extension longer than the normal validity period for the medical certificate issued or exceeding 12 months



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- States should follow the guidance on exemption and exception in Doc 9734 with appropriate, robust and documented Safety Risk Assessment.
- May use ICAO recommendations of QRGs;
- May complete all relevant columns most importantly last column on “Acceptance of others states differences”;
- COVID-19 OPS site will be available until the end of the crisis only;
- Work with ICAO Regional Office to populate CCRDs System electronically or conventionally.**



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