

PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENT OF DOCUMENT SA-CATS 67 ISSUED UNDER THE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS, 2011

PROPOSER

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PROPOSER'S INTEREST

The Medical Department of the SACAA is amending the technical standards prescribed under Part 67 to accommodate those aviation medical examiners who do not meet the prescribed number of medical examinations per year. This has recently been influenced by a number of aviation personal due to a number of operators closing due to covid-19 and other factors such as financial sustainability. The office of the Director have issued an Exemption to accommodate this applicants and have terminated some of the aviation medical examiners who are not willing to volunteer to accumulate the numbers

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

Words in **[bold in square brackets]** indicate deletions from the existing regulations.

Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in the existing regulations.

1. AMENDMENT OF DOCUMENT SA-CATS 67

- 1.1 It is hereby proposed to amend Document SA-CATS 67 by the substitution in Technical Standard 67.00.4 section 3.5 subsection (2) for paragraph (b) of the following subparagraph:

“(b) *Basis for termination or non-renewal of designation*

Termination or non-renewal of designation may be based, in whole or in part, on the following criteria –

- (i) failure to **[re-register]** apply timeously for re-designation **[punctually]** each year;
- (ii) no examinations performed during the 12 months of initial designation by a designated junior aviation medical examiner, DAME, DSAME, and for designated junior aviation medical examiner, DAME, and foreign DAME;
- (iii) performing less than **[15]** 10 examinations per year after 24 months for DSAME. This figure shall be **[30]** 15 examinations per year for **[D-SAMEs]** DSAME;
- (iv) disregard of, or failure to demonstrate knowledge of, the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of a Medical Assessor;
- (v) repeated errors after receiving warnings from a Medical Assessor;
- (vi) failure to attend required conferences **[and/or]** or continued aviation medical education;
- (vii) movement of the location of practice from where presently designated;
- (viii) failure to participate in any aviation medical programme when requested to do so by **[the designated body or institution or]** the Director;
- (ix) unprofessional conduct in performing examinations;
- (x) failure to comply with the provisions of Part 67 of the CAR;
- (xi) personal conduct or public notoriety that may reflect adversely **[on the designated body or institution or]** to the Director;
- (xii) loss, restriction or limitation of a licence to practice medicine;
- (xiii) any action that compromises public trust or interferes with the DAME’s ability to fulfil the responsibilities of his or her designation;
- (xiv) any illness or medical condition that may affect the physician’s sound professional judgment or ability to perform examinations;
- (xv) arrest, indictment or conviction for violation of law;

- (xvi) request by the physician for termination of designation; or
- (xvii) any other reason if it is determined to be in the best interest of aviation safety as determined by the Director”.

MOTIVATION

This proposal seeks to accommodate aviation medical examiners who do not meet the prescribed threshold of medical examinations to be conducted per year. This has recently been influenced by the decline in aviation personnel due to several operators closing their operations due to COVID-19 and other factors such as financial sustainability. The office of the Director has issued an Exemption to accommodate these applicants and has terminated some of the aviation medical examiners who are not willing to volunteer to accumulate the number of examinations to be conducted as prescribed in Document SA CATS 67. ICAO is silent on the number of medical examinations to be conducted, and various States have different requirements.