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## **Information for pilots who hold both Single Engine Piston (Land) and (Sea) Class Ratings**

**This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.**

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<b>Aerodromes:</b>	
<b>Air Traffic:</b>	
<b>Airspace:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness:</b>	
<b>Flight Operations:</b>	
<b>Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:</b>	All ATOs, All Registered Facilities, all Instructors and all Flight Crew Licence holders.

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This Information Notice highlights the changes to the revalidation requirements for SEP(Land) and (Sea) Class Ratings that now apply under Part-FCL.

### **2. Scope**

- 2.1 JAR-FCL specified the revalidation requirements for SEP(Land) Class Ratings, but allowed the requirements for issue, revalidation and renewal of SEP (Sea) Class Ratings to be determined at the discretion of the Authority. The UK CAA position was set out in LASORS 2010, paragraph F7.4 "Revalidation of a Single Engine Piston (Sea) Class Rating" as follows:

*"The privileges of a SEP(Sea) may be revalidated within the current validity of a rating by passing a proficiency check with an authorised Flight Examiner (FE(A)) or Class Rating Examiner (CRE(A)) within the three months preceding the expiry date of the rating without loss of the validity period. Alternatively, they may be revalidated on flying experience by producing logbook evidence to an authorised examiner of having in the 12 calendar months preceding the expiry date of the rating completed 12 hours of flight time in SEP (Land or Sea) including 6 hours as pilot-in-command and at least 12 take-offs and alightings on water.*

*If a SEP(Sea) and SEP(Land) rating are to be revalidated concurrently the above experience requirements must include 12 take-offs and landings on land and 12 take-offs and alightings on water. At least 1 hour of the pilot-in-command time must be completed on each class".*

- 2.2 The implementation of Part-FCL has changed the requirements so that these two ratings must be considered separately and not as a combined revalidation.

### 3. Part-FCL requirements

- 3.1 Part-FCL came into force in the UK on 17 September 2012. Unlike JAR-FCL, Part-FCL specifies the requirements for both the SEP(Land) and SEP(Sea) in legislation. The requirements are as follows:

#### **FCL.740.A**

*“(b) Revalidation of single-pilot single-engine class ratings.*

- (1) *Single-engine piston aeroplane class ratings and TMG ratings. For revalidation of single-pilot single-engine piston aeroplane class ratings or TMG class ratings the applicant shall:*
- (i) *within the 3 months preceding the expiry date of the rating, pass a proficiency check in the relevant class in accordance with Appendix 9 to this part with an examiner; or*
- (ii) *within the 12 months preceding the expiry date of the rating, complete 12 hours of flight time in the relevant class, including:*
- *6 hours as PIC,*
  - *12 take-offs and landings, and*
  - *a training flight of at least 1 hour with a flight instructor (FI) or class rating instructor (CRI). Applicants shall be exempted from this flight if they have passed a class or type rating proficiency check or skill test in any other class or type of aeroplane.*
- (2) *When applicants hold both single-engine piston aeroplane-land class rating and a TMG rating, they may complete the requirements of (1) in either class, and achieve revalidation of both ratings.”*

- 3.2 As the above requirements specify *relevant class*, and the SEP(Land) and SEP(Sea) are separate class ratings, this means that applicants wishing to revalidate by experience both SEP(Land) and SEP(Sea) have to **meet the experience requirements in full for both class ratings**. i.e. The revalidations and renewals of the two ratings must now be independent; there is no credit from one to the other.

- 3.3 These class ratings are set out in GM1 FCL.700 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Part-FCL (Annex to ED Decision 2011/016/R of 15 December 2011) and repeated in the Aeroplane Class and Type Ratings lists to be found on EASA's website.

### 4 Certificates of Revalidation

- 4.1 Examiners who are asked to sign the certificate of revalidation for SEP(Land) and/or SEP(Sea) must ensure that applicants have met the revalidation requirements for **each** class rating before signing the certificate.

### 5. Queries

- 5.1 Any questions on this communication should be addressed to: [fclweb@caa.co.uk](mailto:fclweb@caa.co.uk)

### 6. Cancellation

- 6.1 This Information Notice shall remain in force until 8 April 2015 unless cancelled.