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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of this advisory circular is to provide guidance for the CAA Nepal officials, CAA Nepal medical assessors, examiners and aviation personnel with regards to resumption of service after being tested negative for COVID-19 and being assessed fit from CAAN medical assessor.

### **1.2 Applicability**

This circular applies to all personnel required to hold medical certificate commensurate to the relevant license/certificate issued by CAAN.

### **1.3 Description of Changes**

N/A

## **2.0 REFERENCES**

### **2.1 Reference Documents**

This circular should be read in tandem with CAR 2002, CAAN personnel licensing requirements (PELR) and Medical Requirements.

### **2.2 Cancelled Documents**

N/A

### **2.3 Definitions and Abbreviations**

CAAN- Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal

CAR 2002- Civil Aviation Regulations 2020

FOR- Flight Operations Requirements

FSSD- Flight Safety Standards Department

PCR- Polymerase Chain Reaction

PELR- Personnel Licensing Requirements

## **3.0 BACKGROUND**

The global pandemic, COVID-19 pandemic, caused by corona virus has resulted in the multiple consequences in many countries including Nepal. ICAO and all members States have paid particular attention of the safety of air travelers and aviation personnel in global and national level. However, various humanitarian flights, rescue flights, repatriation flight, medical supplies flights are in operation taking extreme care in line with guidance issued by various government and other

agencies to safeguard the health and wellbeing of aviation personnel. Nevertheless, despite extreme caution, some positive cases of COVID-19 on aviation personnel have been come into notice of CAAN. The ICAO Annex 1, Medical Requirements, PELR and FOR have provisions of restriction of use of privilege of personnel license/ certificate if the holder has degraded medical conditions that temporarily invalidates the medical certificate. When the individual holding the appropriate class of medical certificate is tested negative in PCR for COVID-19 the procedure outlined in this document should be followed to resume the privilege of the personnel licensing.

#### **4.0 DETAILED PROCEDURE**

Following procedures will be followed by the applicant, airline operator (or employer) and CAAN officers and medical assessors or examiners. Individual who is tested positive for COVID-19 by RT-PCR will be notified to FSSD, CAAN by the operator and will be restricted to use the privilege of personnel license/ certificate. Further disposition will be as below.

- a) Asymptomatic Infection: Individual who do not exhibit any symptoms will be kept in Institution/Home isolation as per existing government policy. They will be in isolation for total of 14 days or till 2 negative RT-PCR tests (sample taken 24 hours apart).
- b) Symptomatic Infection: Individual who exhibit symptoms will be managed as per severity of symptoms. Individuals with mild symptoms will be managed in Institution Isolation and individuals with moderate or severe symptoms will be managed in appropriate medical facility. The management policy will be governed by existing Government of Nepal policy.
- c) Aeromedical Disposition: All individuals who have 2 negative RT-PCR tests (sample taken 24 hours apart) will be assessed by Medical Assessor. Assessment will include detailed medical history, symptoms, treatment details and any residual symptoms or deficit. Airmen will be returned to flying duties if they do not exhibit symptoms or any functional deficit.
- d) This policy regarding aeromedical disposition will be reviewed periodically as per newer evidence and government policies, as applicable.

## **5.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY**

N/A

## **6.0 OPERATOR'S/EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

The air operator or employer should ensure that the individual holding the appropriate class of medical certificate, when tested COVID-19 positive will not use the privilege of personnel licence. A record should be maintained in such cases and should report to CAAN medical assessor when they wish to use the privilege of license/ certificate. The guidance from CAAN and Government of Nepal with respect to COVID-19 should be followed by personnel license/ certificate holder and air operator or employer.

## **7.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

The air operator or employer should ensure that these procedures are followed and will be verified during the scheduled audit or random inspection as applicable.

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