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## Part I – Preliminary

### 1. Short title and extent.

(1)These rules may be called the [Aircraft Rules] [Substituted by G.S.R. 794, dated 16.5.1966.], 1937.(2)They extend to the whole of India and apply also (unless the contrary intention appears)--(a)to, and to persons on, aircraft registered in India wherever they may be, [except cases falling under sub-rule (4)] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.];(b)to, and to persons on, all aircraft for the time being in or over India:Provided that in the case of aircraft registered in a country other than India, the regulations of that country relating to registration, license of personnel, airworthiness and log books shall apply in place of the provisions contained in Parts IV, V, VI and IX of these rules:Provided further that the foregoing proviso shall not apply to aircraft registered in any country whose regulations are not based on standards at least equal to the minimum standards established from time to time under the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the 7th December, 1944 and the cases falling under sub-rule (3)] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.].[(2-A)In case of aircraft registered in a contracting State other than India and operated pursuant to an agreement for the lease, charter or interchange of the aircraft or any similar arrangement by an operator who has his principal place of business, or, if has no such place of business, his permanent residence in another contracting State other than India, the regulations of the other contracting State relating to registration, licensing of

personnel, airworthiness and log books shall apply in place of the provisions contained in Parts IV, V, VI and IX of these rules, provided that an agreement has been reached between the Government of State of registry of the aircraft and the Government of the other contracting State relating to transfer of functions and duties pursuant to Article 83 bis of the Convention and the same has been officially notified to the Government of India or the International Civil Aviation Organisation. The extent of application of these rules to such aircraft shall be as per the agreement between the two Governments.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 812(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008).](3)[ These rules shall also apply to aircraft registered in a contracting State and operated pursuant to an agreement for the lease, charter or interchange of the aircraft or any similar arrangement by an operator who has his principal place of business, or, if he has no such place of business, his permanent residence in India, provided that an agreement has been reached between the Government of the State of registry of the aircraft and the Government of India in regard to transfer of functions and duties pursuant to Article 83 bis of the Convention. The extent of application of these rules to such aircraft shall be as per the agreement between the two Governments.(4)These rules shall not apply to aircraft registered in India and operated pursuant to an agreement for the lease, charter or interchange of aircraft or any similar arrangement by an operator who has his principal place of business or if he has no such place of business, his permanent residence in a contracting State, provided that an agreement has been reached between the Government of India and the Government of that contracting State in regard to transfer of functions and duties pursuant to Article 83 bis of the Convention. The extent of non-application of these rules to such aircraft shall be as per the agreement between the two Governments.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

## **2. Nationality of aircraft.**

- An aircraft shall be deemed to possess the nationality of the State on the register of which it is entered.

## **3. [] [Sub-Rule 3(1) renumbered as Rule 3 by G.S.R. 80(E), dated 22.2.1993.] [Definitions and interpretation. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

- In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context -[\* \* \*] [ Clause (1) Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 535 (E) dated 5.7.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 535 (E) dated 5.7.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)

(1) "Accident" means an occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft which takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight until such time as all such persons have disembarked, in which-(a) a person is fatally or seriously injured as a result of-(i) being in the aircraft, or(ii) direct contact with any part of the aircraft, including parts which have become detached from the aircraft; or(iii) direct exposure to jet blast, except when the injuries are from natural causes, self-inflicted or inflicted by other persons, or when the injuries are to stowaways hiding outside the areas normally available to the passengers and crew; or(b) the aircraft sustains damage or structural failure which-(i) adversely affects the structural strength, performance or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and(ii) would normally require major repair or

replacement of the affected component, except for engine failure or damage, when the damage is limited to the engine, its cowlings or accessories; or for damage limited to propellers, wing tips, antennas, tires, brakes, fairings, small dents or puncture holes in the aircraft skin; or(c) the aircraft is missing or is completely inaccessible.Explanation1.- For the purposes of this clause "fatally injured" means an injury resulting in death within thirty days of the date of the accident.Explanation2.- For the purposes of this clause "aircraft is missing" means the wreckage of the aircraft has not been located when the official search has been terminated;

(1A)[ "Aerial work aircraft" means an aircraft used for the aerial work.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 643 (E) dated 29.7.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](2)"Aerodrome" means any definite or limited ground or water area intended to be used, either wholly or in part, for the landing or departure of aircraft, and includes all buildings, sheds, vessels, piers and other structures thereon or appertaining thereto;[\* \* \*] [Clause (3) omitted by G.S.R. 610(E), 14.8.1984.](4)"Aerodyne" means an aircraft whose support in flight is derived dynamically from the reaction on surfaces in motion relative to the air, and includes all aeroplanes, helicopters, gyroplanes, gliders and kites;[(4-A) "Aeronautical beacon" means an aeronautical ground light visible at all azimuth either continuously or intermittently to designate a particular point on the surface of the earth; [Inserted by G.S.R. 610(E), 14.8.1984.](4-B) "Aeronautical ground light" means any light provided as an aid to air navigation other than a light displayed on an aircraft;](5)[ "Aeroplane" means a power-driven heavier-than-air aircraft, deriving its lift in flight chiefly from aerodynamic reactions on surfaces which remain fixed under given conditions of flight;] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](6)"Aerostat" means an aircraft supported in the air statically and includes all airships and balloons;(7)[ "Aircraft" means any machine which can derive support in the atmosphere from reactions of the air other than reactions of the air against the earth's surface and includes balloons whether fixed or free, airships, kites, gliders and flying machines;] [Substituted by G.S.R. 270, dated 2.3.1973.](7-A) "Aircraft component" means any part, the soundness and correct functioning of which, when fitted to an aircraft, is essential to the continued airworthiness or safety of the aircraft and includes any item of equipment;] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](8)[ "Airship" means a power-driven lighter-than-air aircraft;] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](9)"Air transport service" means a service for the transport by air of persons, mails or any other thing, animate or inanimate, for any kind of remuneration whatsoever, whether such service consists of a single flight or series of flights;[(9-A) "Air transport undertaking" means an undertaking whose business includes the carriage by air of passengers or cargo for hire or reward;] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](9B)[ "Amateur-built aircraft" means an aircraft, the major portion (minimum 51%) of which has been fabricated and assembled by person or persons who undertook the construction project solely for their own education, research and development, sports or recreation;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](10)"Amphibian" means an aeroplane capable normally of taking off from and alighting on either land or a solid platform or water;(10A)[ "Approved" means accepted by the Director-General as suitable for a particular purpose;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](10B)[ [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] "Approved maintenance system" means the maintenance system approved by the Director-General of Civil Aviation;](10BB)[ "Approved training organisation" means an organisation approved by the Director-General and operating in accordance with the provisions of these rules to perform approved training;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f.

23.3.1937).][10C] \*\*\*] [Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1066(E), dated 25.10.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).][[(10D)] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] "Balloon" means a non-power-driven lighter-than-air aircraft;](11)[ "Basic Instrument Flight Trainer" means a device which is equipped with appropriate instruments, and which simulates the flight deck environment of an aircraft in flight in instrument flight conditions;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).][[(11-A) "Cabin crew member" means a crew member other than a flight crew member;] [Inserted by G.S.R. 383, dated 11.7.2001 (w.e.f. 21.7.2001).](11AA)[ "Cape Town Convention" means the Convention on international interests in mobile equipment signed at Cape Town, South Africa on the 16th of November, 2001, together with any regulations made in connection therewith as acceded to by India on March 31, 2008; [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 78(E), dated 9.2.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](11AB)"Cape Town Protocol" means the Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on matters specific to Aircraft Equipment, signed in Cape Town, South Africa on the 16th of November, 2001, together with any regulations made in connection therewith as acceded to by India on the 31st March, 2008;][(11-B)] [Renumbered by G.S.R. 383, dated 11.7.2001 (w.e.f. 21.7.2001).] "Certificate of airworthiness" means an aircraft specific document issued by the Director-General to signify that it conforms to its applicable type design and is in a condition for safe operation in accordance with the norms as specified by the Director-General;](12)"Class rating" shall comprise -(a)Single-engine, land;(b)Single-engine, sea;(c)Multi-engine, land;(d)Multi-engine, sea;(12A)[ "Competency" means a combination of skills, knowledge and attitudes required to perform a task to the prescribed requirement;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](13)"Contracting State" means any State which is for the time being a party to the Convention on International Civil Aviation concluded at Chicago on December 7, 1944, and any amendment which may be made thereto under the provisions of Article 94 thereof;[(13-A) "Convention" means the Convention relating to International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on the 7th day of December, 1944, as amended from time to time;] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](14)"Co-pilot" means a licensed pilot serving in any piloting capacity other than as pilot-in-command but excluding a pilot who is on board the aircraft for the sole purpose of receiving flight instruction;[\* \* \*] [Clause (15) omitted by G.S.R. 413, dated 4.8.2001 (w.e.f. 4.8.2001).](16)"Course" or "heading" means the direction in which the longitudinal axis of an aircraft is pointed, usually expressed in degrees from North (True, Magnetic or Compass);[(16-A) "Crew member" means a person assigned by an operator to duty on an aircraft during a flight duty period;] [Inserted by G.S.R. 383, dated 11.7.2001 (w.e.f. 21.7.2001).][[\* \* \*] [Clause (17) omitted by G.S.R. 232(E), dated 19.3.2007 (w.e.f. 24.3.2007).](17A)[ Defence Aerodrome" means an aerodrome owned and operated by Indian Air Force, Indian Navy or Indian Army;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 977 (E), dated 5.10.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](18)"Director-General" means Director-General of Civil Aviation;(19)"Dual flight time" means flight time during which a person is receiving flight instructions from a pilot on board the aircraft;(20)"Export" means taking out of India;(21)"Flight crew member" means a license crew member charged with duties essential to the operation of an aircraft [during a flight duty period] [Substituted by G.S.R. 383, dated 11.7.2001 (w.e.f. 21.7.2001).];(21A)[ "Flight Dispatcher" means a person designated by the operator to engage in the control and supervision of flight operations, who supports, briefs and assists the pilot-in command in the safe conduct of the flight;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).][[(21-AA)] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] "Flight manual" means a manual associated with the certificate of

airworthiness, containing limitation within which the aeroplane is to be considered airworthy, and contains instructions and information necessary to the flight crew members for the safe operation of the aeroplane;](21D)[ "Flight Procedures Trainers" means a device which provides a realistic flight deck environment, and which simulates instrument responses, simple control functions of mechanical, electrical, electronic and the like, aircraft systems, and the performance and flight characteristics of aircraft of a particular class; [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](21E)"Flight Simulator" means a device which provides an accurate representation of the flight deck of a particular aircraft type to the extent that the mechanical, electrical, electronic and the like, aircraft systems control functions, the normal environment of flight crew members, and the performance and flight characteristics of that type of aircraft are realistically simulated;(21F)"Flight Simulation Training Device" means Flight Simulator, Flight Procedures Trainers or Basic Instrument Flight Trainer in which flight conditions are simulated on the ground;](22)[ "Flight time" - [Substituted by G.S.R. 383, dated 11.7.2001 (w.e.f. 21.7.2001).](i)in respect of an aeroplane, means the total time from the moment the aeroplane first moves for the purpose of taking off until the moment it finally comes to rest at the end of the flight; and(ii)in respect of a helicopter, means the total time from the moment the helicopter's rotor blades start turning until the moment it finally comes to rest at the end of the flight, and the rotor blades are stopped.Note. - Flight time as herein defined is synonymous with the term "block to block" time, or "chock to chock" time in general usage which is measured from the time an aeroplane first moves for the purpose of taking off until it finally stops at the end of the flight;](23)"Flight time in a glider" means the total time occupied in flight, whether being towed or not, from the moment the glider first moves for the purpose of taking-off until the movement it comes to rest at the end of the flight;(24)"Flight time in free flight" includes flight time in glider when it is not being towed;(25)"Flying machine" means a mechanically driven aerodyne, and includes all aeroplanes, helicopters and gyroplanes;[(25-A) "Foreign aircraft" means an aircraft registered in a country other than India;] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](26)[ "Glider" means a non-power-driven heavier-than-air aircraft, deriving its lift in flight chiefly from aerodynamic reactions on surfaces which remain fixed under given conditions of flight;] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](27)[ "Government aerodrome" means an aerodrome which is maintained by or on behalf of the Central Government and includes an airport to which the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994 (55 of 1994) applies or is made applicable;] [Substituted by Act 732(E), dated 2.11.2004, for Clause (27) (w.e.f. 5.11.2004).](27A)[ "Gyroplane" means a rotorcraft whose rotors are not engine-driven, except for initial starting, but are made to rotate by action of the air when the rotorcraft is moving; and whose means of propulsion, consisting usually of conventional propellers, is independent of the rotor system;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](28)"Helicopter" means a heavier-than-air aircraft supported in flight by the reactions of the air on one or more power driven rotors on substantially vertical axis;(28A)[ "IDERA" means the irrevocable deregistration and export request authorisation to be used for getting an aircraft deregistered and exported under the provisions of the Cape Town Protocol;] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1066(E), dated 25.10.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](28B)"IDERA Holder" means the authorised party under an IDERA or its certified designee;(29)"Import" means bringing into India;[\* \* \*] [ Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 535 (E) dated 5.7.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 535 (E) dated 5.7.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)

(29-A)"incident" in relation to an aircraft means an occurrence which takes place either on the ground or in flight, in which--(a) the aircraft suffers damage or a person associated either with the maintenance or operation of aircraft, or both, suffers injury in circumstances other than those specified in the definition of "accident", (b) the aircraft makes a forced landing, (c) the aircraft lands at aerodrome in an unairworthy condition, (d) the aircraft is compelled to land at the aerodrome of departure without completing the scheduled flight, (e) the aircraft lands owing to conditions which make continuance of the flight inadvisable, (f) the position of the aircraft becomes "unknown for any period", or (g) the safety of the aircraft or its occupants or of any other person or property is jeopardised in any manner;

(30)"Instrument time" means the instrument flight time or the instrument ground

time; (31)"Instrument flight time" means the time during which a pilot is piloting an aircraft solely by reference to instruments and without external reference points; (32)"Instrument ground time"

means the time during which a pilot is practising, on the ground, simulated instrument flight on a mechanical device approved by the Director-General; [(32-A) "Item of equipment" means any self-contained unit, which, when attached to, or installed on aircraft, performs a function essential under certain operating conditions of airworthiness or safety of the aircraft or its occupants;]

[Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](33)"Landing area" means that part of an aerodrome reserved for the departure or landing of aircraft; [(33-A) "License" means a license issued under these rules;]

[Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](33AA)[ "Light Sport Aircraft" means a fixed wing aircraft with maximum certificated take off mass exceeding 450 Kgs. but not exceeding 600 Kgs.(650 Kgs. in case of sea planes) and stalling speed not exceeding 45 knots;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](33B)[ "Maintenance" means the performance of tasks required to ensure the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft, including any one or combination of overhaul, inspection, replacement, defect rectification and the embodiment of a modification or repair or test.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](33C)[ "Maintenance" means the performance of tasks on an aircraft, engine, propeller or associated part required to ensure the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft, engine, propeller or associated part including any one or combination of overhaul, inspection, replacement, defect rectification, and the embodiment of a modification or repair;]

[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](34)"Making way"-An aircraft is said to be "making way" when under in the air or on the surface of the water, it has a velocity relative to the air or water, respectively; [(34-A) "Manoeuvring area" means that area of an aerodrome which is to be used for the take-off and landing of an aircraft and for the movement of aircraft associated with the take-off and landing;]

[Inserted by G.S.R. 159, dated 10.1.1972.](34AA)[ "Manufacture" means the performance of tasks that involve assembly or production of aircraft, engine, propeller or associated parts and appliances in conformity with its applicable design including prototype. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 253(E), dated 01.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]Explanation. - For the purpose of this clause, "design" means the set of data and information that defines the configuration of an aeronautical product type, its associated parts and appliances for the purpose of airworthiness determination].[(34-B) "Microlight aircraft (single seater)" means a fixed wing aircraft with maximum all up weight not exceeding 330 kg. and a wing area not less than 10 sq. metres and which is designed to carry not more than one person; [Inserted by G.S.R. 218, dated 13.3.1991.](34-C)

"Microlight Aircraft (two seater)" means a fixed wing aircraft with a maximum all up weight not exceeding 450 kg. and a wing area not less than 10 sq. metres and which is designed to carry not

more than two persons;(34-D) "Microlight aircraft" means microlight aircraft (single seater) and Microlight aircraft (two seater) and excludes hand gliders and para-planes;](35)"Military aircraft" includes naval, military and air force aircraft, and every aircraft commanded by a person in naval, military or air force service detailed for the purpose;[(35-A) "Movement area" means the area of an aerodrome which is intended for the surface movement of an aircraft and includes the manoeuvring area and aprons;] [Inserted by G.S.R. 159, dated 10.1.1972.](36)"Normal flight" means flight comprising climbing, horizontal flight, turning and descending, provided, however, that it does not entail abrupt variations in height or in the attitude of the aircraft;(37)"On the surface of the water"-An aircraft is deemed to be "on the surface of the water" so long as any portion of it is in contact with the water;(38)"Operator" means a person, organization or enterprise engaged in or offering to engage in aircraft operation;(39)"Passenger aircraft", "mail aircraft" and "goods aircraft" means aircraft which effect public transport of passengers, mails or goods, respectively;[\*\*\*] [Omitted '(39-A)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](40)"Personnel" in relation to any aircraft means the person in charge, the pilot, the navigator, the engineer, and all other members of the crew;(41)"Petroleum in bulk" means petroleum contained in receptacle exceeding 900 litres in capacity;(42)[ "Pilot-in command" in respect of a pilot,-- [Substituted by G.S.R. 383, dated 11.7.2001 (w.e.f. 21.7.2001).](i)engaged in commercial operations means the pilot designated by the operator as being in command and charged with the safe conduct of a flight; and(ii)engaged in general aviation or helicopter operations means the pilot designated by the operator or owner as being in command and charged with the safe conduct of a flight;](43)"Private aircraft" means all aircraft other than aerial work aircraft or public transport aircraft;(44)"Prohibited area" means an area over which the navigation of aircraft is prohibited under rule 12;(45)"Public transport" means all carriage of persons or things effected by aircraft for a remuneration of any nature whatsoever, and all carriage of persons or things effected by aircraft without such remuneration if the carriage is effected by an air transport undertaking;(46)"Public transport aircraft" means aircraft which effects public transport;(47)"Rating" means an authorisation entered on a license and forming part thereof, stating special conditions, privileges or limitations pertaining to such license;(47A)[ "Registered Interest" means any interest registered with the International Registry established under the Cape Town Convention;] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1066(E), dated 25.10.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).][\*\*\*] [Omitted 'clauses (47B), (47C), (47D) and clause (47E)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 327(E), dated 13.5.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](48)"Rendering a license valid" means the action taken as an alternative to assuming a license, in accepting a license issued by any other Contracting State as the equivalent of an Indian license;(48A)[ "Restricted Type Certificate" means a document issued, validated or accepted by the Director-General signifying that the design of a type of aircraft or engine or propeller does not fully meet the applicable type design standards specified by the Director-General;] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](48AA)[ "Safety" means the state in which the risks associated with aviation activities, related to, or in direct support of the operation of aircraft, are reduced and controlled to an acceptable level. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]Explanation. - For the purposes of this clause, the expression "acceptable level" is the minimum degree of safety that must be assured by a system in actual practice;(48B)"Safety Data" means a defined set of facts or set of safety values collected from various aviation related sources, which is used to maintain or improve safety;(48C)"Safety Information" means safety data

processed, organised or analysed in a given context so as to make it useful for safety management purposes;(48D)"Safety Oversight" means a function performed by a State to ensure that individuals and organisations performing an aviation activity comply with safety related national laws and regulations.](49)[ "Scheduled air transport service" means an air transport service undertaken between the same two or more places and operated according to a published time table or with flights so regular or frequent that they constitute a recognisably systematic series, each flight being open to use by members of the public;] [Substituted by G.S.R. 117(E), dated 25.2.1994 (w.e.f. 1.3.1994).](50)"Seaplane" means an aeroplane capable normally of taking-off from and alighting solely on water;[\* \* \*] [ Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 535 (E) dated 5.7.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 535 (E) dated 5.7.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)

(50-A) "Serious incident" means an incident involving circumstances indicating that an accident nearly occurred.Note.-The difference between an accident and a serious incident lies only in the result.

(51)"Solo flight time" means flight time during which a pilot is the sole occupant of an aircraft;(51A)[ "specified or as specified or may be specified by the Director-General" means the directions issued by the Director-General under rule 133A and placed in public domain on the website of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation i.e. (<http://dgca.nic.in>);] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](51B)[ "Special Certificate of Airworthiness" means a document issued by the Director-General to an aircraft which has a restricted type certificate or complies with airworthiness specifications as specified by the Director-General for ensuring adequate safety; [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](51C)"Special Flight Permit" means a document issued by the Director-General to an aircraft which does not meet the conditions of airworthiness as defined in clause (1GA) but is in a condition for safe operation subject to limitations as may be specified therein;](52)"State aircraft" includes military aircraft and aircraft exclusively employed in the service of the Government such as posts, customs, police;[(52-A) "Student pilot-in-Command" means a trainee pilot, acting as Pilot-in-Command under observation of a flight instructor, who shall not manipulate the flight controls of an aircraft or influence the flight during flight time except when the safety of the aircraft is jeopardised. [Inserted by G.S.R. 165(E), dated 12.3.2009 (w.e.f. 12.3.2009).]Note. - In the event the instructor manipulates the flight controls during the flight, the flight shall be deemed to be a dual instructional flight.](53)"Subsequent aircraft" means an aircraft which is constructed in accordance with the design and specification of a type of aircraft, which has been approved or accepted by the Central Government for the issue of a certificate of airworthiness;(54)"Take-off" includes all the successive positions of an aerodyne from the moment it moves from rest until the moment of starting normal flight;[(54-A) "Tariff" means any fare, rate or charge collected by an air transport undertaking for the carriage of passengers, baggage or cargo, including the commission payable to the agents, and the conditions governing such fair, rate or charge. [Inserted by G.S.R. 21(E), dated 9.1.2009 (w.e.f. 9.1.2009).]Explanation. - For the purposes of this clause, "cargo" does not include mail.]][(54-B)] [Inserted by G.S.R. 732(E), dated 2.11.2004 (w.e.f. 5.11.2004).]"Temporary aerodrome" means an aerodrome intended to be used for a period not exceeding six months;](55)"To land" is the action under normal conditions of making contact with the ground or a solid platform or water by an aircraft equipped for this purpose;(56)"To pilot" means to manipulate the flight controls of an aircraft during flight time;(57)"Type of aircraft" means all aircraft of the same basic design including all modifications thereto except those modifications which result in a



change in handling or flight characteristics;[(57-A) "Type certificate" means a document issued, validated or accepted by the Director-General to signify that the design of a type of aircraft or engine or propeller, complies with the applicable type design standard specified by the Director-General;] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](58)"Type rating" means a rating for each type of aircraft;(59)"Under control" an aircraft is said to be "under control" when it is able to manoeuvre as required by these rules;(60)"Visible" as applied to lights means visible on a dark night with a clear atmosphere.][\* \* \*] [Sub-Rule (2-A) and (3) omitted by G.S.R. 80(E), dated 2.2.1993.]

### **3A. [ Delegation of powers. [Inserted by G.S.R. 80(E), dated 22.2.1993.]**

(1)Any power or duty conferred or imposed by these rules on the Central Government may be exercised or discharged by the Central Government or by any person authorised by it in that behalf.(2)Any power or duty conferred or imposed by these rules on the Director--General may be exercised or discharged by the Director-General or by any other person authorised by the Central Government in that behalf.(3)The exercise or discharge of any power or duty conferred or imposed by rule 19 or Part V or Part VI of these rules on the Central Government by an authority outside India specified by the Central Government in that behalf, shall have effect in India as though the powers have been exercised or the duty discharged by a person authorised in this behalf under sub-rule (1) of this rule.]

### **3B. [ Appeals. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 327(E), dated 13.5.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)(i)Any person, aggrieved by an order passed by an officer in exercise of the powers conferred on him by these rules, may prefer an appeal, to an appellate officer having jurisdiction in the matter and is next higher in rank to the officer who has passed such order, within a period of thirty days from the date on which the copy of the said order is received by him.(ii)The appellate officer may after giving the parties to the appeal, an opportunity of being heard, pass such order as he thinks fit, confirming, modifying or setting aside the order appealed against.(2)(i)Where any person is aggrieved by an order passed by an appellate officer under sub-rule (1), he may further prefer an appeal against such order, before the officer next senior to the appellate officer and having jurisdiction in the matter, within a period of thirty days from the date on which the copy of the said order is received by him.(ii)The officer next senior to the appellate officer as referred to in sub-clause (i), may after giving the parties to the appeal, an opportunity of being heard, pass such order as he thinks fit, confirming, modifying or setting aside the order appealed against.(3)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rules (1) and (2), -(i)in case of an order passed by the Director-General, the appeal shall lie to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry dealing with the Civil Aviation matters and no further appeal shall lie against such order of the said Secretary.(ii)no further appeal shall lie against the order imposing penalty, passed by the appellate officer, under the provisions of section 10A of the Aircraft Act, 1934 and rule 162 of these rules.(iii)an order issued under section 5A of the Aircraft Act, 1934 shall not be appealable under this rule.]

## **Part II – General Conditions of Flying**

### **4. Use and operation of aircraft.**

- No person shall use or operate or assist in using or operating an aircraft save in accordance with these rules.

### **5. Registration and nationality and registration marks.**

- [Subject to the provisions of rule 33, no person shall fly] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1567, dated 16.11.1962.], or assist in flying, any aircraft unless--(a)it has been registered, and(b)it bears its nationality and registration marks and the name and residence of the owner affixed or painted thereon in accordance with rule 37 or, in the case of aircraft registered elsewhere than in India, in accordance with the regulations of the State in which it is registered:Provided that the prohibition imposed by this rule shall not apply to aircraft flown in accordance with the special permission in writing of the Central Government and subject to any conditions and limitations which may be specified in such permission.

### **5A. Prohibited flight.**

- Except under, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of, a permit issued by the Director-General of Civil Aviation--(1)no aircraft registered in India shall leave India for the purpose of a flight to a place outside India;(2)no aircraft shall undertake a flight to any territory which the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare to be a prohibited territory.[Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 150(E), dated 4.3.2009 (w.e.f. 4.3.2009).]

### **6. [ Licensing of personnel. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

- Every aircraft shall carry and be operated by the personnel prescribed in Part V and such personnel shall be licensed in the manner prescribed in that part and in Schedule II:Provided that in the case of an aircraft not registered in India, such personnel shall be licensed in accordance with the regulations in force in the State in which the aircraft is registered:][\* \* \*] [Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

Provided further that a trainee pilot who is learning to fly may fly without a license any aircraft of an all-up-weight not exceeding 1,500 kgs., if--(a) the aircraft is fitted with dual controls,(b) a flight instructor is carried on board,(c) prior notice of the flight is given to the person-in-charge of the aerodrome from which the flight is made, and(d) no other person is carried on board the aircraft:[Provided also that a trainee pilot may exercise the privileges of a Student Pilot's License specified in paragraph 5 of sections B and C and paragraph 4 of section D of Schedule II if he is

granted a certificate to that effect by the Flight Instructor after such a trainee qualifies the technical examination and also satisfies the requirements of medical fitness provided for the issue of such license. Such certificate shall be valid for a period of two months or until the trainee obtains a Student Pilot's License whichever is earlier.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 637(E), dated 4.10.1993.]  
[Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

#### **6A. [ Type of aircraft to be included in rating. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

- No person shall fly as pilot of an aircraft which is not included or entered in the aircraft rating of the license, [except as provided in rules 6-B and 6-C.]

#### **6B. Flights to qualify for extension of a license.**

- The holder of a pilot's license may fly within the Indian territory as pilot of an aircraft of type which is not included in the aircraft rating of his license for the purpose of qualifying for the inclusion of such type: Provided that when he is so flying no person shall be carried on board the aircraft unless he is--(a) a person required by the rule to be carried as member of the operating crew, or (b) a person who is flying, with the consent of the operator of the aircraft, for the purpose of being trained as a member of the operating crew, or (c) a person whose presence may be required on board the aircraft for the purpose of imparting or supervision of training or conducting a flight test, or (d) a person who may be specially authorised by the Director-General: [Provided further that such flights are carried out within the local flying area or designated flying area of a licensed aerodrome or a Government aerodrome and prior notice of the flight is given to the person-in-charge of the aerodrome from which the flight is made. However, there are no restrictions for carrying out dual flying with Instructor on board even in areas away from the local flying area within the Indian territory, for learning general as well as route flying (navigation).] [Substituted by G.S.R. 637(E), dated 4.10.1993.]

#### **6C. [ Flights for testing and other non-revenue specific special purposes. [Inserted by G.S.R. 262, dated 7.6.2000 (w.e.f. 8.7.2000).]**

- The Director-General may authorise the holder of a license to fly an aircraft not entered in the aircraft rating of the license, for the purpose of testing or for specific special purpose non-revenue, non-passenger-carrying flight subject to the terms and conditions of such authorisation, and the authorisation shall be limited in validity to the time needed to complete the testing or the specific flight: Provided that the holder of the license produces evidence to show that he meets the requirements of competency as laid down by the Director-General for undertaking such flight: Provided further that when the aircraft is test flown, non-person, other than members of the operating crew, shall be carried on board the aircraft unless he is specifically authorised by the Director-General: Provided also that the test flight is carried out within the specified area and in

accordance with the conditions stipulated by the Director-General in his behalf and prior notice of the flight is given to the officer-in-charge of the aerodrome from which the flight is to be made.[Explanation. - For the purpose of this rule, -(1)an aircraft shall include an amateur-built aircraft; and(2)the expression "specific special purpose non-revenue, non-passenger-carrying flight" shall include flights authorised by the Central Government in the event of national or international crisis, natural calamities, emergencies or otherwise requiring such flights to carry material or goods for relief purposes.]]

## **7. [ Documents to be carried on aircraft. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

(1)No person shall fly an aircraft unless valid documents, as required by the law of the country in which the aircraft is registered, are carried on board and are kept in such form and manner as laid down by that country.(2)An aircraft registered in India shall carry on board valid documents as required by these rules:Provided that where a license or other document has been submitted to a competent authority under these rules for renewal or other action, that fact shall be deemed a valid excuse for its not being carried on board the aircraft.]

## **7A. [ Prohibition of carriage of persons without passport. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

(1)No person-in-charge of any aircraft shall allow such aircraft to enter India from a place outside India unless all persons on board the aircraft are in possession of valid passports as required by rules for the time being in force made under the Indian Passport Act, 1920 (XXXIV of 1920).](2)Where an aircraft is brought into India in contravention of sub-rule (1), any authority empowered by the Central Government generally or specially in this behalf may direct the owner or the person-in-charge of the aircraft to take on board and remove from India, or otherwise arrange for the immediate removal from India of the person or persons without valid passports, and the owner, or as the case may be, the person-in-charge, of the aircraft shall comply with such directions.

## **7B. Carriage of cock-pit check lists in aircraft.**

- Every aircraft registered in India shall carry Cock-pit Check Lists and Emergency Check Lists specified by the Director-General for that particular type of aircraft. Such lists shall be carried in the cock-pit of the aircraft readily accessible to the pilot in flight.

## **8. [ Carriage of arms, ammunition, explosives, military stores, etc. [Inserted by G.S.R. 601(E), dated 27.9.2006 (w.e.f. 28.9.2006).]**

(1)No person shall carry or cause or permit to be carried in any aircraft to, from, within or over India, any arms, ammunitions, munitions of war, implements of war, explosives and military stores, except with the written permission of the Central Government and subject to the terms and conditions of such permission.(2)Where the carriage of any goods is permitted under sub-rule (1), it

shall be the duty of the pilot, the consignor and every person concerned with the booking, handling or carriage of such goods, to take all precautions to avoid danger to the aircraft or to the persons on board or to any other person or property and in particular, to ensure that-(a)the goods are so packed, protected and secured as to avoid any possibility of them being a source of danger;(b)the goods are so carried as not be accessible to the passengers on board the aircraft; and(c)the nature of the goods is clearly and conspicuously marked on the package containing them.(3)The consignor of such goods shall give the operator a written notice specifying the nature, weight and quantity of the goods and the name and full address of the consignee; and the operator shall inform the pilot-in-command of the aircraft of all such particulars before the goods are placed on board the aircraft.(4)Where any officer, authorised in this behalf by the Central Government, has reasons to believe that the provisions of this rule are, or are about to be, contravened, he may cause such goods to be placed under his custody pending detailed examination of the nature of the goods or pending a decision regarding the action, if any, to be taken in the matter.]

## **8A.**

[\* \* \*] [Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

[8-A. Security check of persons boarding aircraft at aerodrome. [Inserted by G.S.R. 315, dated 16.2.1979.]- For the purpose of securing the safety of aircraft operations, every person boarding an aircraft at an aerodrome and his hand-baggage, if any, shall be liable to be searched at the aerodrome, by an officer authorised in this behalf by the Central Government, before such person proceeds to the aircraft for embarkation.]

## **9. Radio-telegraph apparatus.**

(1)No person shall operate radio transmitting apparatus in any aircraft registered in India unless he holds a license of the type required by the provisions of Part V in respect of aircraft required by these rules to carry radio-telegraph or radio-telephone apparatus, as the case may be, and issued in accordance with those provisions.(2)Radio-transmitting apparatus carried in aircraft shall be operated under the conditions defined by the International Telecommunication Convention (Madrid, 1932) and the general radio-communication regulations annexed thereto as far as these apply and shall be operated only during the hours in which such operation is permitted by the Central Government.(3)Aircraft registered in India and required by these rules to carry radio-telegraph apparatus shall be fitted with such apparatus in accordance with the provisions of Part VII.(4)Nothing in this rule shall exempt any person from those provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, and the rules made thereunder which require that radio-telegraph apparatus shall be licensed.[Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

## **10. Mails.**

- No person shall carry mails or allow mails to be carried in any aircraft except with the consent in writing of the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs.

## **11. Aerodromes.**

(1) No pilot or person-in-charge of any aircraft carrying passengers for hire or reward shall use any place for a series of landings and departures, and no pilot or person-in-charge of any aircraft employed on a scheduled air transport service shall use any place as a regular place of landing or departure other than an aerodrome licensed or approved for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Part XI. (2) No person being the proprietor of an aerodrome other than an aerodrome mentioned in sub-rule (1) shall permit the aerodrome to be used in contravention of that sub-rule. (3) No person other than the occupant of an aircraft manoeuvring in accordance with these rules may enter upon the landing area of an approved or licensed aerodrome without the consent of the person-in-charge of the aerodrome.

## **12. Prohibited areas.**

(1) No person shall fly or assist in flying an aircraft over any of the areas specified in Schedule I save in accordance with the conditions specified in that Schedule. (2) Every pilot, who, when flying an aircraft, finds himself above a prohibited area in contravention of sub-rule (1), shall, as soon as he is aware of the fact, give the signal of distress specified in [the rules of the Air referred to in rule 16] [Substituted by G.S.R. 672(E), dated 12.10.2004 (w.e.f. 14.10.2004).], and shall land the aircraft as soon as possible outside the prohibited area at one of the nearest aerodromes in India: Provided that he shall not, unless compelled by stress of weather or other unavoidable cause, fly further into the prohibited area nor commence to descend while still above the prohibited area. (3) When the signals prescribed in [the rules of the Air referred to in rule 16 to warn an aircraft that it is flying in the vicinity of restricted, prohibited or danger area] [Substituted by G.S.R. 672(E), dated 12.10.2004 (w.e.f. 14.10.2004).] are given, the pilot of the aircraft shall immediately change his course and fly away from the prohibited area. (4) When the [light signals from aerodrome control tower, as prescribed in the rules of the Air referred to in rule 16] [Substituted by G.S.R. 672(E), dated 12.10.2004 (w.e.f. 14.10.2004).] are given, the pilot shall immediately give the signal referred to in sub-rule (2) of this rule and land the aircraft in accordance with that sub-rule.

## **13. Photograph at aerodromes or from aircraft in flight.**

- No person shall take, or cause or permit to be taken, at a Government aerodrome or from an aircraft in flight, any photograph except in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of a permission in writing granted by [the Director-General, a Joint Director-General, a Deputy Director-General or the Director of Regulations and Information] [Substituted by G.S.R. 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008).] of the Civil Aviation Department: Provided that the Director-General from time to time, may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that these

restrictions shall not apply to photography at any Government aerodrome, or within such limits of any Government aerodrome as may be specified in the [order] [[ The Director of Civil Aviation has, by S.O. 967(E), dated 25th August, 2003, directed that the restrictions on photography at aerodromes as specified in rule 13 shall not apply in the terminal building of the Civil aerodromes.]].[\* \* \*] [Rule 13-A omitted by G.S.R. 401(E), dated 14.6.2005 (w.e.f. 16.6.2005).]

#### **14. Aerial work and public transport reserved for certain aircraft.**

- No aircraft registered in accordance with Part IV in Category B shall be used as an aerial work aircraft or as a public transport aircraft: Provided that the Central Government may, from time to time, permit and impose restrictions on the performance of aerial work or public transport by aircraft other than those registered in accordance with Part IV in Category A, and such restrictions shall be deemed to have been effectively imposed if they have been notified in writing to the owner or operator of such aircraft [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'or by notification in the Official Gazette.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

#### **15. [ Conditions to be complied with by aircraft in flight. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- No aircraft shall be flown unless the following conditions are complied with, namely:-(i)the aircraft possesses a valid certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness issued by the Director-General;(ii)the aircraft shall be certified as airworthy and shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of Part VI or in the case of an aircraft not registered in India, in accordance with the regulations of the State in which the aircraft is registered;(iii)all the terms or conditions on which the certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness was granted shall be duly complied with;(iv)the aircraft shall carry on board its certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness and any other certificate prescribed by Part VI, or by the regulations of the State in which the aircraft is registered, which it is required to carry on board: Provided that an aircraft not in compliance with the aforesaid conditions may be flown under a special flight permit issued by the Director-General under rule 55A subject to such conditions as may be specified in the special flight permit; Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.]

15. Conditions to be complied with by aircraft in flight.-[(1)] [Rule 15 renumbered as sub-Rule (1) thereof by G.S.R. 218, dated 13.3.1991.][No aircraft[other than the microlight aircraft] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1347, dated 27.11.1973.]shall be flown unless the following conditions are complied with, namely]:--(i) the aircraft shall be certified as airworthy and shall be maintained in airworthy condition in accordance with the provisions of Part VI or, in the case of an aircraft not registered in India, in accordance with the regulations of the State in which the aircraft is registered;(ii) all the terms or conditions on which the certificate of airworthiness was granted shall be duly complied with;(iii) the aircraft shall carry on board its certificate of airworthiness and any other certificates

prescribed by Part VI, or by the regulations of the State in which the aircraft is registered, which it is required to carry on board. The certificate of airworthiness shall be carried in the pocket of the journey log book;(iv) the aircraft shall be fitted with and shall have in working order such instruments and equipment as are prescribed in Part VI for an aircraft of that class or description:[Provided that any aircraft may be flown within the close vicinity of an aerodrome or the place of its departure, without a valid certificate of airworthiness, for the purpose of test:] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.][Provided further that the Central Government may, by order in writing and subject to such conditions as may be contained in the order, exempt any aircraft from the operation of this rule.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](2) [ No microlight aircraft shall be flown unless the following conditions are complied with, namely:--(i) the microlight aircraft is registered in the Civil Aircraft Register and meets the minimum design requirements which the Director-General may specify by general or special order;(ii) the microlight aircraft possesses a valid permit to fly issued by the Director-General, specifying the area of operation and the structural limitations relating to aerobatics, loading, engine and airspeed of the microlight aircraft;(iii) the microlight aircraft is fitted with such instruments and equipments and in such manner as provided in rule 57 of these rules; and(iv) the microlight aircraft with the requirements relating to maintenance standards and certification in accordance with rule 60 of these rules.][Note.- For the purpose of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.][Inserted by G.S.R. 218, dated 13.3.1991.]

**15A. [ [Omitted 'rule 15A' by Notification No. G.S.R. 327(E), dated 13.5.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

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15A. [ Operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]- (1) No remotely piloted aircraft of all-up-weight more than 250 grams shall be flown unless such aircraft has been allotted a Unique Identification Number by the Director-General.(2) A remotely piloted aircraft with all up weight exceeding a limit as specified by the Director- General from time to time shall not be flown by the operator, save, as per the conditions of the permit issued by the Director-General. Such permit shall be granted by the Director-General on being satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements as specified by the Director-General in this behalf. The continued validity of the permit shall be subject to compliance of such conditions as may be stipulated by the Director-General in the permit.(3) The permit granted under sub-rule (2) shall, unless suspended or cancelled, remain valid for a period not exceeding five years, and may be renewed for a period not exceeding five years at a time.(4) In case of non-compliance with the conditions of the permit or for any other violation of the provisions of these rules, the Director-General may suspend or cancel the permit after giving a show cause notice to the holder.(5) The fee for issue of unique identification number for a remotely piloted aircraft shall be rupees 1000 only.(6) The following fees shall be payable for, grant and renewal of permit to operate a remotely piloted aircraft:(i) for grant of permit: Rupees 25,000 only;(ii) for renewal of permit: Rupees 10,000 only.(7) The fee shall be paid in the manner as specified by the



Director-General.]

## **16. [ Rules of Air. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- Every person shall comply with the Rules of the Air issued by the Director-General in accordance with Annex 2 to the Convention as may be applicable to that person.]

16. [ Rules of the air. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1225, dated 15.11.1959.]- Every person shall comply with[the rules of the air issued by the Director-General in accordance with Annexure 2 to the Convention]as may be applicable to that person and every pilot and every person-in-charge of an aircraft shall take such steps as are practicable to secure that when the aircraft is in flight or is being manoeuvred on the land or water, the windows, wind-screens or side-screen of the aircraft through which the pilots obtain the view forward or sideways are maintained in such a condition as not to obstruct his view.]

## **17. Production of licenses, etc.**

- Any license (other than a license issued under Part XIII), certificate, [authorisation and approval] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.], log book or document granted or required to be maintained under these rules shall, on demand for the purpose of inspection, by any Magistrate, [any police officer above the rank of sub-inspector, any Customs officer, any commissioned officer of the Naval, Military or Air Force of the Union, any gazetted officer of the Civil Aviation Department in Government of India] [Substituted 'any police officer above the rank of constable, any customs officer, any commissioned officer of the Naval, Military or Air Force of the Union, any Gazetted Officer of the Civil Aviation Department' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], or any other person authorised by the Central Government by special or general order in writing in this behalf, be produced by the licensee or, in the case of an aircraft or of a licensed aerodrome, by the owner, hirer or person-in-charge thereof:Provided that any such license, certificate [authorisation and approval,] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.3.1976.] log book or document relating to an aircraft or its personnel which is not by these rules required to be carried in the aircraft shall be produced within seven days of the making of the demand.

## **18. Prevention of flights in contravention of the rules.**

(1)An authority authorised under section 8 of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934), to detain aircraft may do so by the issue of a written direction to the pilot or other persons for the time being in-charge of the aircraft to be detained, or by taking [or causing to be taken such other steps as may, in the opinion of such authority, be necessary to make the detention effective, including the use of force, denial of access by any person to the aircraft, removal of parts and components of the aircraft, defuelling of the aircraft or otherwise interfering with the aircraft] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1608, dated 12.10.1966.]. If an aircraft detained by a person so authorised is housed or kept at a Government aerodrome, the housing or picketing charges normally applicable shall be payable in respect of the whole period during which it is detained.[(1-A) Officers of the Central Government or a State Government [\* \* \*] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1608, dated 12.10.1966.], employed at or in the

neighbourhood of any airport, including the officers of police, naval, army, air force or customs department and such other officers of the Central Government or a State Government as may be specified by the Central Government by general or special order issued in this behalf shall, on being required to do so by the authority authorised under section 8 of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934) to detain an aircraft, assist such authority in detaining the aircraft and taking such steps as may, in the opinion of that authority, be necessary to make the detention effective.](2)Any person acting in contravention of any direction given under this rule shall, without prejudice to any other penalty he may incur, be deemed to have acted in contravention of these rules.

## **19. Cancellation, suspension or endorsement of licenses, certificates, [authorisation and approval] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.].**

(1)Where any person is convicted of a contravention of, or failure to comply with, [these rules or any direction issued under rule 133-A in respect of any aircraft] [Substituted by G.S.R. 167(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).], the Central Government may cancel or suspend any certificate of registration granted under these rules relating to that aircraft.](2)[ The Central Government may cancel or suspend any certificate granted under these rules relating to air worthiness of an aircraft or a type certificate of an aircraft component, or item of equipment, if the Central Government is satisfied that a reasonable doubt exists as to the--(a)safety of the aircraft or the type of aircraft; or(b)airworthiness of the aircraft component or item of equipment in respect of which a type certificate exists, and may vary any condition attached to any such certificate if the Central Government is satisfied that reasonable doubt exists as to whether such conditions afford a sufficient margin of safety.]](2-A) Where the licensing authority is satisfied, after giving him an opportunity of being heard, that any person has contravened or failed to comply with these rules or any direction issued under rule 133-A, it may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, suspend or cancel or vary any particulars entered in any license, certificate, authorisation or approval granted by it, and may require the holder of the license, certificate, authorisation or approval to surrender the same for cancellation, suspension, endorsement or variation.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 167(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](3)[ If the Central Government is satisfied that there is sufficient ground for doing so or, in the case of suspension during investigation that suspension is necessary in the public interest, it may, for reasons to be recorded in writing,--(a)suspend any certificate, rating or license, [authorisation and approval] or any or all of the privileges of any certificate, rating or license, [authorisation and approval] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.], for any specified period;(b)suspend any certificate, rating or license, [authorisation and approval] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] during the investigation of any matter;(c)cancel any certificate, rating or license, [authorisation and approval] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]; or(d)endorse any adverse remarks on any certificate, rating or license, [authorisation and approval] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.].][\* \* \*] [Substituted '(3-A) Where any person contravenes or fails to comply with these rules or any direction issued under rule 133-A relating to the operation of Microlight aircraft, the Central Government may cancel the certificate, rating or license, authorisation and approval granted, issued, authorised or approved, as the case may be; under these rules.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](4)The Central Government may cancel or vary any particulars entered by it or under its authority in any license or certificate, [authorisation and approval] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] granted or in

any journey log book issued under these rules.(5)The Central Government may require the holder of any license, certificate, [authorisation and approval] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] or other document granted or issued under these rules, or any person having possession or custody of such license, certificate, [authorisation and approval] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] or document, to surrender the same to it for cancellation, suspension, endorsement or variation and any person failing to comply with any such requirement within a reasonable time shall be deemed to have acted in contravention of these rules.[Note. - The decision of the Central Government as to whether any ground constitutes sufficient ground for suspension of any certificate, rating, license, authorisation or approval in the public interest under the foregoing sub-rule shall be final and binding.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]

**19A. [ Restrictions on licence, certificate, authorisation or approval. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)The Director-General may impose restrictions, as deemed fit, on any licence, certificate, authorisation or approval,(a)in the event of non-compliance with any condition imposed on the said licence, certificate, authorisation or approval;(b)if any safety concern that emerged during an inspection has remained unresolved beyond the period specified by the Director-General.(2)The Director-General may, during an inspection, direct any person not to exercise privileges of his licence or certificate if he is satisfied that there is sufficient ground for so doing and such direction shall be reduced in writing on the next working day along with reasons thereof, and further action for allowing the person concerned to exercise his privileges shall be taken thereafter in accordance with the process specified by the Director-General in this behalf.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]

**20. [ Certain rules not applicable to Gliders and Kites. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 327(E), dated 13.5.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- The rule 7 shall not apply to gliders, and rules 5, 6, 7, 12, 15, 17, 19 and the rules in Part III, with the exception of rule 26, shall not apply to kites.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]

## **Part III – General Safety Conditions**

**21. Dangerous flying.**

- No person shall fly any aircraft in such circumstances as, by reason of low altitude or proximity to persons or dwellings or for other reason, to cause unnecessary danger to any person or property.

**21A. [ General safety. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- No person shall, act in any manner, either directly or indirectly, so as to -(a)endanger safety and

security of an aircraft or aircraft operation;(b)cause interference with the normal functioning of any facility established for the safe and secure operation of aircraft; or(c)obstruct or distract the functioning of any person entrusted with any responsibility towards ensuring safe and secure operation of aircraft.

## **21B. Aircraft in distress.**

(1)The Director-General may issue requirements to be followed by concerned persons for providing assistance to aircraft in distress in accordance with Annex 12 to the Convention.(2)Every person shall comply with the requirements issued by the Director-General under sub-rule (1).]

## **22. [ Assault and other acts of interference against a crew member [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 766 (E) dated 17.9.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

- No person shall, on board an aircraft, -(a)assault, intimidate or threaten, whether physically or verbally, a crew member which may interfere with the performance of the duties of the crew member or lessens the ability of the crew member to perform those duties;(b)refuse to follow a lawful instruction given by the Pilot-in-Command, or on behalf of the Pilot-in-Command by a crew member, for the purpose of ensuring the safety of the aircraft or of any person or property on board or for the purpose' of maintaining good order and discipline on board.

## **23. Assault and other acts endangering safety or jeopardizing good order and discipline**

(1)No person shall, on board an aircraft,-(a)assault, intimidate or threaten, whether physically or verbally, any person,(b)intentionally cause damage to or destroy any of property,(c)consume alcoholic beverages or drugs,which is likely to endanger the safety of the aircraft or of any person or jeopardizes the good order and discipline on board the aircraft.(2)For the purposes of rules 22 and 23, the jurisdiction of India shall, in addition to the applicability provided in rule 1 of these rules, also extend to any offence if the act constituting the offence took place on board any aircraft in flight outside India:Provided that -(a)the next landing of the aircraft is in India; and(b)the Pilot-in-Command has delivered the suspected offender to the competent authorities of India, with the request that the authorities prosecute the suspected offender and with the affirmation that no similar request has been or shall be made by the Pilot-in-Command or the operator to any other State.]

## **24. [ Prohibition on consumption of intoxicating and psychoactive substances. [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001, for Rule 24 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).]**

(1)No person acting as, or carried in aircraft for the purpose of acting as pilot, commander,

navigator, engineer, cabin crew or other operating member of the crew thereof, shall have taken or used any alcoholic drink, sedative, narcotic or stimulant drug or preparation within twelve hours of the commencement of the flight or take or use any such preparation in the course of the flight, and no such person shall, while so acting or carried, be in a state of intoxication or have detectable blood alcohol whatsoever in his breath, urine or blood alcohol analysis or in a state in which by reason of his having taken any alcoholic, sedative, narcotic or stimulant drug or preparation, his capacity so to act is impaired, and no other person while in a state of intoxication shall enter or be in aircraft.(2)No operator operating a domestic air transport service in India shall serve any alcoholic drink on board such an air transport service and no passenger travelling on such a service shall consume any alcoholic drink while on board.(3)The holders of licenses shall not exercise the privileges of their licenses and related ratings while under the influence of any psychoactive substance which might render them unable to safely and properly exercise the privileges of the licenses and ratings.(4)The holders of licenses shall not engage in problematic use of substances.]

**24A. [ Carriage of persons suffering from mental disorders or epilepsy in aircraft. [Substituted by S.R.O. 662, dated 20.2.1957.]**

- No person shall knowingly carry or permit to be carried, or connive at the carriage of, a person suffering from any mental disorder or epilepsy in any aircraft:Provided that this prohibition shall not apply if the person to be carried is certified by a registered medical practitioner to be fit to travel by air without being a risk to other passengers or to the aircraft, and in addition,--(a)has not taken or used any alcoholic drink or preparation within twelve hours of the commencement of the flight;(b)is kept under proper sedative, if in a state of excitement, during the flight and stops en route; and(c)is accompanied by an attendant, provided that in case he has been in a state of excitement requiring sedation within the two weeks preceding the date of commencement of the flight, he shall be accompanied by a registered .medical practitioner and adequate escort who shall individually and collectively be responsible for ensuring that no alcoholic drink or preparation is taken by the person in their charge and that such person is kept suitably sedated during the flight and stops en route].

**24B. [ Carriage of prisoners in aircraft. [Inserted by S.R.O. 139, dated 4.1.1954.]**

- No prisoner shall be taken aboard or carried on an aircraft except under and in accordance with a permit in writing issued by the Director-General, [the Deputy Director-General,] the Director of Regulations and Information or any other officer of the Civil Aviation Department authorised by the Central Government in this behalf and subject to such condition, if any, as he may specify in the permit.Explanation.-The term "prisoner" means a person who is confined in any prison and includes a person who is arrested under any law for the time being in force.]

**24C. [ Carriage of animals, birds and reptiles in aircraft. [Inserted by G.S.R. 2147, dated 12.11.1968.]**

- No animal, bird or reptile shall be taken aboard or carried on any aircraft to, from and within India, except under and in accordance with a general or special permit in writing issued by the Director-General in this behalf, and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified therein.]

**25. Smoking in aircraft.**

- [(1) The owner or the operator and the pilot-in-command of every aircraft registered in India, shall exhibit or cause to be exhibited in prominent place(s) in the aircraft notice(s) stating where and to what extent smoking is prohibited or permitted therein.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](2)A notice permitting smoking in such aircraft may be exhibited therein only if smoking in the aircraft is permitted by the certificate of airworthiness of the aircraft or by the direction of the Central Government and only in accordance with the conditions relating to smoking contained in such certificate or direction.(3)[ No person shall smoke--(a)in any part of an aircraft or in its vicinity, in which a notice is displayed indicating that smoking is prohibited.(b)anywhere in an aircraft during take-off, landing or refuelling or during a period in which a notice is temporarily displayed indicating that smoking is prohibited.][Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 150(E), dated 4.3.2009 (w.e.f. 4.3.2009).]

**25A. [ Fuelling of aircraft. [Substituted by G.S.R. 524, dated 23.4.1959.]**

(1)No person shall fill or replenish the fuel tanks of an aircraft from vehicles or vessels containing petroleum in bulk or from fuel hydrant installations except from vehicles or installations of a type approved by the Chief Inspector of Explosives or from barges licensed under [the Petroleum Rules, 2002.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.](2)During fuelling operations, which may include filling or draining of fuel tanks, the following precautions shall be observed--(a)fuelling of aircraft shall be done outdoors and not less than 15 metres from any building;(b)a "NO SMOKING" notice shall be prominently displayed;(c)smoking or use of an appliance employing naked flame or use of an appliance capable of producing a spark or in any other way igniting fuel vapours shall not be permitted within 30 metres of the aircraft or fuelling equipment;(d)aircraft engines shall not be started or turned and ignition switches shall be placed in the "OFF" position;(e)aircraft electrical radar and radio systems shall not be operated and the switches relating thereto shall remain in the "OFF" position:Provided that this clause shall not apply to electrical switches controlling the following circuits:--(i)power and light essential for fuelling operations;(ii)minimum amount of cabin lighting; and(iii)steady parking lights.Such switches shall not be operated during the fuelling operations;(f)the use of ground power supply units, air-conditioning units, tractors and similar equipment shall be permissible subject to compliance with the following conditions:--(i)flexible training cables suitable for use in hazardous areas shall be used;(ii)they shall be located outside the Danger Zone. "Danger Zone" is defined as the area within the largest polygon obtainable by joining

point 3 metres away from the wings and the fuelling vehicle;(iii)the units, including the associated electrical equipment, shall be flame-proof and of a type approved by the Chief Inspector of Explosives; otherwise they shall be stationed at a distance of not less than 15 metres, in the case of gasoline or wide out fuels and 6 metres in the case of straight kerosine, from the aircraft and the fuelling vehicle;(iv)they shall not be switched "ON" or "OFF" during fuel transfer;(g)the fuelling equipment and the aircraft shall be bonded to each other and both shall be earthed;(h)no person other than the staff of the operator, fuelling company and officials of the Civil Aviation Department, Customs and Police, shall be permitted within 15 metres of the aircraft;(i)passengers may be permitted to embark, disembark, or remain in the cabin subject to the following conditions:--(i)an attendant shall remain on duty in the cabin of the aircraft. The attendant shall ensure that no smoking takes place or other source of ignition is allowed to occur and shall assist in the removal of passengers in the event of fire;(ii)the passenger loading ramp shall be correctly positioned at the cabin exit door and adequate provision shall be made to maintain the equilibrium of the aircraft in case all passengers attempt to leave by one exit;(iii)in case of marine aircraft, adequate means of water transport shall be stationed at the cabin exit door;(j)the handling of freight and baggage in and around the aircraft shall not proceed simultaneously with fuelling unless adequate precautions have been taken to eliminate fire risk;(k)no aircraft maintenance shall be conducted which may provide a source of ignition for fuel vapour during fuelling operations;(l)fire extinguishers of adequate capacity and of suitable type, approved by the Director-General shall be available for immediate use near the aircraft;(m)in the event of fuel being spilled, fuelling must cease and the engine of the ground power supply units must be stopped, but the electrical circuits and switches should on no account be touched except for the purpose of stopping the power unit. Prior to recommencing fuelling, action must be taken to clean the spilled fuel. Fuel must not be washed into sewers or drains;(n)fuelling operations shall cease when a turbo-jet aircraft manoeuvres so as to bring the near jet outlets within 43 metres of the fuelling equipment or the aircraft.]Note. - The requirements of clause (f) of sub-rule (2) above shall not apply to the use of ground batteries as an auxiliary source of electric supply to the aircraft provided they are not connected or disconnected during fuelling operation.

## **25B. Housing of aircraft.**

(1)No aircraft containing dangerous petroleum in bulk in any of its tanks may be housed in a hanger unless such hanger is constructed of unflammable material and is effectively and safely ventilated to the open air.(2)Every such hanger shall be in charge of a competent person who shall be responsible for taking all proper precautions against fire and shall prevent unauthorised persons from having access to the building.

## **26. [ Dropping of articles and descents by parachutes. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1567, dated 16.11.1962.]**

(1)No person shall drop or project or cause or permit to be dropped or projected from an aircraft in motion anything except ballast in the form of fine sand or water:Provided that nothing in this rule shall be construed as preventing--(a)in an emergency the dropping of liquid fuel;(b)in an emergency, the dropping of cargo over areas where hazard to persons or property outside the

aircraft is not thereby created;(c)the dropping of message bags, smoke producing or other apparatus or materials dropped for the purpose of navigating an aircraft or communicating messages from an aircraft subject to the observance of such precautions as to the nature of the articles dropped and the place of dropping as will avoid risk of injuring persons or damaging property on the ground or water;(d)[ the dropping of separate sheets of paper containing printed matter or separate petals of flowers in any place if--(i)the prior written permission of the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police is obtained in each case;(ii)the aircraft is suitable for dropping of these articles;(iii)the minimum safe heights specified in these rules are observed; and(iv)necessary precautions are taken to avoid injury or damage to persons property;](e)the dropping of ropes used for towing aircraft.(2)No person shall, except in an emergency, descend by means of a parachute from an aircraft and no person shall drop or cause or permit to be dropped from an aircraft in flight any article, whether attached to a parachute or not, unless the descent is made or the article is dropped in accordance with and subject to any conditions or limitations contained in general or special order of the Central Government in writing in that behalf.]

## **27. Carriage of persons in unauthorised parts of aircraft.**

- No person shall at any time be carried on the wings or undercarriage of the aircraft, or on or in any other part thereof which is not designed for the accommodation of the personnel or passengers, or on or in anything attached externally to the aircraft:Provided that--(a)nothing in this rule shall prevent a person having temporary access--(i)to any part of the aircraft for the purpose of executing repairs to the aircraft or adjusting the machinery, or equipment thereof or for the purpose of doing anything which may be necessary for the safety of the aircraft or persons or goods carried therein; or(ii)to any part of the aircraft in which goods or stores are being carried and to which proper means of access is provided; and(b)a person may be carried on or in any part of the aircraft, or anything attached thereto, with the permission in writing of the Central Government and subject to any conditions which may be specified in such permission.

## **28. [ Minimum age for sole control of aircraft. [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).]**

- No person being under 16 years of age shall have sole control of an aircraft in motion and no person shall cause or permit any other person to have sole control of an aircraft in motion unless he knows or has reasonable cause to believe such other person to have attained the age of 16 years.]

## **28A. [ Maximum age limit for professional pilots. [Substituted by G.S.R. 676(E), dated 17.11.2005 (w.e.f. 19.11.2005).]**

(1)No person, holding a pilot's license issued under these rules and having attained the age of sixty-five years, shall act as Pilot-in-Command or Co-pilot of an aircraft engaged in commercial air transport operations.(2)No person holding a pilot's license issued under these rules and having attained the age of sixty years, shall act as Pilot-in-Command or Co-pilot of an aircraft engaged in commercial air transport operations unless it is operated in a multi-crew environment and the other



pilot is less than sixty years of age:][Provided that the provisions of sub-rule (2) shall not apply in respect of aircraft certified for single pilot operations and not exceeding an all up weight of 5700 kilograms engaged in commercial air transport operations within the territory of India and while operating in a multi-crew environment.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 660(E), dated 5.9.2008 (w.e.f. 19.9.2008).]

## **29. Acts likely to imperil the safety of aircraft.**

- No person shall interfere with the pilot or with a member of the operating crew of an aircraft, or tamper with the aircraft or its equipment or conduct himself in a disorderly manner in an aircraft or commit any act likely to imperil the safety of an aircraft or its passengers or crew.

### **29A. [ Prohibition of operating civil aircraft causing sonic boom. [Inserted by G.S.R. 193, dated 29.1.1980.]**

- No person shall operate a civil aircraft at a true flight Mach number greater than one over the territory of India or over the high seas in a manner which may cause or is likely to cause sonic boom over the territory of India. Note. - For the purpose of this rule, "the territory of India" shall include the territorial waters of India.]

### **29B. [ Prohibition on the use of portable electronic devices. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 142(E), dated 21.2.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1) No person shall operate, nor shall the operator or the pilot-in-command of an aircraft allow the operation of any portable electronic device on board an aircraft in flight: Provided that the Pilot-in-Command may permit use of cellular telephone by the passengers of a flight after the aircraft has landed and cleared active runway, except when the landing takes place in low visibility conditions as may be determined by the Director-General from time to time. (2) The provisions of sub-rule (1) shall not apply to portable voice recorders, hearing aids, heart pacemaker, electric shavers or other portable electronic devices which, in the opinion of the operator, do not cause interference with the navigation or communication system of the aircraft on which it is to be operated and for which such operator has obtained the approval of the Director-General. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the Pilot-in-Command may permit the access of internet services by passengers on board an aircraft in flight, through Wi-Fi on board, when laptop, smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, e-reader or a point of sale device is used in flight mode or airplane mode: Provided that the Director-General shall certify the aircraft for usage of internet service in flight through Wi-Fi on board subject to the procedures as specified in this behalf. Explanation. - For the purposes of this rule, an aircraft shall be deemed to be in flight when all its external doors are closed following embarkation until the moment when any such door is opened for disembarkation.][29C. Adoption of the convention and annexes. [Inserted by G.S.R. 330(E), dated 19.5.2005 (w.e.f. 20.5.2005).] (1) The Director-General may lay down standards and procedures not inconsistent with the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934) and the rules made thereunder to carry out the Convention and any Annex thereto.](2)[ The Director-General shall formulate the

State Safety Programme and oversee its implementation. Explanation. - For the purposes of this sub-rule, "State Safety Programme" means an integrated set of requirements and activities aimed at improving safety.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 59(E) dated 31.1.2011 (w.e.f. 31.1.2011).][[29D.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] Safety Management Systems.(1)Every organization which -(i)[ is holding a Scheduled or Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit issued under rule 134 or 134A and engaged in the operation of aeroplanes or helicopters, as the case may be; or] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1096(E), dated 9.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](ii)is conducting operations of large or turbojet aeroplanes for general aviation; or(iii)is engaged in the operation of an aerodrome licensed under rule 78; or(iv)is engaged in the type design of [aircraft, engines or propellers approved under rule 133B] [Substituted 'aircraft' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1096(E), dated 9.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]; or(v)is engaged in manufacture of [aircraft, engines or propellers approved under rule 133B] [Substituted 'aircraft' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1096(E), dated 9.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]; or(vi)[ is a maintenance organisation approved under rule 133B and engaged in the maintenance of aeroplanes or helicopters; or] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1096(E), dated 9.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](vii)is a training organization approved under rule 41B; or(viii)is an air traffic service provider, shall establish and maintain a Safety Management System and prepare a Safety Management System Manual in such form and manner as may be specified by the Director-General and submit the same to the Director-General for acceptance.(2)The Director-General or any other officer authorized by him may, at any reasonable time carry out oversight of the Safety Management System and the concerned organization shall cooperate with the Director-General or the person so authorized to carry out the oversight. Explanation. - for the purpose of this rule, -(a)[ "Safety Management System" means a systematic approach to managing safety, including the necessary organisational structures, accountability, responsibilities, policies and procedures;] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1096(E), dated 9.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](b)"Safety Management System Manual" means the document as accepted by the Director-General under sub-rule (1);(c)"large aeroplane" means an aeroplane with all-up weight exceeding 5700 kilograms.]

## **29E. [ Mandatory safety reporting system. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]**

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation shall establish a mandatory safety reporting system to facilitate collection of safety data and safety information on actual or potential safety deficiencies and specify the procedure for the same.

## **29F. Voluntary safety reporting system.**

(1)The Directorate General of Civil Aviation shall establish a voluntary safety reporting system to facilitate collection of safety data and safety information on actual or potential safety deficiencies that may not be captured by the mandatory safety reporting system established under rule 29E.(2)The voluntary safety reporting system established under sub-rule (1) shall be non-punitive and afford protection to safety data captured by, and safety information derived from, voluntary safety reporting system and related sources and if considered expedient by the Central Government, the safety data and safety information may be collected through any other agency.(3)The safety data

and safety information so collected under sub-rule (1) shall be handled in a manner so as to prevent its use for purposes other than safety, and shall appropriately be safe guarded and the confidentiality about the identity of the person making report shall be maintained.][PART IV]  
[Substituted by G.S.R. 1567, dated 16.11.1962.] Registration And Marking Of Aircraft

### 30. Certificate of registration.

- [(1) The authority empowered to register aircraft and to grant certificate of registration in India shall be the Central Government. The certificate of registration shall include the following particulars, namely] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]:--Type of aircraft, [constructor's number, year of manufacture] [Substituted by G.S.R. 243(E), dated 2.8.1996.], nationality and registration marks referred to under these rules, full name, nationality and address of the owner, usual station of aircraft and the [date of registration and the period of validity of such registration] [Substituted by G.S.R. 404(E), dated 14.7.1997.]:[Provided that in the case of leased aircraft, the certificate of registration shall also include the validity of the lease and the names, nationalities and addresses of the less or and the lessee.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 243(E), dated 2.8.1996.][(1-A) The Central Government may, by general or special order issued from time to time, specify the period of validity of registration of the aircraft.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 404(E), dated 14.7.1997.](1B)[ The Central Government may, on receipt of application along with the fee provided in sub-rule (3B) of rule 35, reserve a registration mark for a period of one year, which may be further extended for one year at a time.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](2)An aircraft may be registered in India in either of the following categories, namely:-Category A-Where the aircraft is wholly owned either--(i)by citizens of India; or(ii)by a company or corporation registered and having its principal place of business within India [\*\*\*]; [Words "and the Chairman and at least two--thirds of the Directors of which are citizens of India" omitted by by G.S.R. 28(E) - dated 17.1.2011 w.e.f. 17.1.201.] or(iii)[ by the Central Government or any State Government or any Company or Corporation owned or controlled by either of the said Governments;] [Substituted by G.S.R. 243(E), dated 2.8.1996.](iv)[ by a company or corporation registered elsewhere than in India: [Inserted by G.S.R. 36, dated 7.1.199.]Provided that such company or corporation has given the said aircraft on lease to any person mentioned in sub-clause (i), sub--clause (ii) or sub-clause (iii); and]Category B-Where the aircraft is wholly owned either--(i)by persons resident in or carrying on business in India; who are not citizens of India, or(ii)by a company or corporation registered elsewhere than in India and carrying on business in India.(3)No aircraft in respect of which the conditions required in sub-rule (2) are not satisfied, or which is already validly registered in another country, shall be registered in India.(4)In a case where the usual station of an aircraft and its ordinary area of operation are not situated in India, the Central Government may decline to accept an application for registration of the aircraft in India, or, as the case may be, to permit the aircraft to remain registered in India, if, in its opinion, the aircraft could more suitably be registered in some other country.(5)In any particular case, the Central Government may decline to register an aircraft in India, if, in the circumstances of the case, it appears to it to be inexpedient in the public interest that the aircraft should be registered.(6)[ The registration of an aircraft registered in India may be cancelled at any time by the Central Government, if it is satisfied that--(i)such registration is not in conformity with the provisions of sub-rule (2); or(ii)the registration has been obtained by furnishing false information; or(iii)the

aircraft could more suitably be registered in some other country; or(iv)the lease in respect of the aircraft, registered in pursuance of sub--clause (iv) of clause (a) of sub-rule (2) [has expired or has been terminated in accordance with terms of lease or]](v)[ the certificate of airworthiness in respect of the aircraft has expired for a period of five years or more; or] [Inserted by G.S.R. 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008).](vi)[ [Renumbered by G.S.R. 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008).] the aircraft has been destroyed or permanently withdrawn from use; or(vii)[ [Renumbered by G.S.R. 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008.)] it is inexpedient in the public interest that the aircraft should remain registered in India.](7)[ The registration of an aircraft registered in India, to which the provisions of the Cape Town Convention and Cape Town Protocol apply, shall be cancelled by the Central Government, within five working days, without seeking consent or any document from the operator of the aircraft or any other person, if an application is received from the IDERA Holder along with: -(i)the original or notarised copy of the IDERA recorded with the Director-General; and(ii)a priority search report from the International Registry regarding all Registered Interests in the aircraft ranking in priority along with a certificate from the IDERA Holder that all registered interests ranking in priority to that of the IDERA Holder in the priority search report have been discharged or that the holders of such interests have consented to the deregistration and export of the aircraft:Provided that such cancellation of registration of the aircraft shall not affect the right of the Central Government or of any entity thereof, or any inter-governmental organisation in which India is a member, or other private provider of public services in India, to arrest or detain or attach or sell an aircraft object under its laws for payment of amounts owed to the Government of India, any such entity, organisation or provider directly relating to the services provided by such aircraft in respect of that object.Explanation. - For the purpose of this sub-rule, "International Registry" "means the Registry established under Article 16 of the Cape Town Convention"] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 821(E), dated 27.8.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).].

### **31. Nature of application.**

(1)Every application for a certificate of registration shall be accompanied by--(a)such particulars relating to the aircraft and its ownership as may be required by the Central Government;(b)[ the fee prescribed in rule 35, which fee shall be refunded if the application is not granted; and] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1973, dated 5.8.1963.](c)in the case of an aircraft imported by air, a certificate signed by [the Assistant Commissioner of Customs ] [Substituted by G.S.R. 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008).]or any officer above the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Customs duty leviable in respect of it has been paid and stating the type and manufacturer's number of the aircraft and engine, and if the aircraft has been registered elsewhere, its registration markings.(2)An applicant for a certificate of registration may be required to produce proof of the truth of the statements contained in his application.

### **32. Aircraft imported by air.**

- When an application is made for the registration of an aircraft before its import into India, for the purpose of the import of the aircraft by air, a temporary certificate of registration may, subject to the conditions of sub-rule (3) of rule 30, be granted by the Central Government to the owner of the

aircraft complying with clauses (a) and (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 31. Such temporary certificate shall be valid only until the landing of the aircraft at a customs aerodrome in India, when the certificate shall be delivered by the pilot or other person-in-charge to [the Director-General] [Substituted 'the local Aerodrome Officer' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]. Thereafter, on production by or on behalf of the owner of the aircraft of the certificate mentioned in clause (c) of sub-rule (1) of rule 31, the certificate or registration may be granted by the Central Government:[\* \* \*] [Omitted 'Provided that, if an aircraft in respect of which a temporary certificate of registration has been issued, is imported otherwise than by air, such temporary certificate shall cease to be valid on the date of import of the aircraft and the temporary certificate shall forthwith be delivered by the owner to the Director--General, and thereafter the certificate of registration may be granted by the Central Government.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

### **32A. [ Export of aircraft. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 821(E), dated 27.8.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- The Central Government shall, consequent upon cancellation of registration of an aircraft under sub-rule (7) of rule 30, if an application is made by the IDERA Holder for export of the same aircraft, take action to facilitate the export and physical transfer of the aircraft, along with spare engine, if any, subject to: -(i)the payment of outstanding dues in respect of the aircraft; and(ii)the compliance of the rules and regulations relating to safety of the aircraft operation.]

### **33. [ Change in ownership. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

- In the event of any change in the ownership of registered aircraft, or if a registered aircraft ceases to be owned wholly either by a person or by a company or corporation fulfilling the conditions set out in rule 30, then--(a)the registered owner of the aircraft shall forthwith notify to the Director-General such change of ownership or, as the case may be, that the aircraft has ceased to be so owned;(b)any person, company or corporation who becomes the owner of an aircraft registered in India (hereinafter referred to as the New Owner) shall forthwith inform the Director-General in writing of the fact of his ownership of the aircraft and may make an application for a certificate of registration; such application shall be made in such form and shall contain such particulars as the Director-General may direct. Until such application is made and the certificate of registration is granted to the new owner, it shall not be lawful for any person to fly or assist in flying such aircraft except in accordance with and subject to a permission in writing of the Director-General;(c)the registration and the certificate thereof shall remain valid until such registration and certificate have been cancelled by the Director--General;][\* \* \*] [Clause (d) omitted by G.S.R. 404(E), dated 14.7.1997.]

### **34.**

[\* \* \*] [Rule 34 omitted by G.S.R. 404(E), dated 14.7.1997.]

### **35. [ Registration fees. [Substituted by G.S.R. 194, dated 1.2.1980 as corrected by G.S.R. 540, dated 26.4.1990.]**

- [(1) The following fee shall be payable in respect of a certificate of registration for an aircraft having maximum permissible take-off weight:--

- (i) of 15,000 kilograms or less : Rs. 20,000/-
- (ii) exceeding 15,000 kilograms, for every 1,000 kilograms or partthereof : Rs. 5,000/-

Note. - For the purpose of this sub-rule, the maximum take-off weight shall be as indicated in the Flight Manual of the aircraft.](2)Where the original certificate of registration is lost or destroyed, a duplicate thereof may be issued on payment of [ten percent of the fee payable under sub-rule (1)] [Substituted by G.S.R. 181(E), dated 29.3.2006 (w.e.f. 1.4.2006).](3)[ A temporary certificate of registration referred to in rule 32, may be issued on payment of twenty-five percent of the fee payable under sub-rule (1).] [Substituted by G.S.R. 181(E), dated 29.3.2006 (w.e.f. 1.4.2006).] [(3-A) The certificate of registration may be renewed on payment of fifty percent of the fee payable under sub-rule (1).] [Inserted by G.S.R. 181(E), dated 29.3.2006 (w.e.f. 1.4.2006).] (3B)[ A fee of rupees ten thousand shall be payable for reserving a registration mark and such reservation may further be extended on payment of ten thousand rupees at a time.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] (4)[ The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] [Substituted by G.S.R. 404(E), dated 14.7.1997.]

### **36. [ Register of aircraft. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

- A register of aircraft registered in India shall be maintained by the Director-General and shall include the particulars as provided for in respect of certificate of registration in rule 30. Such a register shall be open to inspection by members of the public at such times and subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Director-General.]

### **37. Nationality and registration marks, how to be affixed.**

- The following provisions of this rule shall have effect with respect to the marks to be borne by aircraft registered in India--(1)The nationality mark of the aircraft shall be the capital letters VT in Roman character and the registration mark shall be a group of three capital letters in Roman character assigned by the Director-General. The letters shall be without ornamentation and a hyphen shall be placed between the nationality mark and the registration mark.(2)[ The nationality and registration marks--(a)shall be painted on the aircraft or shall be fixed thereto by any other means ensuring a similar degree of permanency in the form and manner as specified by the Director-General, from time to time;(b)shall be inscribed together with full name and address of the registered owner of the aircraft on the owner's name plate in the form and manner specified by the Director-General from time to time; and(c)shall always be kept clean and visible.]

### 37A. Use of State marks.

(1)An aircraft shall not bear on any part of its exterior surface any advertisement or any sign or lettering except those under these rules and as required or permitted by the Director-General.(2)The name of an aircraft and the name and emblems of the owner of the aircraft may be displayed on the aircraft if the location, size, shape and colour of the lettering and signs do not interfere with easy recognition of, and are not capable of confusion with, the nationality and registration marks of the aircraft.(3)An aircraft other than a State aircraft shall not bear any mark or sign prescribed for use by a State aircraft.(4)National flags or colours may be displayed on the aircraft in such a manner that they are distinct and are not likely to create confusion with the markings used by military aircraft.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976]

## Part V – PERSONNEL OF AIRCRAFT

### 38. [ Licensing authority. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]

- [(1)] The authority by which the licenses and ratings specified below may be granted, renewed or varied shall be the Central Government, which may withhold the grant or renewal of a license or a rating, if for any reason it considers it desirable to do so--(a)[ Student Pilot's License (for aeroplanes, [helicopters, gyroplanes] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], gliders, balloons and microlight aircraft and light sport aircraft);](b)[ Private Pilot's License (for aeroplanes and helicopters),] [Substituted by G.S.R. 637(E), dated 4.10.1993.](c)Commercial Pilot's License (for aeroplanes and helicopters),[\* \* \*] [Clause (d) omitted by G.S.R. 870(E), dated 22.12.2008 (w.e.f. 22.12.2008).] [(d)] [Substituted by G.S.R. 637(E), dated 4.10.1993.] Airline Transport Pilot's License (for aeroplanes and helicopters), [(e)] [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).] Instrument Rating (for aeroplanes and helicopters),[(f)] [Substituted by G.S.R. 637(E), dated 4.10.1993.] Assistant Flight Instructor's Rating (for aeroplanes and helicopters), (g)[ [Renumbered by G.S.R. 870(E), dated 22.12.2008 (w.e.f. 22.12.2008).] Flight Instructor's Rating (for [aeroplanes and helicopters] [Substituted by G.S.R. 870(E), dated 22.12.2008 (w.e.f. 22.12.2008).], (h)[ Pilot's License (for gliders, balloons and [microlight aircraft, light sport aircraft and gyroplane] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], [(i)] [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001(w.e.f. 22.12.2008).] Student Flight Navigator's License, (j)[ [Renumbered by G.S.R. 870(E), dated 22.12.2008 (w.e.f. 22.12.2008).] Flight Navigator's License, (k)[ [Renumbered by G.S.R. 870(E), dated 22.12.2008 (w.e.f. 22.12.2008).] Student Flight Engineer's License, (l)[ [Renumbered by G.S.R. 870(E), dated 22.12.2008 (w.e.f. 22.12.2008).] Flight Engineer's License, (m)[ [Renumbered by G.S.R. 870(E), dated 22.12.2008 (w.e.f. 22.12.2008).] Flight Radio Telephone Operator's License, [(n)] [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).] Flight Radio Telephone Operator's License (Restricted),[\* \* \*] [Clauses (p) and (q) omitted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).][\* \* \*] [Clauses (p) and (q) omitted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).][\* \* \*] [Omitted '(2) The Senior Commercial Pilot's License (for aeroplanes) specified under clause (d) and the Flight Instructor's Rating (for gliders and for balloons) specified under clause (h) of sub-rule (1) shall cease to be granted with

effect from a date to be notified by the Central Government.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

### **38A. [ Carriage of operating crew. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

- Subject to the provisions of rules 6, 6-A and 6-B, every aircraft registered in India shall comply with such of the following requirements in respect of the personnel which it carries and by which it is operated as are applicable to the aircraft and type of operation concerned, namely:--(1)Pilot.-(a) Private aircraft.-Every private aircraft shall be flown by a person holding a valid pilot's license issued in accordance with Schedule II:Provided that:--(i)a private aircraft shall not be flown by a person holding a Student Pilot's License;(ii)a private aircraft shall not be flown by a person holding a Private Pilot's License for remuneration or hire of any kind;(iii)a private aircraft carrying passengers at night, shall not be flown by a person holding a Private Pilot's License, without having a valid [Instrument Rating].(b)Public transport and aerial work aircraft.-Every public transport or aerial work aircraft (other than a microlight or a glider or a balloon) shall be flown by a person holding an appropriate professional pilot's license, i.e., a Commercial, [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'Senior Commercial' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] or Airline Transport Pilot's License issued in accordance with Schedule II:Provided that an aircraft other than a microlight, a glider or a balloon which is the property of or is being used by a duly constituted flying/gliding/ballooning/aerosport club may be flown by a person holding a Student Pilot's or a Private Pilot's License for the purpose of receiving instructions or for qualifying, renewal of a license or for issue of a higher category of license:Provided further that an aircraft other than a microlight or a glider or a balloon which is the property of, or being used by, a duly constituted flying/gliding/ballooning/aerosport club flown by a member and carrying a person otherwise than for the purpose of instructing such person in flying, shall not for the purpose of this rule, be deemed to be flown for public transport, if however, in respect of such carriage, payment is made, either directly or indirectly, to the pilot of the aircraft or the pilot of the aircraft is a paid employee of the flying/gliding/ballooning/aerosport club, the aircraft shall be deemed to be flown for public transport.(2)[Flight Instructor or Assistant Flight Instructor [Substituted by G.S.R. 637(E), dated 4.10.1993].-(a) Every aircraft which is being used for the purpose of giving dual instructions in piloting shall carry a person holding an appropriate professional pilot's license, that is, a Commercial, Senior Commercial or Airline Transport Pilot's License or Pilot's License (Microlight, Gliders and Balloons) as the case may be, which has an appropriate Flight Instructor's or Assistant Flight Instructor's rating in accordance with Schedule II, or an authorisation issued in writing by the Director-General.(b)No person other than a person having a Flight Instructor's or Assistant Flight Instructor's rating shall impart instructions in piloting in aircraft, unless he has been specifically authorised in writing by the Director-General to impart such instructions.(3)Flight Navigator.-Every public transport aircraft engaged on a flight without landing over a great circle distance of more than six hundred NMs and not equipped with the navigational equipment capable of providing instant and continuous ground position of the aircraft with adequate stand-by arrangements, shall carry on board a Flight Navigator licensed in accordance with Schedule II, if the total distance between any two consecutive radio navigational fixing aids located within thirty NMs of the route of the proposed. flight and capable of being used by the aircraft is more than six hundred NMs:Provided that the Director-General may require a Flight Navigator to be carried on board an



aircraft on any flight.](4)Flight Engineer.-Where a Flight Engineer is required to be carried on board an aircraft as flight crew member under sub-rule (7), he shall be a person holding the appropriate license in accordance with Schedule II.[\* \* \*] [Clause (5) omitted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).](6)Flight Radio Telephone Operator.-An aircraft which is equipped or required to be equipped with radio apparatus in accordance with rule 63 and which communicates by radio telephony, shall carry a person [holding a Flight Radio Telephone Operator's License or Flight Radio Telephone Operator's License (Restricted), as the case may be,] [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).] issued in accordance with Schedule II, to operate radio apparatus on such aircraft.(7)Minimum crew for any flight.-The number and description of the flight crew members operating any flight of an aircraft registered in India shall be-(a)if a certificate of airworthiness in respect of the aircraft is in force at least the number and description of persons specified as the minimum operating crew for that aircraft in the certificate of airworthiness;(b)if no certificate of airworthiness in respect of the aircraft is in force, but a certificate of airworthiness in respect of that aircraft has previously been in force, at least the number and description of persons specified as the minimum operating crew in the certificate of airworthiness last in force of that aircraft;(c)if no certificate of airworthiness in respect of the aircraft is or has been in force and the aircraft is a series aircraft conforming with a prototype or prototype (modified) aircraft in respect of which a certificate of airworthiness has been issued, at least the number and description of persons specified as the minimum operating crew in that certificate of airworthiness;(d)in all other cases, at least such number and description of persons sufficient to ensure the safety of the aircraft as may be approved by the Director-General.][Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

### **38B. [ Carriage of cabin crew. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)No aircraft registered in India shall be operated for public transport of passengers unless the following minimum number of cabin crew are on board the aircraft for the purpose of performing such duties as may be assigned in the interest of the safety of passengers, by the operator or the Pilot-in-command of the aircraft, namely:

For an aeroplane having a seating

- (a) capacity of not less than 10 and not more than 50 passengers. One cabin crew

For a helicopter having a seating capacity

- (b) of not less than 20 and not more than 50 passengers. One cabin crew

For an aeroplane or a helicopter cabin

- (c) having seating capacity of more than 50 passengers. Two cabin crew Plus one cabin crew for each unit (or part of a unit) of 50 passengers seats above a seating capacity of 99 passengers.

(2)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), if any higher number is specified by the

aircraft manufacturer for the type of aircraft being used, then that minimum number of crew members shall be carried on-board: Provided that in case of multi-aisles (single or multi-deck) at least one crew member for each floor level exit and for the purpose of certification, if any higher number of crew member is required to conduct emergency evacuation demonstration then that number of crew member shall be carried on board. (3) The cabin crew shall be located- (a) during take-off and landing as near as possible to the floor level exits; and (b) at any other time, at a suitable place in the aircraft, so as to provide the most effective exit of passengers in the event of emergency evacuation. (4) An operator shall ensure that every member of cabin crew meets the requirements of age, qualification, training and medical assessment as specified by the Director-General from time to time. (5) Every member of cabin crew shall, before being detailed for duty on board the aircraft, successfully complete an approved course of training followed by periodical approved refresher course concerning evacuation procedure, location and use of emergency equipment and any other requirement as specified by the Director-General. (6) Whenever two or more cabin crew members are assigned to a flight, the operator shall nominate an experienced cabin crew member as a senior cabin crew member who shall be responsible to the Pilot-in-Command for the conduct and coordination of cabin safety and emergency procedure specified in the Operations Manual: Provided that the senior cabin crew member has a minimum of one year's experience as cabin crew and has successfully undergone the training as specified by the Director-General. (7) The operator shall cause checks of proficiency in carrying out safety and emergency duties by each cabin crew after completion of training as per sub-rule (5) and the checks shall be conducted by the Instructors approved, and having qualifications specified, by the Director-General. (8) No cabin crew shall perform duties on more than three types of aircraft. Explanation. - For the purposes of this sub-rule, types of aircrafts shall be considered to be different types if they are not similar in all the following aspects, namely:- (a) emergency exit operation; (b) location and type of safety equipment; and (c) emergency procedures. (9) The Director-General may, if he is of the opinion that it is expedient so to do, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, waive fully or partially, the requirement of sub-rule (1).]

[38-B. Carriage of cabin crews. [Substituted by G.S.R. 383, dated 11.7.2001 (w.e.f. 21.7.2001).]- (1) No aircraft registered in India shall be operated for public transport of passengers unless the following minimum number of cabin crew are on board the aircraft for the purpose of performing such duties as may be assigned in the interest of the safety of passengers, by the operator or the Pilot-in-command of the aircraft, namely:--{|

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|-----|---|-----------------|
| (a) | For an aeroplane having a seating capacity of not less than 10 and not more than 50 passengers. | One cabin crew. |
| (b) | For a helicopter having a seating   | One cabin crew. |

capacity of not less than 20 and not more than 50 passengers.

(c)

Two cabin crew plus For an aeroplane or one cabin crew for a helicopter having each unit (or part of a seating capacity unit) of 50 passengers of more than 50 seats above a seating capacity of 99 Passengers. passengers.

(2)The cabin crew shall be located--(i)during take-off and landing, as near as possible to the floor level exits, and(ii)at any other time, at some suitable place in the aircraft, so as to provide the most effective exit of passengers in the event of emergency evacuation.(3)An operator shall ensure that each cabin crew member--(a)is not less than 18 years of age;(b)has passed 10+2 examination from a recognised Board or University;(c)has passed an initial medical examination or assessment and has been found medically fit to discharge the duties specified in the Operations Manual;(d)remains medically fit to discharge the duties specified in the Operations Manual; and(e)is competent to perform the duties as cabin crew as specified in the Operations Manual.(4)Whenever two or more cabin crew members are assigned to a flight, the operator shall nominate an experienced cabin crew member as a senior cabin crew member who shall be responsible to the Pilot-in-Command for the conduct and co-ordination of cabin safety and emergency procedures specified in the Operations Manual:Provided that the senior cabin crew member has a minimum of one year's experience as cabin crew and has successfully undergone relevant training as required under sub-rule (5).(5)Each cabin crew shall successfully undergo the following training programme duly approved by the Director-General, namely:--(a)Initial training before undertaking type training;(b)Type training before being assigned to operate as cabin crew member on a particular type of aircraft, or assigned to operate another aircraft type;(c)Differences training before operating on a variant of an aircraft type currently operated, or with different equipment, equipment location, or safety procedures on currently operated aircraft type or variants;(d)Familiarisation flights to be undertaken by the cabin crew after undergoing type training prior to operating a cabin crew member;(e)Recurrent training covering the actions assigned to each crew member in evacuation and appropriate normal and emergency procedures and drills relevant to the type(s) and/or variant(s) of aircraft every 12 calendar months; and(f)Refresher training for cabin crew member who have been absent from flying duties for more than 6 months.(6)The operator shall cause checks of proficiency in carrying out safety and emergency duties by each cabin crew after completion of training under sub-rule (5) and the checks shall be conducted by the Instructors approved, and having qualifications specified, by the Director-General.(7)No cabin crew shall perform duties on more than three types of aircraft.Explanation.--For the purposes of this sub-rule, types of aircrafts shall be considered to be different types if they are not similar in all the following aspects, namely:--(a)emergency exit operation;(b)location and type of safety equipment; and(c)emergency procedures.(8)The Director-General may, if he is of the opinion that it is expedient so to do, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, waive fully or partially, the requirement of sub-rule (1).][Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft

registered in India and Indian aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 150(E), dated 4.3.2009 (w.e.f. 4.3.2009).]]}

**38C. [ Flight Dispatcher Approval. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]**

(1)No operator shall assign duties to a person as a flight dispatcher without prior approval of the Director-General.(2)An operator may apply along with prescribed fee to the Director-General for obtaining approval of flight dispatcher.(3)The Director General may specify the requirements for approval of Flight Dispatcher.(4)The Director-General may, on being satisfied that a person has met all the requirements to act as a flight dispatcher, grant an approval of flight dispatcher to operator.(5)The approval granted under sub-rule (4), unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding five years, and on being satisfied, the Director General may renew it for a further period not exceeding five years at a time.(6)Fee for approval as flight dispatcher shall be rupees five thousand only and fee for renewal of flight dispatcher approval shall be rupees two thousand five hundred only.(7)The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director-General.]

**39. [ [Rule 39 omitted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

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**39A. [ Disqualification from holding or obtaining a license. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

(1)Where the licensing authority is satisfied, after giving him an opportunity of being heard, that any person--(a)is habitually intemperate in the use of alcohol, or is an addict of narcotics, drugs and the like, or(b)is using, has used or is about to use an aircraft in the commission of a cognizable offence or in contravention of these rules, or(c)has, by his previous conduct as member of the crew of an aircraft, shown that he is irresponsible [in the discharge of his duties connected with his employment] or is likely to endanger the safety of the aircraft or any person or thing carried therein, or of other aircraft or persons or things on the ground, or(d)[ is a habitual criminal or has been convicted by a Court in India for an offence involving moral turpitude or an offence which amounts to heinous crime, or] [Inserted by G.S.R. 218, dated 13.3.1991.](e)[ has obtained the license, rating, aircraft type rating or extension of aircraft type rating, or renewal of any of them by suppression of material information or on the basis of wrong information, or] [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).](f)[ has unauthorisedly varied or tempered with the particulars entered in a license or rating,] [Inserted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).]the licensing authority may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, make an order disqualifying that person for a specified period from holding or obtaining a license.(2)The Central Government may debar a person permanently or temporarily from holding [any license or rating mentioned in] [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).] rule 38 if in its opinion it is necessary to do so in the public interest.(3)Upon the issue of any order under sub-rule (1) or

sub-rule (2), the person affected, if he is the holder of a license, shall forthwith surrender his license to the licensing authority, if the license has not already been surrendered. The licensing authority shall keep the license until expiry of the period for which the person has been disqualified or debarred, or if he has been debarred permanently, for a period of 5 years.]

### **39B. [ Medical standards. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

(1) No license or rating referred to in rule 38, required for any of the personnel of the aircraft, shall be issued or renewed unless the applicant undergoes a medical examination with an approved medical authority and satisfies the medical standards as notified by the Director-General: Provided that if in the opinion of the approved medical authority the condition of the applicant is not such as to introduce any hazard either of sudden incapacity or of inability to perform his duties safely during the period of validity of his license or rating and failure to attain the requirement is capable of being compensated and the Director-General has satisfactory evidence that the applicant has already acquired and demonstrated his ability, skill and experience which compensate for his deficiency, the license or rating may be renewed or endorsed with any special limitation when the safe performance of flight duties is dependant on compliance with such limitations: Provided further that, in the case of a member of the operating crew of an aircraft engaged in public transport or aerial work who is on duty in the territory of a foreign country where medical centres recognised by the Director-General do not exist, the Director-General may renew the license or rating for two consecutive periods of three months each without the candidate having successfully undergone the prescribed medical examination if such candidate produces a medical certificate from a registered practitioner in modern medicine declaring his fitness in accordance with the prescribed medical standards. [Explanation. - For the purposes of this sub-rule "approved medical authority" means a medical authority approved by the Director-General.] (2) The Director-General may require a member of any flight crew to undergo a medical examination by any Medical Authority at any time, if, in his opinion, such examination is necessary in the interest of safety of operations.]

### **39C. [ Period of validity of medical fitness Assessment and Licences. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

(1) The period of validity of medical fitness assessment and licence in respect of various categories shall be as specified in the following table, namely: -

	Category of licence	Validity of medical fitness assessment	Validity of licence
	(1)	(2)	(3)
(i)	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (aeroplanes of [helicopters or gyroplanes] [Substituted 'helicopters' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).])	Twelve months	[Five years] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f.

23.3.1937)]

(ii) [ [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]	Commercial Pilot's Licence (aeroplanes or helicopters) and Flight Navigator's Licence	Twelvemonths	Fiveyears
(iia)	Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence	Twelvemonths	up to the validity of Radio Telephone Restricted];
(iii) [ [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]	StudentPilot's Licence (aeroplanes or helicopters or microlight aircraft or gliders or balloons), Student Flight Navigator's Licenceand Student Flight Engineer'sLicence	Twenty-fourmonths	[Ten years] [Substituted for 'Five years' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]
(iv)	PrivatePilot's Licence (aeroplanes or helicopters), Pilot's Licence ([microlight aircraft or gyroplanes] [Substituted 'microlight aircraft' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]or light sport aircraft or gliders or balloons), Flight Radio TelephoneOperator's Licence (Restricted) and Flight Engineer'sLicence	Twenty-fourmonths	Tenyears]

(2)The period of validity of the initial medical fitness assessment shall commence from the date of the medical examination.(3)In case of renewal, the period of validity of medical fitness assessment shall commence from the date following the date of expiry of the previous medical fitness assessment, subject to the condition that the medical examination for renewal has been conducted within a period of not more than one month preceding the date of expiry of the previous validity.(4)In cases other than those referred to in sub-rule (3), the validity of the renewal of the medical fitness assessment shall commence from the date of the medical examination.(5)The period of validity of medical fitness assessment in respect of the licences specified against items (i) and (ii) of the table under sub-rule (1) shall be reduced to half after the holder of the licence has attained the age of sixty years.(6)The period of validity of a licence shall commence from the date of issue of the licence.(7)In case of renewal, the period of validity of the licence shall commence from the date following the date of expiry of the previous validity of the licence, subject to the condition that the application for renewal has been submitted within a period of not more than one month preceding the date of expiry of the previous validity.(8)In cases other than those referred to in sub-rule (7), the

validity of renewal of the licence shall commence from the date of renewal of the licence.]

#### **40. Signature of license holder.**

- On the issue of a license to an applicant he shall forthwith sign his name on the license as the holder thereof with his ordinary signature.

#### **41. [ Proof of competency. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

- Applicants for licenses and ratings shall produce proof of having acquired the flying experience and having passed satisfactorily the test and examinations specified in Schedule II in respect of the license or rating concerned:[Provided that a person who is a qualified pilot from Indian Air Force, Indian Navy [Indian Army or Indian Coast Guard] and who produces satisfactory evidence to show that he possesses the necessary flying experience, competency and standards of physical fitness as required under these rules, may be exempted by the Director-General, by general or special order in writing, and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in such order, from all or any of the flying tests and from medical or other technical examinations required for the issue of the licences under these rules :]Provided further that a person to whom a license of a particular class has been issued by the competent authority in a contracting state may be exempted by the Director-General from all or any of the flying tests or technical examinations required for issue of license if his flying experience and competency are not less than the flying experience and competency laid down in Schedule II in respect of the corresponding license under these rules. If he is the holder of a current license, he may be further exempted from medical examination of the period for which his license is current:Provided further that in the case of a license issued under any of the preceding provisions, only such type or types of aircraft shall be entered in the aircraft rating of the license as in the opinion of the Director-General the applicant has sufficient and satisfactory experience and competency to fly:Provided further that the Director-General may, on examination of the syllabi, determine the relative equivalence of technical examinations for granting exemptions to applicants from passing the examinations required under Schedule II:Provided further that the Director-General may require any candidate, training establishment or operator to produce for examination all relevant training records including the syllabi, certificates, mark-sheets, flight-test reports, assessments, etc., in respect of the candidate who has undergone a course of training, examination or flight-test, etc., with training establishment or operator.]

#### **41A. [ Checks, tests and examinations. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

(1)The Director-General may conduct examination specified in Schedule II, may fix examination centres within India, appoint invigilators and lay down the procedure for conducting the examinations.(2)The Director-General may appoint Examiners for carrying out flying tests and technical examinations required under Schedule II and may also appoint a Board to conduct oral examinations when necessary.(3)The Director-General may determine the manner in which the [proficiency] shall be carried out and may approve check pilots and examiners for this purpose. He

may require their reports to be submitted to him in respect of any flying test on any aircraft for which an aircraft rating is desired on a license or which is entered in the aircraft rating of the license and the renewal of which is desired or for checking proficiency at any time in respect of any aircraft included in the aircraft rating of the license.(3A)[ The Director General may specify the requirements for approval of Check Pilots and Examiners.(3B)The approval granted under sub-rule (3), unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding five years, and on being satisfied, the Director General may renew it for a further period not exceeding five years at a time.(3C)The Director General may also appoint examiners for standardisation check of Check Pilots and Examiners approved under sub-rule (3) and specify the manner in which such checks shall be carried out.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](4)The Director-General may debar permanently or temporarily a candidate from any flying test or examination if, in his opinion, the applicant has adopted unfair means during the test or examination.(5)[ The Director-General may declare any flying test or examination conducted by an examiner or a Board, null and void, if in the opinion of the Director-General, the test or examination has not been carried out to his satisfaction, and require the test or the examination to be carried out again by another Examiner or Board and the Director-General may also take such action against the Examiner as he may deem fit under rule 19.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](6)If a license holder or a candidate for a license or rating has failed in any flying test subsequent to any flying test successfully undergone by him for issue or renewal of the license or rating, the previous test as far as it is affected by subsequent flying test in which he has failed, will be considered invalid from the date of the subsequent test and the privileges accruing as a result of such earlier test shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.(7)Detailed syllabi for the technical examinations for the issue of flight crew licenses and ratings shall be laid down by the Director-General.]

#### **41B. [ [Flying] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 909(E), dated 27.11.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] Training Organisation.**

(1)A Flying Training Organisation (hereinafter referred to as FTO) providing training on aircraft below 5700 kgs all-up-weight shall obtain the approval of the Director-General before the students are enrolled to acquire flying experience and the level of competency required for obtaining a licence or rating specified in rule 38 and Schedule II of these rules.(2)(a)For the grant of approval under this rule, the FTO shall, in the first instance, obtain a 'No objection Certificate' by making an application in the prescribed format to the Director-General along with a fee of fifty thousand rupees.(b)The No Objection Certificate obtained under clause (a) shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of its issuance and may be extended by six months at a time on payment of a fee of twenty-five thousand rupees subject to the satisfaction of the Director-General regarding progress towards meeting the requirements of sub-rule (3).(3)(a)The FTO shall possess the requisite infrastructure, adequate facilities, qualified and trained manpower including instructors as may be specified by the Director-General and the simulator training in such organization shall be undertaken on simulator approved by the Director-General.(b)The FTO shall have a 'Training and Procedure Manual' and a 'Quality Assurance Manual' with contents as may be specified by the Director-General and both the documents shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.(c)It shall be the duty of the FTO to provide a copy of the approved Training and Procedure



Manual to its personnel for their use and guidance.(4)(a)The holder of a valid No Objection Certificate may apply to the Director-General for issuance of approval of the FTO in the prescribed format along with a fee of two lakh rupees.(b)The Director-General may, on being satisfied that all the requirements pertaining to the setting up of a FTO have been complied with, grant an approval to the FTO subject to such conditions as may be specified in the approval.(c)The approval so granted shall, unless suspended or cancelled, remain valid for a period not exceeding five years and on being satisfied with the performance of FTO during this period, the Director-General may renew the approval for a [period not exceeding five years] [Substituted for 'period of two years' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] at a time on payment of a fee of one lakh rupees, subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified by the Director-General:[\*\*\*] [Omitted 'proviso' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](5)[ The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director- General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](6)The training records of the FTO shall be maintained in a manner specified by the Director-General and shall be produced on demand to the Director-General or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf.(7)The FTO shall not impart any training which is not included in the scope of its activities and has not been duly approved by the Director-General.(8)The FTO shall have an acceptable safety management system as specified by the Director-General.(9)Upon being satisfied that, -(a)any of the conditions of the approval of the FTO has not been complied with and the failure is due to any wilful act or default on the part of the holder of such approval or by any of his employees or agents, irrespective of whether or not such wilful act or default of the employee or agent was with the knowledge or consent of the holder of the approval; or(b)the holder of the approval has failed to maintain safe, efficient and reliable training organization; or(c)the approval of the FTO was obtained by suppressing any material fact or furnishing wrong information,the Director-General may cancel the approval or suspend it for such a period as deemed fit:Provided that no such approval shall be cancelled or suspended without giving a show-cause notice in writing informing the holder of the approval the ground on which it is proposed to suspend or cancel the approval and giving him a reasonable opportunity of making a representation in writing within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice and, if that person so desires, of being heard.(10)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (9), if the Central Government is of the opinion that in the interest of public safety it is necessary to do so, it may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, summarily suspend the approval of a FTO with a view to make further enquiry.]

#### **41C. [ Flight Simulation Training Device Qualification Certificate. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]**

(1)An organisation may apply along with prescribed fee to the Director-General for a Qualification Certificate of Flight Simulation Training Device or for the validation of a Qualification Certificate issued by the Civil Aviation Authority of a Contracting State in respect of a Flight Simulation Training Device.Explanation. - For the purpose of this sub-rule (1), the organisation means:(a)an Operator;(b)a Training Organisation approved under these rules; or(c)a Training Organisation approved by civil aviation authority of a contracting state for operating and maintaining Flight Simulation Training Device.(2)The Director-General may specify the requirements for Qualification Certificate or validation of Flight Simulation Training Device and the type of trainings which can be

imparted on such devices.(3)The Director-General may on being satisfied that it met all the requirements, issue a Qualification Certificate or validate the Qualification Certificate of Flight Simulation Training Device issued elsewhere, as the case may be.(4)No airline operator shall use such qualified or validated Flight Simulation Training Device for the training of their personnel without obtaining written permission from the Director-General in the form and manner as specified by him.(5)If the Director General is satisfied that there is sufficient ground for doing so, after giving him an opportunity of being heard and reasons to be recorded in writing, may suspend or cancel such certificate or validation, as the case may be.(6)The Qualification Certificate or validation granted under sub-rule (3), unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding two years, and on being satisfied, the Director General may renew it for a further period not exceeding two years at a time.(7)Fee for Qualification Certificate or validation of Flight Simulation Training Device for aircraft type having maximum permissible take-off weight more than 5700 kilograms shall be rupees two lakh only and for renewal of such certificate or validation, as the case may be, the fee shall be rupees one lakh only.(8)Fee for Qualification Certificate or validation of Flight Simulator Training Device for aircraft type having maximum permissible take-off weight up to 5700 Kilograms shall be rupees one lakh only and for renewal of such certificate or validation, as the case may be, the fee shall be rupees fifty thousand only.(9)An additional amount of two lakh fifty thousand rupees or cost of travel including per diem, whichever is higher, shall be payable if the inspection, audit or surveillance in respect of issue or renewal of validation of Qualification Certificate of a Flight Simulator Training Device is required to be carried out at any place outside of India.(10)The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director-General.]

## **42. [ Licenses and their renewal. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

- [(1) The licenses and ratings mentioned in rule 38 may be issued or renewed for any period not exceeding the period specified in rule 39-C and Schedule II in respect of each license or rating:Provided that if, on the date of application for renewal, the license or rating has expired for the periods specified below, the applicant may be required to qualify in the examinations and [skill] specified against them and such other examinations and tests as the Director-General may consider necessary to assess the applicant's competency to hold that license or rating:-

(a) For a period exceeding 2 years but not exceeding 3 years.

Test of skill and Air Regulations.

(b) For a period exceeding 3 years.

All examinations and tests required for the issue of the license or rating:

Provided further that the Director-General may, before the renewal of a license or a rating, require an applicant to satisfy all or any of the requirements for the issue of license or rating of the same class, if, in the opinion of the Director-General, the competency of the applicant is below the standard required for the license or rating:[Provided also that, in case where the holder of expired Indian commercial licence is flying on a valid equivalent commercial licence issued by a Contracting State and satisfies the requirement of flying experience for renewal of Indian licence, his Indian licence, if expired beyond two years, shall be renewed after his qualifying the examinations and tests as the Director-General may consider necessary] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated

13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] [Provided also that] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] in the case of a pilot or a flight engineer, the Director--General may, when renewing a license or a rating, delete any type of aircraft entered in the aircraft rating if he is satisfied that the holder of the license does not have reasonable flying experience or does not possess the required standard of competency on that type of aircraft">Provided further that in the case of a pilot or a flight engineer, the Director--General may, when renewing a license or a rating, delete any type of aircraft entered in the aircraft rating if he is satisfied that the holder of the license does not have reasonable flying experience or does not possess the required standard of competency on that type of aircraft.](2)The holder of a license shall not exercise the privileges of his license without being declared fit after a fresh medical examination in the event of his having,--(a)a sickness or injury involving incapacity for a period of fifteen days or more for the work for which he is licensed; or(b)an injury sustained in any accident occurring during the exercise of the privileges of his license or otherwise and which is likely to cause incapacity or impair his efficiency in the discharge of his duties.The license holder or his employer shall immediately notify all the relevant details of the sickness or injury to the Director-General.(3)The license of a person disqualified under sub-rule (2) shall be deemed to be invalid until the holder passes a fresh medical examination.(4)The holder of a license shall not exercise the privileges of his license during any period when he is aware that his physical condition has deteriorated below the standard required for that category of license.]

**42A. [ Fatigue Management of Flight Crew and Cabin Crew Member.  
[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)Taking into account the likely impact of fatigue on the level of alertness of flight crew members and cabin crew members, the maximum limits of flight time, flight duty period and duty period of flight crew members as well as cabin crew members, and also the minimum rest periods required to be observed by such crew members, may be specified by the Director-General.(2)No flight crew member or cabin crew member of a flying machine registered in India, or wet-leased by an Indian operator, shall contravene the limitations stipulated by the Director-General under sub-rule (1).(3)Every Indian operator shall establish a scheme of flight and duty time limitations and minimum rest periods for its flight crew members as well as cabin crew members in accordance with the stipulations made by the Director-General under sub-rule (1) and submit the same to the Director-General for approval and after approval by the Director-General, such scheme shall form part of the Operations Manual of the concerned operator.Explanation. - For the purposes of this rule, 'Indian operator' means an operator having his principal place of business, or his permanent residence, in India.]

[42-A. Pilot not to fly for more than 125 hours during any period of 30 consecutive days. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1154, dated 23.4.1952.]- No pilot of a flying machine, shall, in his capacity as such pilot, fly for more than 125 hours during any period of 30 consecutive days:Provided that without prejudice to the provisions of rule 160, the Director--General may, subject to such conditions and limitations as he may specify, by order in writing, exempt any such pilot from the provisions of this

rule.Explanation.-For the purposes of this rule, the flying time of a pilot either as solo pilot-in-command of an aircraft will be counted fully and the flying time of a pilot engaged as Co-pilot or supernumerary pilot will be counted at 80 per cent. of the flying time.]

**43. [\* \* \*] [Rule 43 omitted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

#### **44. Aircraft not registered in India.**

- An aircraft not registered in India shall carry the personnel prescribed by the laws of the State in which it is registered and such personnel shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of that State.[Note. -For the purposes of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

**45. [ Validation of foreign licences. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- When a licence has been granted by the competent authority in a foreign State and is for the time being in force, the Central Government may, subject to such conditions and limitations and for such periods as it shall think fit, render such licence valid by an authorisation for flying aircraft registered in India and a licence so validated shall be subject to the provisions of [rule 19 and rule 19A] and such validation of a licence shall cease if the licence is revoked or suspended.Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.]

45. Validation of foreign licenses.-[When a license has been granted by the duly competent authority in any foreign State] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1567, dated 6.11.1962.]and is for the time being in force, the Central Government may, subject to such conditions and limitations and for such periods as it shall think fit confer on such license the same validity for the purpose of flying aircraft registered in India as if it had been granted under these rules and a license so validated shall be subject to the provisions of rule 19.[Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 150(E), dated 4.3.2009 (w.e.f. 4.3.2009).]

**46. [ [Rule 46 omitted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

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**47. [ Minimum age for holding a license. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

- The minimum age of a person who is otherwise qualified and to whom a license may be granted shall be as laid down in Schedule II.]

**47A. [ Minimum educational qualification for holding a license. [Inserted by G.S.R. 452(E) dated 11.6.1993.]**

- No person shall be granted a license unless he possesses the educational qualification as laid down in Schedule II: Provided that candidates already enrolled for flying training on or before the 6th January, 1992 with any flying club or institute or with the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi shall be exempted from application of this rule.]

**48. [ Fees and other charges. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

- [(1) The following fee shall be payable for the issue, renewal and validation of licenses and rating or the issue of duplicate licenses and for the tests and examinations for such licenses and ratings:--

(i)	for tests and examinations for licenses and rating	Rs. 500 per paper
(ii)	for issue or validation of a license or rating for Student Pilot's License and Glider Pilot's License	Rs. 1,000
(iii)	for renewal of a license or rating for Student Pilot's Pilot's License and Glider Pilot's License	Rs. 500
(iv)	for issue or validation of a license or rating other than Student Pilot's License and Glider Pilot's License	Rs. 5,000
(v)	for renewal of a license or rating other than Student Pilot's License and Glider Pilot's License	Rs. 2,500
(vi)	for issue of duplicate Student Pilot's License and Glider Pilot's License	Rs. 250
(vii)	for issue of duplicate license or rating other than Student Pilot's License and Glider Pilot License	Rs. 500

(viii)	For issue of duplicate result sheet of examination	Rs. 500
(ix)	[[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]] Where the examination is conducted online:	
	Rs 2500 per paper[Inserted by Notification No. GSR 213 (E) dated 5.4.2013 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]-	Where the examination is conducted online on demand : Rs. 5000 per paper]

(2)[ For all flying tests, the candidate or operator, as the case may be, shall be required to provide the aircraft or flight simulator and bear all charges in this respect, and if a Government Examiner is carried on board during the flying test or standardisation check, the following fee shall be payable to the Central Government, namely: -] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]

(i)	for a single-engine aircraft	Rs. 5,000
(ii)	for a multi-engine aircraft with maximum permissible take-off weight below 5,700 kilograms	Rs. 10,000
(iii)	for a multi-engine aircraft with maximum permissible take-off weight of 5, 700 kilograms and above upto 50, 000 kilograms	Rs. 50, 000
(iv)	for a multi-engine aircraft with maximum permissible take-off weight above 50,000 kilograms	Rs. 1,00,000]

(2A)[ For Approval or Renewal of Check Pilots or Examiners, the following fee shall be payable, namely: -(i)Approval of Check Pilots or Examiners: Rs. 10,000/-(ii)Renewal of Check Pilots or Examiners: Rs. 5,000/-(2AA)The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](3)The fees (or the medical examinations conducted by the official Medical Board shall be paid in the manner as prescribed and notified by the Director--General.(4)Every application for technical examination or the issue, validation, renewal or re-validation of licenses and ratings or the issue of duplicate license and ratings shall be paid in the manner prescribed and notified by the Director--General.(5)When in any case the license or rating is not issued, validated, renewed or re-validated or a duplicate license or rating is not issued, the Central Government may order the refund to the applicant of a proportionate part of the sum paid as fees.]

## Part VI – AIRWORTHINESS

### 49. [ Issue of Type Certificate or Restricted Type Certificate for an aircraft or engine or propeller designed or manufactured in India. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

(1)The Director-General may direct by general or special order that there shall be a Type Certificate in respect of an aircraft designed or manufactured in India, as a pre-requisite to the issue or continued validity of a certificate of airworthiness.(2)The Director-General may also direct by general or special order that there shall be a Type Certificate in respect of any engine or propeller

designed or manufactured in India.(3)The Director-General may issue a Type Certificate when, -(a)an applicant furnishes such documents or other evidence relating to the suitability of the aeronautical product for aviation purposes, as may be specified, inclusive of a flight test, if necessary, as the Director-General may require. The applicant shall provide all necessary facilities for such inspection and tests as may be stipulated; and(b)the Director-General is satisfied as to its suitability for aviation purposes.(4)The Director-General may issue a Restricted Type Certificate for an aeronautical product imposing necessary limitations on its operations if he is satisfied that the design of an aircraft or engine or propeller, does not fully comply with the applicable design standard specified by the Director-General but is in a condition for safe operation.

#### **49A. Issue of Type Certificate or Restricted Type Certificate to an aircraft imported in India.**

(1)The Director-General may direct by general or special order that there shall be a type certificate or restricted type certificate in respect of any aircraft imported in India.(2)The Director-General may issue a type certificate or restricted type certificate in respect of any aircraft imported in India.

#### **49B. Validation of Type Certificate or Restricted Type Certificate for an aeronautical product imported in India.**

(1)The Director-General may validate a type certificate or a restricted type certificate in respect of any aeronautical product that may be imported when -(a)the State aviation authority of the country in which it is designed has issued a type certificate or a restricted type certificate or a similar document in respect of that aeronautical product, as the case may be;(b)it meets the airworthiness requirements as specified by the Director-General; and(c)the applicant furnishes such documents and technical data regarding the suitability of the product for aviation purposes as may be specified and as the Director-General may require.(2)The Director-General may, by order in writing and subject to such conditions as may be stated in that order, exempt any aeronautical product from the provisions of this rule.

#### **49C. Type Certificate or Restricted Type Certificate- aeronautical product categories.**

- The type certificate or restricted type certificate of an aeronautical product when issued or validated may be grouped as an aeronautical product in one or more categories as may be specified. The operation of the aircraft shall be restricted to those categories.

#### **49D. Cancellation, suspension of or endorsement on Type Certificate or Restricted Type Certificate.**

- If at any time the Director-General is satisfied that there is a reasonable doubt to indicate that the safety of the aeronautical product is imperilled because of a defect, he may cancel, suspend or endorse the type certificate or restricted type certificate issued or validated for the aeronautical

product having defect, or may require the incorporation of any modification as a condition for the type certificate or restricted type certificate remaining in force, as the case may be.

#### **49E. Recognition of Type Certificate or Restricted Type Certificate of an aeronautical product issued by a Contracting State.**

- The Director-General may accept the type certificate or restricted type certificate in respect of an aeronautical product issued by a Contracting State whose airworthiness requirements shall be in accordance with these rules, if -(a)the State aviation authority of the State in which it is designed has issued a type certificate or restricted type certificate in respect of that aeronautical product;(b)it meets the airworthiness requirements specified by the Director-General; and(c)the applicant furnishes documents and technical data as may be required to assess the suitability or safety of the aeronautical product.

#### **49F. Issue of Supplemental Type Certificate in respect of an aeronautical product.**

- The Director-General may issue a supplemental type certificate in respect of any aeronautical product for which a type certificate or a restricted type certificate has been issued or validated or accepted as provided in rules 49A, 49B and 49E, and which has undergone a structural modification or installation of new item of equipment on account of the following reasons, namely:-(a)the aeronautical product in-service has developed deficiencies that may affect the safety or performance of the product;(b)there is a genuine need of the operator to change the configuration of the aeronautical product; and(c)there is a need to change or install new item of equipment for the purpose of enhancing safety or to bring in more user comfort.]

49. [ Type certificate for an aircraft, aircraft component and items of equipment, designed or manufactured in India and issue of type certificate. [Substituted by G.S.R. 218, dated 13.3.1991].- (1) The Director-General may direct by general or special order that there shall be type certificate in respect of any aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment designed, manufactured, sold or distributed in India, as a prerequisite to the issue, renewal or continued validity of a certificate of airworthiness, in respect of an aircraft in which an aircraft component or item of equipment of that type has been fitted or installed:[Provided that nothing contained in this sub-rule shall apply in case of microlight aircraft.](2) A person may apply to the Director-General for issue of a type certificate in respect of any aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment.(3) The Director-General may issue a type certificate when--(a) an applicant furnishes such documents or other evidence relating to the suitability of the aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment for aviation purposes, as may be specified, inclusive of a flight test, if necessary, as the Director-General may require. The applicant shall provide all necessary facilities for such inspection and tests as may be stipulated; and(b) the Director-General is satisfied as to its suitability for aviation purposes.[49-A. Issue of type certificate to an aircraft, aircraft component and items of equipment imported in India. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976].- (1) The Director-General may direct by general or special order that there shall be a type certificate in



respect of any aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment imported in India.(2) The Director-General may issue a type certificate in respect of any aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment imported in India.]49-B. Validation of type certificate for aircraft, aircraft components and items of equipment imported in India.- (1) The Director-General may validate a type certificate in respect of any aircraft, aircraft component and item of equipment, that may be imported:Provided that--(a) the airworthiness authority of the country in which it is manufactured has issued a certificate of airworthiness, type certificate or a similar document in respect of that aircraft, aircraft component, or item of equipment, as the case may be;(b) it meets with the airworthiness requirements which may be laid down by the Director-General; and(c) the applicant furnishes such documents and technical data regarding the suitability of the product for aviation purposes as may be specified and as the Director-General may require:Provided further that the Director-General may, by order in writing and subject to such conditions as may be stated in that order, exempt any aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment from the provisions of this rule.49-C. Type certificate-aircraft categories.- The type certificate of an aircraft when issued or validated may be grouped as an aircraft in one or more categories as may be specified. The operation of the aircraft shall be restricted to those authorised.49-D. Cancellation, suspension or endorsement on type certificate.- If at any time the Director-General is satisfied that there is a reasonable doubt to indicate that the safety of the aircraft is imperilled because of a defect in the aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment of that aircraft, he may cancel, suspend or endorse the type certificate issued or validated for the aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment, or may require the incorporation of any modification as a condition of the type certificate remaining in force, as the case may be.]

**50. [ Issue of Certificate of airworthiness or Special Certificate of Airworthiness and Airworthiness Review Certificate. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)The owner or operator of an aircraft may apply to the Director-General for the issue of a certificate of airworthiness or a special certificate of airworthiness in respect of the aircraft or for the validation of a certificate of airworthiness issued elsewhere in respect of the aircraft.(2)The Director-General may issue a certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness in respect of an aircraft when--(a)the applicant furnishes such documents or other evidence relating to the airworthiness of the aircraft as may be specified by the Director-General; and(b)the Director-General is satisfied that it is airworthy or in a condition for safe operation:Provided that the Director-General may impose such conditions on the special certificate of airworthiness issued as may be necessary for safe operation of the aircraft.(3)The Director-General may validate a certificate of airworthiness in respect of any aircraft that may be imported if --(a)the airworthiness authority of the country in which the aircraft is manufactured, has issued a certificate of airworthiness or such equivalent document;(b)the airworthiness requirements as specified by the Director-General are complied with; and(c)the applicant furnishes necessary documents and technical data relating to the aircraft as may be specified and as the Director-General may require.(4)The certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness shall be issued or rendered valid for one or more of the categories as specified by the Director-General. The operation of the aircraft shall be restricted in those categories as specified in the certificate of airworthiness or

special certificate of airworthiness subject to the conditions stated therein.(5)A certificate of airworthiness issued under this rule shall be invalid unless the Director-General or an organisation approved under these rules, carries out a review of compliance with applicable airworthiness standards and issues an airworthiness review certificate valid for such periods as may be specified therein which may be extended by the Director-General or an organisation approved under these rules, in accordance with such procedures as may be specified by the Director-General.(6)A special certificate of airworthiness shall be valid for such periods as may be specified in the certificate and maybe renewed from time to time by the Director-General.(7)The aircraft shall be inspected and tested by the Director-General or by a person authorised in his behalf, as specified.(8)The owner or operator of the aircraft shall provide all necessary facilities for the purpose of carrying out the inspection and tests as required under sub-rule (7) and bear all expenses as specified by the Director-General.]

50. [ Certificate of airworthiness. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]- (1) The owner or operator of an aircraft may apply to the Director-General for the issue or renewal of a certificate of airworthiness in respect of the aircraft or for the validation of a certificate of airworthiness issued elsewhere in respect of the aircraft.(2) The Director-General may issue or renew a certificate of airworthiness in respect of an aircraft when--(a) the applicant furnishes such documents or other evidence relating to the airworthiness of the aircraft as may be specified and as the Director-General may require by special or general order; and(b) the Director-General is satisfied that it is airworthy.(3) The Director-General may validate a certificate of airworthiness in respect of any aircraft that may be imported:Provided that--(a) the airworthiness authority of the country in which the aircraft is manufactured, has issued a certificate of airworthiness or such equivalent document;(b) the airworthiness requirements as may be laid down by the Director--General are complied with; and(c) the applicant furnishes necessary documents and technical data relating to the aircraft as may be specified and as the Director--General may require.(4) The Director-General may issue, renew or render valid a certificate of airworthiness in one or more of the categories of aircraft as may be specified. The operations of the aircraft shall be restricted in those categories authorised in the certificate of airworthiness.(5) Subject to these rules, a certificate of airworthiness shall remain in force for such period as may be specified in the certificate and may from time to time be renewed by the Director-General. In addition, the Director-General may require the aircraft to be inspected by a person authorised in this behalf by the Director-General or tested in flight, or to be so inspected and so tested and the owner or operator of the aircraft shall give all necessary facilities for such inspection and tests.]

**50A. [ Conditions necessary for the [certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] and inspection, overhaul of aircraft.**

(1)The Director-General may specify conditions and standards in respect of [certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] of a particular type or class of aircraft to ensure safety of the aircraft and of persons on board the aircraft, having regard to the limitations of the aircraft.(2)If, at any time, the Director-General considers that any modification, repair, replacement, inspection or

overhaul of any aircraft or type of aircraft or of any aircraft component or item of equipment of that aircraft or type of aircraft is necessary in the interest of safety, he may require the modification, repair, replacement inspection or overhaul to be carried out as a condition of the [certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] remaining in force.]

## **51. [ Flight manual. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

- Where a flight manual is required to be kept in relation to an aircraft in accordance with provisions of these rules, the Director-General shall endorse the certificate of airworthiness of the aircraft accordingly.]

## **52. [ Modification and repair. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

(1)A person shall not carry out any modification or repair affecting safety of any aircraft in respect of which there is a valid certificate of airworthiness unless he has been required to do so in pursuence of these rules or unless he has obtained the prior approval of the Director-General.(2)(a)Modifications issued by the manufacturer of an aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment of that aircraft which have been issued a type certificate by the Director-General or elsewhere may be deemed as approved modifications, unless otherwise specified by the Director-General.(b)Repair schemes issued by the manufacturer of an aircraft, aircraft component or item of equipment of that aircraft issued with a type certificate by the Director-General or elsewhere and other repairs carried out in accordance with standard aeronautical engineering practice may be deemed as approved unless otherwise specified by the Director-General.(3)The Director-General may give approval for repair or modification other than those referred to in sub-rule (2), of an aircraft, aircraft component, or item of equipment of that aircraft, where the owner or operator furnishes such evidence relating to the intended modification or repair and its effect on the airworthiness of aircraft as specified by the Director-General.(4)Modifications which have been approved by the Director-General for one aircraft, aircraft component, item of equipment may be incorporated in others of the type provided it is within the terms of approval.(5)(a)While an aircraft has been modified or repaired after a major damage or major defect, the aircraft shall not be flown until an appropriately licensed engineer or an authorised person has certified in the manner specified by the Director-General that the aircraft is in a fit condition to be flown for purpose of experiment or test, as the case may be.(b)While an aircraft component or item of equipment has to be modified or repaired, it shall not be released until it is certified by an appropriately licensed engineer or an authorised person as may be specified by the Director-General.(6)The form and manner of distribution of the certificate and its copies referred to in the above sub-rules and preservation thereof shall be as may be specified by the Director-General.(7)A certificate in pursuance of the preceding sub-rules shall not be issued unless the materials, parts, method comply with such designs, drawings, specifications or instructions as may be issued by the manufacturers or as may be specified or approved by the Director-General. The method and the workmanship shall be in accordance with standard aeronautical practice or as may be approved by the Director-General.]

**53. [ Use of materials, processes, parts and periodical overhaul of aircraft. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

(1) Every aircraft required under these rules to be provided with a certificate of airworthiness and aircraft components and items of equipment on such aircraft shall periodically be inspected, overhauled and certified on completion of the prescribed flight time or calendar time or on the basis of any other stipulated condition in accordance with the approved maintenance schedules or approved maintenance system. Such inspection and certification shall be effected by appropriately licensed engineers or authorised persons as may be specified by the Director-General. (2) A certificate to be issued in pursuance of sub-rule (1) shall not be issued unless the materials, processes, parts, method comply with such designs, drawings, specifications or instructions as may be issued by the manufacturers or as may be specified or approved by the Director-General. The method and workmanship shall be in accordance with standard aeronautical practice or as may be approved by the Director-General. (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the Director-General may grant exemption by general or special order in writing to any person or class of persons from the operation of the foregoing sub-rules either wholly or partly, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in such order.]

**53A. [ Manufacture, storage and distribution of aircraft. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

- The manufacture, storage and distribution of aircraft, aircraft components and items of equipment or any other material used or intended to be used in an aircraft, whether or not a certificate of airworthiness has been or is required to be issued, renewed or rendered valid for such aircraft, under these rules, shall be undertaken and certified only by approved organizations by licensed engineers or by authorised persons in this behalf. The form and manner and the distribution of the certificate and its copies and preservation thereof shall be as may be specified by the Director-General.]

**54. [ Persons authorised to certify. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

- The certification required under Parts VI, XII-B and XIII-A of these rules shall be signed by appropriately licensed engineers or authorised persons qualified under the terms and conditions of the license, authorisation or approval, as the case may be, to carry out or inspect the manufacture, process, modification, repair, replacement, overhaul or maintenance, to which the certificate relates or by an approved person or persons authorised by organization; approved by the Director-General in this behalf, or when these have been carried out at a suitably equipped Indian Air Force Establishment, by its Officer-in-charge: Provided that in one or more classes of aircrafts, such of the work, if performed in accordance with approved procedures, practices and methods as may be specified by the Director-General, need not be supervised or certified by the approved organization, licensed engineers or authorised persons in this behalf.]

## **55. [ Suspension or cancellation of [certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] and its continued validity.**

(1)The [certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] of an aircraft shall be deemed to be suspended when an aircraft--(a)ceases or fails to conform with the requirement of these rules, in respect of operation, maintenance, modification, repair, replacement, overhaul, process or inspection, applicable to that aircraft; or(b)is modified or repaired otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of these rules; or(c)suffers major damage; or(d)develops a major defect which would affect the safety of the aircraft or its occupants in subsequent flights.(2)If, at any time, the Director-General is satisfied that reasonable doubt exists as to the safety of an aircraft or as to the safety of the type to which that aircraft belongs, he may--(a)suspend or cancel the [certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] in respect of the aircraft; or(b)require the aircraft or an aircraft component or an item of equipment of that aircraft to undergo such modification, repair, replacement, overhaul, inspection including flight tests and examination under the supervision of an approved person as the Director-General may specify, as a condition of the [certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] remaining in force.(3)Subject to sub-rule (4), an aircraft shall not be flown during any period for which its [certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] is suspended or deemed to be suspended.](4)[ Where the certificate of airworthiness or the special certificate of airworthiness of an aircraft is suspended or deemed to be suspended, the Director-General may, upon an application by the owner or operator, issue a special flight permit under rule 55A.] [[Substituted '(4) Where the certificate of airworthiness of an aircraft is suspended or deemed to be suspended, the Director-General may, upon an application made by the owner or operator of the aircraft and subject to such requirements as may be specified by him, having regard to the safety of the aircraft and persons thereon,--(a)permit the aircraft to ferry-fly to a place without passengers on board, where the maintenance required to remove the suspension of the certificate of airworthiness can be performed in accordance with the rules;(b)authorise flights for the purpose of experiment or tests;(c)authorise flights where the safety or succor of persons or aircraft is involved;(d)authorise flights for special purposes.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]][\* \* \*] [Omitted '(5) The Director-General may, by general or special order and subject to such conditions as may be specified in that order, exempt any aircraft from the operation of any provision of this rule.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

## **55A. [ Issue of Special Flight Permit. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)The Director-General may issue a special flight permit when an aircraft is not fully in compliance with the airworthiness requirements but is in a condition for safe operation subject to such

conditions as are specified in the special flight permit.(2)The owner or operator of an aircraft may apply to the Director-General for the issue of a special flight permit in respect of the aircraft for any of the purposes as specified by the Director-General.(3)The Director-General may issue a special flight permit in respect of an aircraft when, -(a)an applicant furnishes such documents as may be specified by the Director-General; and(b)the Director-General is satisfied that the aircraft is in a condition for safe operation.]

## **56. [ Indian aircraft operating outside India. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

- Where an aircraft registered in India is operating in a country outside India, the aircraft, or any of its components or items of equipment shall not be modified, repaired, replaced, inspected or overhauled except by or under the supervision, of, and certified by--(a)in the case of contracting State, a person who is approved for the purpose by the appropriate authority of contracting State in accordance with the minimum requirements adopted in pursuance of the convention and recognised by the Director-General as sufficient for the purpose;(b)in the case of country other than a contracting State, a person who possesses qualifications which are recognised by the Director-General as sufficient for the purpose.[Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.]

## **57. Instruments and equipment.**

(1)Every aircraft shall be fitted and equipped with the instrument and equipment including radio apparatus and special equipment as [may be specified by the Director-General] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] according to the use and circumstances under which the flight is to be conducted.(2)Such instruments and equipment shall be of an approved type and installed in an approved manner and shall be maintained in a serviceable condition.

## **58. Weight and balance.**

(1)Every aircraft shall be weighed and appropriately marked and centre of gravity determined. The weight schedule and the load sheet indicating the calculated centre of gravity position(s) relating to the required configuration(s) shall be displayed or carried on board an aircraft subject to such conditions as may be specified by' the Director-General.(2)(a)An aircraft shall not attempt to take off, fly or land at a weight in excess of the maximum permissible weight as specified in the certificate of airworthiness or as authorised by the Director-General.(b)The load of an aircraft throughout a flight including take-off and landing shall be so distributed that the centre of gravity position of the aircraft falls within the limitations specified or approved by the Director-General:Provided that the Director-General may, by special order in writing and subject to such conditions as may be specified in that order, exempt any aircraft from the operation of this rule.

## **59. Defects and defective parts.**

(1)A major defect in or a major damage to an aircraft registered in India shall be reported in the manner specified by the Director-General.(2)When any part of an aircraft is revealed or suspected to be defective, the Director-General may require it to be delivered to a person or organization authorised by him in this behalf for examination.][Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

### **59A. [ Defects in a foreign aircraft. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

(1)When an aircraft registered outside India, whilst in Indian territory sustains major damage or a major defect is found, the Director-General, on ascertaining that fact, may prohibit the aircraft from flying.(2)Where, in pursuance of sub-rule (1), the Director-General prohibits an aircraft from flying, he shall furnish to the appropriate authority of the country of registration of the aircraft information of the action which he has taken and a report of the damage suffered or defect found.(3)The prohibition imposed in pursuance of sub-rule (1) shall not be removed until the appropriate authority of the country of registration of the aircraft notifies to the Director-General--(a)that the damage or defect suffered or ascertained has been removed;(b)that the damage suffered or defect found or ascertained is not of such a nature as to prevent minimum requirements of safety adopted in pursuance of the Convention; or(c)that in the circumstances of a particular case, the aircraft should be permitted to fly without passengers to place at which it can be restored to an airworthy condition.(4)In removing the prohibition imposed in pursuance of sub-rule (1), the Director-General may impose such conditions on the operation of the aircraft as are notified to him by the appropriate authority of the country of registration of the aircraft.][Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

## **60. [ Maintenance standards and certification. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

(1)In this rule, "maintenance" refers to performance of all work necessary for the purpose of ensuring that the aircraft is airworthy and safe including servicing of the aircraft and all modifications, repairs, replacements overhauls, processes, treatment, tests, operations and inspection of the aircraft, aircraft components and item of equipment required for that purpose.(2)[(a) The Director-General may, in respect of any aircraft, aircraft component and item of equipment, specify standards and conditions for continuing airworthiness of the aircraft and its maintenance.(b)The Director-General shall notify the maintenance requirements and approve the maintenance system keeping in view-(i)the continued airworthiness of the aircraft and the maintenance facilities required;(ii)the period in terms of flight time, calendar time or any other basis, which may elapse with safety between inspections, tests, or overhauls or any other

maintenance work;(iii)the content and period of preservation of the records kept in respect of maintenance.](iv)type of operation in which the aircraft is engaged;(v)any conditions like dust, salt-air climatic conditions or other factors and the routes flown or basis used which may have an effect upon airworthiness; and(vi)any other relevant considerations.(3)Any aircraft engaged in public transport including aerial work and flying training shall not be flown unless--(a)it has been maintained in accordance with such requirements as may be specified by the Director-General [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'or as stipulated in the approved maintenance schedules or system' by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).];(b)[ maintenance of aircraft has been carried out by or under the supervision of a person licensed or authorised under rule 61, or authorised in writing by an approved maintenance organization in accordance with the criterion specified by the Director-General; and;] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](c)all maintenance carried out has been certified by appropriately licensed engineers, [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'approved' by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] or authorised persons within the period specified by means of such a "certificate" as may be prescribed by the Director-General.(4)The contents, form, period or validity [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'disposition' by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], preservation of the certificate shall be in such form and manner as may be specified by the Director-General.(5)No aircraft shall commence any flight if subsequent to the issue of a certificate in pursuance of this rule, it has suffered any damage or revealed any defect, other than items covered in the approved list of deficiencies, which would render the aircraft unsafe for flight and which would not, in accordance with the ordinary aeronautical practice, be remedied by the pilot or crew:Provided that the Director-General may, by general or special order and subject to such conditions as may be specified in that order, exempt any aircraft from the operation of this rule.](6)[ Microlight, light sport aircraft, [Gyroplane, glider] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], balloon or an airship shall be certified by an aircraft maintenance engineer holding a licence in Category A or Category B1 or Category B3 or an authorised person subject to the requirements as specified by the Director-General.]

## **61. [ Licensing of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)The Central Government may grant [licences or authorizations] as provided in this rule, to persons who meet the requirements specified in this rule.(2)The application for the grant of an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence or an authorisation, [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'approval or certificate of competency' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], or for extension thereof, shall be made in the form and manner specified by the Director-General.(3)[ The Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's licence may be granted in the following categories and sub-categories, as applicable, namely: -(a)Category A, classified into the following sub-categories: -(i)A1 Aeroplanes Turbine;(ii)A2 Aeroplanes Piston;(iii)A3 Helicopters Turbine;(iv)A4 Helicopters Piston.(b)Category B1, classified into the following sub-categories: -(i)B1.1 Aeroplanes Turbine;(ii)B1.2 Aeroplanes Piston;(iii)B1.3 Helicopters Turbine;(iv)B1.4 Helicopters Piston.(c)Category B2, applicable to all aircraft.(d)Category B2L, applicable to all aircraft shall be issued with the ?system rating as specified by the Director General.(e)Category B3, applicable to piston-engine non-pressurised aeroplanes of 2000 kilogram Maximum Take-off Mass and



below.(f)Category L, classified into the following sub-categories: -(i)L1C: Composite sailplanes;(ii)L1: sailplanes;(iii)L2C: composite powered sailplanes and composite Light Aircraft 1 aeroplanes;(iv)L2: powered sailplanes and Light Aircraft 1 aeroplanes;(v)L3H: hot-air balloons;(vi)L3G: gas balloons;(vii)L4H: hot-air airships;(viii)L4G: Light Aircraft 2 gas airships; and(ix)L5: gas airships other than Light Aircraft 2.Note: Light Aircraft 1 and Light Aircraft 2 means a manned aircraft as specified by the Director-General.(g)Category C, applicable to aeroplanes and helicopters.(4)The holder of an aircraft maintenance licence shall have his licence endorsed with the relevant rating for exercising the certification privileges as laid down in sub-rule (12) of this rule:(i)For Category B1, B2, B2L, C and L, the relevant aircraft or system ratings shall be as specified by the Director-General.(ii)For Category B3, the relevant rating shall be 'piston-engine nonpressurised aeroplanes of 2000 kilogram Maximum Take-off Mass and below'.(iii)For Category A, no rating shall be endorsed.](5)An applicant for the grant of Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-(a)he shall not be less than 18 years of age;(b)he shall have passed 10+2 examination with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics from a recognised Board or University or its equivalent;(c)he shall have passed a written examination as specified by the Director-General:Provided that the Director-General may, subject to such conditions as he may deem fit to impose, exempt any applicant from the written examination if the applicant holds .3 licence granted by a Contracting State to act in the capacity of an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer; and(d)he shall have the following minimum practical experience, namely:-(i)[ for Category A, Sub-categories B1.2, B1.4 and Category B3: [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](A)three years of practical aircraft maintenance experience on operating aircraft; or(B)two years of practical maintenance experience on operating aircraft, covering the corresponding system rating, and having acquired a Degree in Aircraft Maintenance or Degree in Engineering from a recognised University; or(C)one year of practical maintenance experience on operating aircraft, covering the corresponding system rating, and having successfully completed basic aircraft maintenance training conducted by a training organisation approved under rule 133B.(ii)for Sub-categories B1.1 and B1.3 and Category B2:(A)five years of practical aircraft maintenance experience on operating aircraft; or(B)three years of practical maintenance experience on operating aircraft, covering the corresponding system rating, and having acquired a Degree in Aircraft Maintenance or Degree in Engineering from a recognised University; or(C)two year of practical maintenance experience on operating aircraft, covering the corresponding system rating, and having successfully completed basic aircraft maintenance training conducted by a training organisation approved under rule 133B.(ia)for Category B2L:(A)three years of practical maintenance experience in operating aircraft, covering the corresponding system rating, if the applicant has no previous relevant technical training; or(B)two years of practical maintenance experience on operating aircraft, covering the corresponding system rating, and having acquired a Degree in Aircraft Maintenance or Degree in Engineering from a recognised University; or(C)one year of practical maintenance experience on operating aircraft, covering the corresponding system rating, and having successfully completed basic aircraft maintenance training conducted by a training organisation approved under rule 133B.(ib)for Category L:(A)two years of practical experience in operating aircraft covering a representative cross section of maintenance activities in the corresponding sub category; or(B)one years of practical maintenance experience on operating aircraft, covering the corresponding system rating, and having acquired a Degree in Aircraft Maintenance or Degree in Engineering from a recognized University or successfully completed basic

aircraft maintenance training conducted by a training organisation approved under rule 133B: Provided that for the addition of a category or a sub-category or addition within a category or a sub-category or a system rating to an existing licence, the practical maintenance experience relevant to the category, sub-category or new system rating shall be as specified by the Director General: Provided also that twelve years of practical aircraft maintenance experience acquired outside a civil aircraft maintenance environment in the relevant category supplemented by at least one year of recent experience in civil aircraft maintenance environment, shall be treated as equivalent to the requirements laid down in (i) to (iib) above.] [Substituted for 'sub-rules (3), (4) and (4A)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] (iii) for Category C with respect to large aircraft - (A) three years of maintenance experience exercising privileges of Categories B1.1, B1.3 or B2 on large aircraft or as support staff in a base maintenance in an organization approved under rule 133B or a combination thereof; or (B) five years of maintenance experience exercising the privileges of Categories B1.2 or B1.4 on large aircraft or as support staff in base maintenance in an organization approved under rule 133B, or a combination thereof; (iv) for Category C with respect to aircraft other than large aircraft - three years of maintenance experience of exercising privileges of category B1 or B2 or support staff in an organization approved under rule 133B, or a combination thereof; (e) [he shall demonstrate his skill to exercise the privileges of the licence for which an application has been made, in the manner specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] Explanation - For the purposes of this sub-rule, - (i) "large aircraft" means any aeroplane with a maximum mass of more than 5700 kilograms or any multi-engined helicopter; and (ii) "support staff" means those licensed engineers or approval holders who are not authorised to issue certificate of release to service, but perform maintenance in the base maintenance environment. (6) The applicant for grant of extension of Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's licence shall be required - (a) to pass a written examination so as to demonstrate a level of knowledge in the appropriate subject modules as specified by the Director-General; and (b) [to undergo relevant training, acquire maintenance experience as specified by the Director-General, and demonstrate skill to exercise the privileges of the licence for which an application has been made, in a manner specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (7) [An applicant who fails in any examination shall be permitted to appear again for such examination only after lapse of such other period as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (8) The Central Government may grant authorisation to the holders of an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence to carry out maintenance of any new aircraft, engine or system which has been brought into the organization and which is not within the scope of his licence, and to issue a certificate of release thereof, provided that the Director-General is satisfied that the applicant has sufficient knowledge, experience and training, and has passed such examinations as specified by the Director-General. [\* \* \*] [Omitted '(9) and (10)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (11) Unless suspended, revoked or cancelled, - (a) a licence shall remain valid for the period specified therein, subject to a maximum period of [ten years] [Substituted for 'five years' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] in each case, and may be renewed for another five years at a time on receipt of the application for renewal: Provided that an expired licence shall be renewed only after the applicant has passed such examinations as may be specified by the Director-General; (b) an authorisation, [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'approval or certificate of competency' by Notification No. G.S.R.

832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] shall remain valid for a period specified therein, subject to a maximum period of one year in each case, and may be renewed for another one year at a time on receipt of application for renewal, provided the applicant has engaged himself in the performance of the tasks for a period of three months in the preceding one year.(12)[ The holders of various categories of Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licenses shall have the following privileges, namely:-(i)Category A licence holder to issue certificates for release to service after minor scheduled line maintenance and simple defect rectification within the limits of maintenance tasks specifically endorsed on the authorisation issued by a maintenance organization approved under rule 133B for the broad category of aircraft endorsed on the licence and the certification privileges shall be restricted to the work carried out by the licence holder himself in the maintenance organization that issues the authorisation.(ii)Category B1 licence holder to issue certificates for release to service and act as support staff following the maintenance performed on aircraft structure, power-plant, mechanical and electrical systems, work on avionics system requiring simple tests to prove their serviceability and not requiring trouble shooting, in respect of an aircraft type endorsed on the licence.Explanation. - (a) Category B1 shall include the appropriate sub-category of Category A;(b)Microlight, light sport aircraft, [Gyroplane, glider], balloon or an airship shall be certified by an aircraft maintenance engineer holding a licence in Category A or Category B1 or [Category B3 or Category L] [Substituted for 'Category B3' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] or an authorised person subject to meeting the requirements as specified by the Director-General.(iii)Category B2 licence holder to issue - (a) certificates of release to service after maintenance on avionic and electrical systems, avionics and electrical system within engine and mechanical systems requiring only simple tests to prove their serviceability of aircraft type endorsed on the licence;(iiia)[ Category B2L licence holder to issue certificates of release to service and to act as B2L support staff for the maintenance performed on electrical systems; maintenance performed on avionics systems within the limits of the system ratings specifically endorsed on the licence; and when holding the 'airframe system' rating, performance of electrical and avionics tasks within power plant and mechanical systems, requiring only simple tests to prove their serviceability.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](b)certificates of release to service after minor scheduled line maintenance and simple defect rectification within the limits of tasks specifically endorsed on the certification authorisation issued by an approved maintenance organization of aircraft type endorsed on the licence and this certification privilege shall be restricted to work that the licence holder has personally performed in the maintenance organization which issued the certification authorisation and limited to the rating already endorsed on the licence.(iv)Category B3 licence holders to issue certificates of release to service after maintenance on aeroplane structure, engine and mechanical and electrical systems, work on avionic systems requiring only simple tests to prove their serviceability and not requiring troubleshooting of 'piston-engine non-pressurised aeroplanes of 2000 kg Maximum Take-off Mass and below'.(iva)[ Category L licence holder to issue certificates of release to service and to act as L support staff for maintenance performed on aircraft structure, power plant and mechanical and electrical systems; work on radio, Emergency Locator Transmitters and transponder systems; and work on other avionics systems requiring simple tests to prove their serviceability.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](v)Category C licence holders to issue certificates of release to service after base maintenance in respect of an aircraft of the type endorsed on the licence. The privileges apply to the aircraft in its entirety including all systems.Explanation. -

Simple test means a test described in approved maintenance data and such in nature that aircraft system serviceability is verified through aircraft controls, switches, Built-in Test Equipment (BITE), Central Maintenance Computer (CMC) or external test equipment not requiring special training.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](13)[ The certification privileges shall be exercised only if the holder of licence fulfills the conditions as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](14)[ A person holding a valid Aircraft Maintenance Engineers Licence in the old format may be issued, with or without limitation and without further examination, an Aircraft Maintenance Engineers Licence in the appropriate category under this rule subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](15)Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (3) of rule 19 of these rules, the Central Government may, after such inquiry as it may deem fit and after giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard, revoke, cancel, suspend or endorse any licence or authorisation [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'or approval or certificate of competency' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] granted under this rule or issue a warning or an admonition or debar a person from acquiring a licence temporarily or permanently, where it is satisfied that-(a)the applicant had used unfair or fraudulent means during the qualification process; or(b)the holder has obtained the certification privileges by adopting fraudulent means; or(c)the holder has failed to carry out required maintenance resulting from own inspection combined with failure to report such fact to the organization or person for whom the maintenance was intended to be carried out; or(d)the holder has performed work or granted a certificate in respect of work which has not been performed in a careful and competent manner or was responsible in any manner that compromised airworthiness of the aircraft; or(e)the holder has signed a certificate in respect of any matter in contravention of this rule; or(f)the holder has issued a certificate of release to service knowing that the maintenance specified on the certificate of release to service has not been carried out or without verifying that such maintenance has been carried out; or(g)the holder has falsified the maintenance records; or(h)the holder has carried out maintenance or has issued a certificate of release to service while under the influence of alcohol or any other intoxicating or any psychoactive substance; or(i)it is undesirable for any other reason that the holder should continue to exercise his privileges granted under this rule.(16)The Central Government may withhold the grant or renewal of a licence or authorisation [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'or approval or certificate of competency' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1001 (E) dated 22.12.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] if, for reasons to be recorded in writing, it considers it expedient to do so in public interest.]

**61A. [ Validation of licenses of foreign aircraft maintenance engineers.  
[Inserted by G.S.R. 399, dated 28.7.2001.]**

- When a license to an aircraft maintenance engineer has been granted by the duly competent authority in any contracting State and is for the time being in force, the Central Government may, subject to such conditions and limitations and for such period as it thinks fit, confer on such license the same validity for the purpose of manufacturing/ certifying aircrafts registered in India as if it had been granted under these rules and a license so validated shall be subject to provisions of [rule 19 and sub-rule (14) of rule 61].][Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian aircraft falling under

sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 150(E), dated 4.3.2009 (w.e.f. 4.3.2009).]

## **62. [ Fees. [Substituted by G.S.R. 6(E), dated 3.1.1991.]**

- [(1) The following fees shall be payable for issue or validation of type certificate, issue, renewal or validation of certificate of airworthiness and issue, renewal or modification in the scope of license, authorisation, approval or certificate of competency required by this part, namely:--(A)[ Issue of type certification or restricted type certificate under rule 49 and 49-A :-

- (i) for an aircraft having maximum design take-off weight–
  - (a) of 1,000 kilograms or less Rs. 40,000
  - (b) exceeding 1,000 kilograms, for every 1000 kilograms or part thereof Rs. 20,000
- (ii) for engines -
  - (a) Reciprocating Rs. 4,00,000
  - (b) Turbine Rs. 20,00,000
- (iii) for helicopters having maximum design take-off weight–
  - (a) of 1,000 kilograms or less Rs. 48,000
  - (b) exceeding 1,000 kilograms, for every 1000 kilograms or part thereof Rs. 24,000
- (iv) for each propeller, when processed individually Rs. 4,00,000

(B) Validation of type certificate under Rule 49-B:-(i) The fee for validation of type certificate for the purposes of operation shall be twenty five percent of the fee payable under item (A). (ii) The fee for validation of type certificate for the purposes of licensed production shall be fifty percent of the fee payable under item (A). (C) Issue, renewal or validation of certificate of airworthiness under rule 50-

- (i) Issue of certificate of airworthiness for an aircraft having maximum permissible take-off weight-
  - (a) of 1,000 kilograms or less : Rs. 20,000
  - (b) exceeding 1,000 kilograms, for every 1,000 kilograms or part thereof : Rs. 1,000
- (ii) Validation or renewal of the certificate or airworthiness : Fifty per cent fees payable under Sub-item (i)
- (iii) issue of duplicate certificate of airworthiness : Ten per cent of the fees payable under sub-item (i)

(CA) [ Type approval of an aircraft component, equipment, instrument and other similar part under rule 49H:

- (i) for each aircraft component, equipment, instrument and other similar part, when processed individually Rs. 40,000

(CB) Acceptance of Design under rule 49-I: The fee for acceptance of design shall be fifty percent of the fee payable under item (A).] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (D) [ Issue or validation of certificate of airworthiness, special certificate of airworthiness, and issue or extension of airworthiness review certificate under rule 50:

Issue of Certificate of Airworthiness/ Special Certificate		
(i)	of Airworthiness for an aircraft having maximum permissible take-off weight -	
	(a) of 1,000 kilograms or less	Rs. 20,000
	(b) exceeding 1,000 kilograms, for every 1,000 kilograms or part thereof	Rs. 1,000
(ii)	Validation of Certificate of Airworthiness/ Special Certificate of Airworthiness	Fifty percent of the fees payable under sub-item (i).
(iii)	Issue or extension of Airworthiness Review Certificate or renewal of Special Certificate of Airworthiness	Fifty percent of the fees payable under sub-item (i)
(iv)	Issue of duplicate certificate of airworthiness or Airworthiness Review Certificate or special certificate of airworthiness	Ten percent of the fee payable under sub-item (i), as applicable.
(v)	Change in Category/ sub-Category in certificate of airworthiness or special certificate of airworthiness	Twenty five percent of the fee payable under sub-item (i), as applicable.
(vi)	Issue of Special Flight Permit	Ten percent of the fee payable under sub-item (i), as applicable.]

[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] Note. - The maximum permissible take-off weight for the purpose of this rule shall be as indicated in the Flight Manual of the aircraft.][1-A An additional amount of one lakh fifty thousand rupees shall be payable if the inspection, examination or test mentioned in sub-rule (1) is required to be carried out at any place outside India.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 745 (E) dated 12.10.2009 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](2)[ The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](3)Where for any reason, the license or authorisation or certificate, is not issued, renewed or validated, as the case may be, the Director-General may refund to the applicant such portion of the fees paid as represents the cost of any examination or test or inspection not carried out or any license, authorisation or a certificate not issued or renewed or validated, as the case may be.]

## Part VII – Radio Telegraph Apparatus

### 63. [ Aircraft for which radio apparatus is obligatory. [Substituted by G.S.R. 323(E), dated 12.3.1994.]

(1)All aircraft registered in India and required to be operated in accordance with VFR/IFR condition shall be provided with communication equipment which is capable of conducting two-way communication at all times with those aeronautical stations and on those frequencies as prescribed by the appropriate authority. The communication equipment so provided shall be of a type approved by the airworthiness authority of the country of manufacture of aircraft and acceptable to the Director-General.(2)An aircraft shall be provided with navigation equipment which will enable it to

proceed-(a)in accordance with the flight plan; and(b)in accordance with the requirement of air traffic services, except when, if not so precluded by the appropriate authority, navigation for flights under the visual flight rules is accomplished by visual reference to land marks at least every 110 kms. (60 Nautical Miles).][Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

#### **64. [ [Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

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64. Suspension of rules.- The application of the rules in this Part may be suspended when owing to the lack of radio-telegraph organizations available for air traffic in a particular region the employment of radio-telegraph apparatus on board aircraft would serve no useful purpose. [PART VIII] [Substituted by G.S.R. 610(E), dated 14.8.1984.] Aeronautical Beacon, Aeronautical Ground Lights And False Lights

#### **65. Aeronautical beacon and aeronautical ground lights.**

(1)No aeronautical beacon or aeronautical ground light shall be established or maintained within India nor shall the character of the light exhibited therefrom be altered except with the approval in writing of the Central Government and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.(2)No person shall wilfully or negligently endanger or interfere with any aeronautical beacon or aeronautical ground light established or maintained by or with the approval of the Central Government or any light exhibited therefrom.

#### **66. False lights.**

(1)Whenever in India any light is exhibited--(a)in the vicinity of an aerodrome or an aeronautical beacon within a radius of 5 kilometres, so as to be liable to be mistaken for an aeronautical ground light or an aeronautical beacon; or(b)which by reason of its liability to be mistaken for an aeronautical ground light or an aeronautical beacon is calculated to endanger the safety of an aircraft; or(c)which being in the vicinity of an aerodrome is liable by reason of its glare to endanger the safety of an aircraft arriving at or departing from the aerodrome; or(d)which may prevent or cause confusion by reason of its intensity, configuration or colour in the clear interpretation of visual aids for navigation denoting obstacles or restricted use areas, the Central Government may serve a notice upon the owner or person in possession of the place where the light is exhibited or upon the person having charge of the light, directing that owner or person, within a reasonable time to be specified in the notice, to take effectual means for extinguishing or for effectually screening the light and for preventing for the future the exhibition of any similar light.(2)The notice may be served either personally or by post, or by affixing the same in some conspicuous place near to the light to

which the notice relates.(3)An owner or person on whom a notice under sub-rule (1) has been served shall, in the absence of reasonable cause, the burden of proving which shall be upon him, comply with the directions contained in the notice.(4)If any owner or person on whom a notice under this rule is served, neglects for a period of seven days to extinguish or effectually to screen the light mentioned in the notice, the Central Government may enter upon the place where the light is and forthwith extinguish the same, doing no unnecessary damage.

## Part IX – LOG BOOKS

### 67. Log books and logs.

(1)The following log books shall be kept and maintained in respect of all aircraft registered in India, namely:--(a)a journey log book;(b)an aircraft log book;(c)an engine log book for each engine installed in the aircraft;(d)a propeller log book for every variable pitch propeller installed in the aircraft;(e)a radio apparatus log book for aircraft fitted with radio apparatus;(f)any other log book that may be required by the Director-General.(2)The Director-General may require that a technical log or flight log be provided in respect of an aircraft and be maintained in such manner as may be specified by him.(3)Log books shall be of such type and shall contain such information, entries and certification as may be specified by the Director-General Log books and logs shall be preserved until such title as may be specified.[Explanation.-For the purpose of this rule, the expression "journey log book" includes any other form or manner of recording the requisite information acceptable to the Director-General.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 323(E), dated 12.3.1994.][Note. - For the purpose of this rule, foreign registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian registered aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.] [Added by G.S.R. 20(E), dated 12.1.1994.]

### 67A. [ Log books of flight crew personnel and logging of flight time. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]

(1)Every member of the flight crew licensed under these rules shall maintain a personal log book, in the form prescribed by the Director-General and all flight times shall be logged therein.(2)All entries in log books shall be made in ink.(3)Log books shall be preserved for not less than 5 years after the date of the last entry therein.(4)Every member of the flight crew shall certify the accuracy of the entries in his log book with respect to flight time at least at the end of each calendar month. The pilot-in-command during dual instruction shall certify entries with respect to flight time during such dual instruction. At the end of every quarter in a year, that is, at the end of March, June, September and December, log books shall be certified for correctness of entries therein,--(a)by competent authorities, such as the Operations Manager, Deputy Operations Manager, or Chief Pilot of the [Air Transport Undertaking] concerned, in the case of professional pilots,(b)by the Chief Flying Instructor, in the case of members of the [Flying Training Organisation] [Substituted 'Club' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], and(c)[ by Officers designated by Director-General of Civil Aviation in the case of all other persons.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 637(E), dated 4.10.1993.](5)Flight time during which a pilot is under dual instruction shall be entered in his



log book as "dual" and the pilot giving instruction shall make entries in the log book of the pilot under instruction showing the nature of the instruction given.(6)Flight time spent in performing, under supervision of a pilot-in--command, the duties and functions of a pilot-in-command may be logged as pilot-in-command provided the person is entitled and authorised to fly in command of that type of aeroplane by virtue of the ratings and privileges of his pilot's license. In all other cases, such flight time shall be logged as Co-pilot with appropriate indication in the remarks column.(7)The holder of a Student Pilot's License may log as pilot-in-command only that portion of the flight time during which he is the sole occupant of an aircraft provided that, in the case of an aircraft which requires more than one pilot in accordance with sub-rule (7) of rule 38-A and rule 6-B, he may log as pilot-in--command that portion of the flight time during which he acts as pilot-in--command of the aircraft.(8)The holder of a Private Pilot's License may log as pilot-in-command only the flight time during which he acts as pilot-in-command.(9)The holder of a Commercial, [\* \* \*] [Omitted 'Senior Commercial' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] or Airline Transport Pilot's License may log as pilot-in-command the flight time during which he acts as pilot-in-command. He shall log as Co-pilot the flight time during which he acts as Co-pilot.(10)A Flight Instructor may log as pilot-in-command the flight time during which he acts as an Instructor but the log entries shall indicate in the remarks column that the flight time was flown as an Instructor.(11)Instrument flight time may be logged by the pilot manipulating the controls of an aircraft in flight only when the aircraft is flown solely by reference to instruments, either under actual or simulated instrument flight conditions. Over-the-top flying shall not be logged as instrument flying time.(12)Instrument ground time may be logged in full by the pilot while flying solely by reference to instruments, in any recognised synthetic device which simulates instrument flight conditions.(13)A pilot who acts as Examiner [\* \* \*] [Omitted or Check Pilot' by Notification No. G.S.R. 481(E), dated 15.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] may log as pilot-in-command the flight time during which he so acts, provided he is entitled and authorised to fly in command of that type of flying machine by virtue of the ratings and privileges of his pilot's license.(14)A Flight Navigator shall log the flight time as a Flight Navigator during which he is engaged in actual navigational duties. Flight time during which a Flight Navigator performs actual navigational duties under supervision of a licensed Flight Navigator shall be logged as a Flight Navigator with the indication "under supervision" in the remarks column.(15)A Flight Engineer shall log the flight time as a Flight Engineer during which he is engaged in actual Flight Engineer's duties. Flight time during which a Flight Engineer performs actual Flight Engineer's duties under supervision of a licensed Flight Engineer shall be logged as Flight Engineer with the indication "under supervision" in the remarks column.](16)[ A Flight Radio Telephone Operator shall log the flight time during which he actually performs the duties of a Flight Radio Telephone Operator.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 485(E), dated 28.6.2001 (w.e.f. 28.6.2001).]

## **67AA. [ Log Books of Aircraft Maintenance Personnel. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 911 (E), dated 16.9.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- Every person holding an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence or in the process of qualifying for such licence under these rules shall maintain a personal log book, in the form and manner as specified by the Director General and record aircraft maintenance work carried out or supervised by him in such log book.]

**67B. [ [Inserted by G.S.R. 1238, dated 8.9.1962.]**

No person shall destroy, mutilate, alter or render illegible any entry made, or willfully make or procure or assist in the making of any false or fraudulent entry in or omission from any log book referred to in rules [\* \* \*].]

**Part X – and XA**

Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 535 (E) dated 5.7.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)

[Part X] [Substituted by G.R.O. 3779, dated 23.12.1955.] Investigation of Accidents 68. Notification of accidents.(1) An accident in which an aircraft is involved shall be notified in accordance with the provisions of sub-rules (3), (4) and (5) of this rule if between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight until such time as all such persons have disembarked,--(a) any person suffers death or serious injury as a result of being in or upon the aircraft or by direct contact with the aircraft or anything attached thereto, or(b) the aircraft receives substantial damage.(2) The term "substantial damage" used in sub-rule (1) shall include any damage which necessitates the replacement or extensive repair of any major component.(3) Where an accident occurs which has to be notified under sub-rule (1), the person-in-command of the aircraft or, if he be killed or incapacitated, the owner, the operator, the hirer or other person on whose behalf he was in command of the aircraft, as the case may be, shall--(a) send notice thereof to the Director-General, and(b) give information to the District Magistrate and the Officer-in-charge of the nearest Police Station.(4) The notice and information shall be sent as soon as possible and by the quickest means available and in any case within 24 hours after the occurrence of the accident.(5) The notice to the Director-General shall contain the following information, namely:--(i) the type, nationality and registration marks of aircraft;(ii) the name of the owner, operator and hirer of the aircraft;(iii) the name of the person-in-command of the aircraft;(iv) the names and description of the crew of the aircraft;(v) the nature and purpose of the flight;(vi) the date and time of the accident;(vii) the place where the accident occurred;(viii) the last point of departure and the next point of intended landing of the aircraft;(ix) the nature of the accident;(x) the number and description of the persons killed and injured as a result of the accident; and(xi) the extent of known damage to the aircraft.69. Report on accidents.- The person-in-command or the owner of the aircraft which has been involved in an accident, whether or not it is required to be notified under rule 68(1), shall, if so required by the Director-General, submit to him a written report on such accident in such form as he may prescribe.70. Removal and preservation of damaged aircraft.(1) In the case of an accident which is required to be notified under rule 68 or 69, or in any other case in which the Director-General gives notice to the owner or other person in-charge of the aircraft to this effect, the aircraft shall not, except under the authority of the Director-General, be removed or otherwise interfered with:Provided that, subject to compliance with the provisions of rule 61 of the Indian Aircraft Rules, 1920, in so far as they may be applicable--(i) if the aircraft is wrecked on water, the aircraft or any parts or contents thereof may be removed to such extent as may be necessary for bringing it or them to a place of safety;(ii) the aircraft or any parts or contents thereof may be removed or interfered with so far as may be necessary for the purpose of extricating persons or animals dead or alive, of

preventing the destruction of the aircraft and its contents by fire or other cause or of preventing any damage or obstruction to the public or to air navigation or to other transport;(iii) goods shall not be removed from the aircraft except under the supervision and with the concurrence of an officer of the Civil Aviation Department;(iv) passengers' and crews' personal luggage may be removed from the aircraft under the supervision of an Officer of Police Department, a Magistrate, or an Officer of the Civil Aviation Department; and(v) mails may be removed under the supervision of an Officer of the Police Department, a Magistrate, an Officer of the Civil Aviation Department or an Officer of the Posts & Telegraphs Department.(2) The Director-General may, for the purposes of any investigation or inquiry under these rules, authorise any person to take measures for the preservation of any aircraft involved in an accident, and such person may thereupon have access to examine or otherwise deal with the aircraft.(3) The owner of the aircraft or his nominated representative shall have the right to be present during any examination or other action taken under sub-rules (1) and (2), provided that the Director-General shall not be bound to postpone any action which he may consider necessary under this rule by reason of the absence of the owner or his representative.

71. Inspector's investigation.(1) The Director-General may order the investigation of any accident involving an aircraft whether, such accident is required to be notified under rule 68 or not, and may, by general or special order appoint any person (hereinafter referred to as an "Inspector of accidents") for the purpose of carrying out such investigation.(2) The investigation referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be held in private.(3) The investigation shall be conducted in such a manner that if a charge is made or likely to be made against any person and if it appears to the Inspector of accidents to be practicable so to do, that person shall be given notice that blame may be attributed to him; and thereupon he may be given a reasonable opportunity of being present and making any statement or giving any evidence and producing witnesses on his behalf and examining any witnesses from whose evidence it appears that blame may be attributed to him.(4) A public notice that such investigation is taking place may be given by the Director-General in such manner as he thinks fit and every such public notice shall state that any person who may desire to make representation concerning the circumstances or causes of the accident may do so in writing within the time specified in the notice.(5) [ The Inspector of Accidents shall make a report to the Director-General in the format specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](6) The Director-General shall forward the report of the Inspector of Accidents to the Central Government with such comments as the Director-General may think fit to make and the Central Government may, at its discretion, make the whole or part of any such report of public in such manner as it may consider fit.

72. Powers of Inspector of accidents.- For the purpose of such investigation an Inspector of accidents shall have power,--(a) by summons under his hand to require the attendance of any person whom he thinks fit to call before him and examine for such purpose and to require answers or returns to any inquiry he thinks fit to make;(b) to require any such person to make and to sign a declaration regarding the true nature of statements made by him;(c) to require and enforce the production of all books, paper, documents and articles which he may consider necessary for the investigation, and to retain any such books, papers, documents and articles until completion of the investigation:[\*] [The word " and" omitted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).][Provided that the information, books, papers, documents and articles, including cockpit voice recordings and transcripts from such recordings shall not be made available for purposes other than the investigation of the accident, except for the purposes of the Right of Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005);] [Inserted by G.S.R.

168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](d) to have access to and examine any aircraft involved in the accident, the place where the accident occurred or any other place, the entry upon and examination of which appears to the Inspector necessary for the purpose of the investigation.73.

Inspector's fee.- When a person other than an officer of Government is appointed an Inspector of accidents he may be granted such fee and expenses as may be determined by the Central Government.74.

Committee of inquiry.(1) The Central Government may, at its discretion, appoint a Committee of inquiry composed of two or more persons to hold an inquiry into an accident in which an aircraft is involved, and such a Committee shall have the same powers as an Inspector of accidents under rule 72.(2) The Committee of inquiry may at its discretion hold the inquiry in public or in private.(3) The inquiry shall be conducted in such a manner that if a charge is made or likely to be made against any person, that person shall be given notice that blame may be attributed to him and thereupon he may be given a reasonable opportunity of being present and making any statement or giving any evidence and producing witnesses on his behalf and examining any witnesses from whose evidence it appears that blame may be attributed to him.(4) A public notice that an inquiry is taking place may be given by the Central Government in such manner as it may think fit and every such notice shall state that any person who may desire to make representations concerning the circumstances or causes of the accident may do so in writing within the time specified in the notice.(5) [ The Committee of inquiry shall make a report to the Central Government in the format specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](6) The Central Government may cause the whole or part of any such report of the Committee of inquiry to be made public in such manner as it may think fit.(7) When a person other than an officer of Government is appointed as a member of the Committee of inquiry he may be granted such fee and expenses as may be determined by the Central Government.(8) Every person summoned by the Committee of inquiry as a witness in accordance with these rules shall be allowed such expenses as the Central Government may from time to time determine.75.

Formal investigation.- Where it appears to the Central Government that it is expedient to hold a formal investigation of an accident, it may, whether or not an investigation or an inquiry has been made under rule 71 or 74, by order direct a formal investigation to be held and with respect to any such formal investigation the following provisions shall apply, namely:-(1) The Central Government shall appoint a competent person (hereinafter referred to as "the Court"), to hold the investigation, and may appoint one or more persons possessing legal, aeronautical, engineering, or other special knowledge to act as assessors. It may also direct that the Court and the assessors shall receive such remuneration as it may determine.(2) [ The Court shall hold the investigation in open Court in such manner and under such conditions as the Court may think fit for ascertaining the causes and circumstances of the accident and for enabling it to make the report hereinafter mentioned:Provided that where the Court is of opinion that holding the investigation is likely,--(a) to be prejudicial to the interests of any country; or(b) to jeopardise the personal safety of a person who is willing to make any statement or give evidence, the Court may, hold in camera, the whole or part of the investigation.](3)(i) The Court shall have, for the purpose of the investigation, all the powers of a Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and without prejudice to those powers the Court may,--(a) enter and inspect, or authorise any person to enter and inspect, any place or building, the entry or inspection whereof appears to the Court requisite for the purposes of the investigation; and(b) enforce the attendance of witnesses and compel the production of documents and material objects; and every person required by the Court to furnish any information

shall be deemed to be legally bound to do so within the meaning of section 176 of the Indian Penal Code:[Provided that the information, books, papers, documents and articles, including cockpit voice recordings and transcripts from such recordings shall not be made available for purposes other than the investigation of the accident, except for the purposes of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005);] [Inserted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](ii) The assessors shall have the same powers of entry and inspection as the Court.(4) The investigation shall be conducted in such manner that, if a charge is made or likely to be made against any person, that person shall have an opportunity of being present and of making any statement or giving any evidence and producing witnesses on his behalf.(5) Every person attending as a witness before the Court shall be allowed such expenses as the Court may consider reasonable:Provided that, in the case of the owner or hirer of any aircraft concerned in the accident and of any person in his employment or any other person concerned in the accident, any such expenses may be disallowed if the Court, in its discretion, so directs.(6) [ The Court shall make a report to the Central Government in the format specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](7) The assessors (if any) shall either sign the report, with or without reservations, or state in writing their dissent therefrom and their reasons for such dissent, and such reservations or dissent and reasons (if any) shall be forwarded to the Central Government with the report. The Central Government may cause any such report and reservation or dissent and reasons (if any) to be made public, wholly or in part in such manner as it thinks fit.75A. [ Reopening of investigation. [Inserted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).]- Where it appears to the Central Government that any new and material evidence has become available after completion of the investigation under rule 71, 74 or 75, as the case may be, it may, by order, direct the reopening of the same.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 816(E), dated 29.10.1985.]76. Obstruction of proceedings.(1) No person shall obstruct or impede the Court or a member of the Committee of inquiry of an Inspector of accidents or an assessor or any person acting in the exercise of any powers or duties under the rules in this Part.(2) No person shall without reasonable excuse (the burden of proving which shall lie on him) fail to comply with any summons or requisition of a Court or a Committee of inquiry or an Inspector of accidents holding an investigation or an inquiry under the rules in this Part.77. [ Participation of Accredited Representatives. [Substituted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).]- (1) An accredited representative of the State of registry, the State of operator, the State of design and the State of manufacturer of the aircraft and of any other State which has, on request, furnished information in connection with the accident, shall each be entitled to participate in the investigation by an Inspector of Accidents or an inquiry by a Committee of Inquiry or a formal investigation by a Court or investigation by an Inquiry Officer, as the case may be, into the accident or serious incident of an aircraft, whether or not the aircraft is registered in India.(2) The accredited representative may be accompanied by such technical or other advisers as may be considered necessary by the authorities of the State by which he is appointed.]77A. [ Consultation. [Substituted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).]- (1) A copy of the draft report shall be forwarded each to the State that instituted the investigation, the State that participated in the investigation, the State of registry, the State of operator, the State of design and the State of manufacturer, inviting their comments on the report.(2) In case the comments are received within sixty days of the issuance of the draft report referred to in sub-rule (1), it shall be amended either by inclusion of the substance of the comments therein or by appending the comments thereto.]77AA. [ Saving.] [Renumbered by G.S.R. 168(E),

dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).]- Nothing in this Part shall limit the power of the Central Government with regard to the cancellation, suspension or endorsement of any license or certificate issued under these rules.][PART X-A] [Inserted by G.S.R. 537, dated 23.4.1980.] INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENTS<sup>77B</sup>. Notification of incidents.(1) Where an aircraft is involved in an incident, the pilot-in-command, the owner, the operator and the hirer, if any, of such aircraft shall notify the incident to the Director-General within 48 hours of the incident:[Provided that in case of a serious incident, the information shall be sent as soon as possible by the quickest means available and in any case within 24 hours after the occurrence of such incident.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](2) The communication notifying the incident under sub-rule (1) shall contain the following information namely:--(i) the type, nationality and registration marks of the aircraft;(ii) the name of the owner, operator and hirer of the aircraft;(iii) the name of the pilot-in-command.(iv) the names and description of the crew of the aircraft;(v) the nature and purpose of the flight;(vi) the date and time of the incident;(vii) the place where the incident occurred;(viii) the last point of departure and the next point of intended landing of the aircraft;(ix) the nature of the incident.<sup>77C</sup>. [ Investigation of an incident. [Substituted by G.S.R. 956, dated 19.11.1983.]- (1) The Director-General may order the investigation of any incident involving an aircraft or a person associated with the maintenance and operation of aircraft, or both, and may, by general or special order, appoint a competent and duly qualified person having experience in aviation accident/incident investigation as inquiry officer for the purpose of carrying out such investigation.](2) The investigation referred to in sub-rule (1) be held in private.(3) The investigation shall be conducted in such a manner that if a charge is made or is likely to be made against any person and if it appears to the inquiry officer to be practicable so to do that person shall be given notice that blame may be attributed to him, and thereupon he may be given a reasonable opportunity of being present and making any statement or giving any evidence and producing witnesses on his behalf and examining any witnesses from whose evidence it appears that blame may be attributed to him.(4) A public notice that such investigation is taking place may be given by the Director-General in such manner as he thinks fit and every such public notice shall state that any person who may desire to make a representation concerning the circumstances or causes of the incident may do so in writing within the time specified in the notice.(5) The inquiry officer shall make a report to the Director-General stating all relevant facts with regard to the incident and his conclusions with regard to the causes of the incident and adding any observations and recommendations which he may think fit to make with a view to avoidance of similar incidents in future.(6) The Director-General shall forward the report of the inquiry officer to the Central Government with such comments as the Director-General may think fit to make and the Central Government may, at its discretion, make the whole or part of any such report public in such a manner as it may consider fit.<sup>77D</sup>. Powers of inquiry officer.- For the purpose of such investigation, an inquiry officer shall have power-(a) by summons under his hand to require the attendance of any person whom he thinks fit to call before him and examine for such purpose and to require answer or returns to any inquiries he thinks fit to make;(b) to require any such person to make and to sign a declaration regarding the true nature of the statements made by him;(c) to require and enforce the production of all books, papers, documents and articles which he may consider necessary for the investigation, and to retain any such books, papers, documents and articles until completion of the investigation:[\*] [The word " and" omitted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).][Provided that the information, books, papers, documents and articles, including

cockpit voice recordings and transcripts from such recordings shall not be made available for purposes other than the investigation of the incident, except for the purposes of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005);] [Inserted by G.S.R. 168(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](d) to have access to and examine any aircraft involved in the incident, the place where the incident occurred or any other place, the entry upon and examination of which appears to the inquiry officer necessary for purposes of investigation.]

[PART XI [Part XI (containing Rules 78 to 92) substituted by G.S.R. 732(E), dated 2.11.2004 (w.e.f. 5.11.2004).] AERODROMES

## **78. Licensing of aerodromes.**

(1)[No aerodrome other than a defence aerodrome] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 977 (E), dated 5.10.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] shall be used as a regular place of landing and departure by a Scheduled air transport service or for a series of landings and departures by any aircraft carrying passengers or cargo for hire or reward unless--(a)it has been licensed for the purpose, and save in accordance with the conditions prescribed in such license; or(b)it has been approved by the Director-General, subject to such conditions as he may deem fit, for the purpose of operation of flights in the event of national or international crisis, natural calamities, emergencies or otherwise requiring such flights to carry material goods for relief purposes, or for giving joyrides for hire or reward:Provided that any person already permitted and operating scheduled air transport services to an aerodrome before the commencement of the Aircraft (4th Amendment) Rules, 2004 may continue operation of such services till such person obtains the license from the Director-General by the date to be notified by the Central Government.(1A)[ A defence aerodrome shall not be used as a regular place of landing and departure by a scheduled air transport service, unless it has been certified as per the requirements specified by the Director-General:Provided that nothing contained in this sub-rule shall apply to a defence aerodrome, for such a period as may be notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette, if such scheduled air transport services are already operating to that aerodrome on the date of commencement of the Aircraft (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2016.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 977 (E), dated 5.10.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](2)An aerodrome shall be licensed by the Central Government in one of the following categories, namely:--(a)for public use;(b)for private use, that is to say, for use by the licensee and by individuals specifically authorised by the licensee.(3)An aerodrome may be licensed for all types of aircraft or for certain specified types or classes of aircraft and the license may specify the conditions on which the aerodrome may be used.(4)No person shall operate or cause to be operated any flight from a temporary aerodrome or an aerodrome which has not been licensed or approved, as the case may be, under these rules unless it meets the minimum safety requirements laid down by the Director-General.

## **79. Qualifications of licensee.**

- A license for an aerodrome shall not be granted to any person other than--(a)a citizen of India; or(b)a company or a body corporate:Provided that--(i)it is registered and having its principal place of business in India;(ii)it meets the equity holding criteria specified by the Central Government from time to time; or(c)the Central Government or a State Government or any company or any

corporation owned or controlled by either of the said Governments; or(d)a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860).

## **80. Procedure for grant of license.**

(1)An application for the grant of license for an aerodrome shall be made to the Director-General alongwith the Aerodrome Manual.(2)The application under sub-rule (1) shall be in such form and contain such particulars as may be specified by the Director-General.(3)The Director-General may, for disposal of the application, require the applicant to furnish any additional information which he considers necessary.(4)The Director-General may also require the applicant to produce evidence in support of any information furnished in the application.

## **81. Aerodrome Manual.**

(1)An Aerodrome Manual, in the form as specified by the Director-General, shall be maintained by the licensee in respect of aerodrome licensed under these rules.(2)The Aerodrome Manual shall, in addition to any other relevant information, contain the following particulars, namely:--(a)General.-General information including purpose and scope of the aerodrome manual, legal requirement for an aerodrome license, conditions for the use of the aerodrome, availability of aeronautical information system, the system for recording aircraft movement and the obligation of the aerodrome operator;(b)Particulars of the aerodrome site.-Information including a plan of the aerodrome showing the main facilities for the operation of the aerodrome, boundaries of the aerodrome, distance of the aerodrome from the nearest city and particulars of the title of the aerodrome site;(c)Particulars of the aerodrome required to be reported to the aeronautical information service.-Information regarding name of the aerodrome, location of the aerodrome, geographical coordinates, aerodrome elevation, elevation of runway threshold, aerodrome reference temperature, aerodrome beacon, name of the aerodrome operator, address and telephone numbers and aerodrome dimensions and related information;(d)Particulars of the aerodrome operating procedures and safety measures.- Information regarding aerodrome reporting, access to the aerodrome movement area, aerodrome emergency plan, rescue and fire-fighting, inspection of the aerodrome movement area and obstacle limitation surface by the aerodrome operator, visual aids and aerodrome electrical system, maintenance of the movement area, aerodrome walls-safety, apron management, apron safety management, airside vehicle control, wildlife hazard management, obstacle control, removal of disabled aircraft, handling of hazardous material, low visibility operations and protection of sites for radar and navigational aids; and(e)Aerodrome administration and safety management system.- Information including aerodrome organization chart showing the names and positions of key personnel, including their responsibilities, the names, position and telephone numbers of the person who is overall responsible for aerodrome safety, airport committees and safety management system.(3)A copy of the Aerodrome Manual or such part of the Manual as may be prescribed by the Director-General, shall be made available by the licensee to all units of the aerodrome.



## 82. Inspection.

(1) Any person, authorised by the Director-General by general or special order in writing in this behalf, [shall have unrestricted and unlimited access] [Substituted 'may, at all reasonable times or intervals, enter any place to which access is necessary and' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1096(E), dated 9.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] to inspect and carry out tests on the aerodrome facilities, services and equipment, inspect aerodrome operator's documents and records, and verify the aerodrome operator's safety management system before the aerodrome license is granted or renewed and subsequently, at any other time, [for the purpose of surveillance to ensure safety and order at the aerodrome] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1156 (E), dated 15.12.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]. (2) The aerodrome operator shall allow the person so authorised, access to any part of the aerodrome or any aerodrome facility, including equipment, records, documents and operator's personnel and shall co-operate in conducting the activities referred to in sub-rule (1).

## 83. Conditions governing the grant of license.

(1) An aerodrome license shall be granted or renewed subject to such conditions as the Director-General considers necessary to ensure compliance with the Convention and the safety of aircraft operations. (2) While an aerodrome license is in force, no alteration to the landing area or to the building or other structure on the aerodrome which may affect the safety of aircraft shall be undertaken save with the previous approval of the Director-General and application for such approval shall be addressed to the Director-General and shall be accompanied by full particulars with plans of any such alteration including alteration to surrounding obstructions which may affect the safety of aircraft. (3) The necessary approval may be granted or withheld and if granted, may be granted subject to such conditions (including conditions involving a revision of the original conditions of aerodrome license) as the Director-General may think fit. (4) If any alteration of the nature referred to in sub-rule (2) is undertaken without the previous approval of the Director-General, the aerodrome license may be cancelled. (5) The licensee shall maintain the aerodrome in a fit state for use by aircraft and adequately marked to the satisfaction of the Director-General during the whole period of the currency of the license and shall, if the aerodrome becomes unserviceable, immediately inform the Director-General. (6) [The Director-General may impose operating restriction on the license in the event of non-compliance with any condition imposed under sub-rule (1) or if any safety concern emerges during the aerodrome inspection and remains unresolved beyond the period specified by the Director-General.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1156 (E), dated 15.12.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

## 84. Period of validity of license.

- An aerodrome license may be granted for any period not exceeding [five years] [Substituted for 'twenty-four months' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).], and on each occasion of renewal, may be renewed for any period not exceeding [five years] [Substituted for 'twenty-four months' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).].

## 85. Public aerodromes.

- Every aerodrome which is licensed for public use or which is open to public use by aircraft registered in India upon payment of charges shall to the same extent and upon the same conditions, be open to use by aircraft possessing the nationality of any other contracting State. Every such aerodrome shall be open to use by any aircraft in the service of the Central Government.

## 86. Tariff charges.

(1) At every aerodrome referred to in rule 85, there shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place a single tariff of charges, including charges for landing and length of stay, and such tariff shall be applicable alike to all aircraft whether registered in India or in any other contracting State. (2) In the case of aerodromes belonging to the Authority, the charges mentioned in sub-rule (1) shall be levied by the Authority in accordance with section 22 of the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994 (55 of 1994). (3) In the case of licensed public aerodromes, other than the aerodromes belonging to the Authority the charges mentioned in sub-rule (1) shall be determined by the licensee in accordance with the principle of cost recovery as specified by the International Civil Aviation Organisation and such charges shall be notified by the licensee with the approval of the Central Government or any authority constituted in this behalf by such Government. Explanation.-For the purpose of this rule, "Authority" means the Airports Authority of India constituted under section 3 of the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994 (55 of 1994). (4) [Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rules (2) and (3), in the case of a major airport, the tariff of charges referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be such as may be determined under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 757 (E) dated 14.10.2009 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]

## 87. Fee.

(1) The fee chargeable for the grant of a license for an aerodrome shall be -

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| (a) | When the license is granted for private use | Rs. 1,00,000;   |
| (b) | When the license is granted for public use  | Rs. 5,00,000 up to runway length of 5,000 feet plus Rs.2,00,000 for every 1,000 feet or part thereof. |

(2) The fee chargeable for renewal of license of an aerodrome shall be fifty per cent. of the fee chargeable for the grant of the license. (3) [The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]

## 88. [ Passenger Service Fee. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014.)]

- The airport licensee may collect fees to be called the Passenger Service Fee from the embarking passengers at such rate as the Central Government may specify][The airport licensee shall utilise the fees so collected for the infrastructure and facilitation of the passengers:] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)][Provided that the rate of fees in respect of major airports shall be as determined under clause (1) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008 (27 of 2008)] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)]

### **88A. [ Aviation security fees. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)]**

(1)The Central Government, or any other authority designated by it in its behalf, may levy and collect aviation security fees on:](a)[ embarking passengers] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)](b)[ cargo transported out of an airport] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)](c)[ departing private aircrafts of general aviation] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)](d)[ chartered aircraft operations; and] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)](e)[ any other dedicated civil aviation operations] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)][at such rate or rates, as the Central Government may specify from time to time, and different rates may be specified for different categories specified herein, to meet the expenditure on aviation security] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 166 (E) dated 5.3.2014 (w.e.f. 10.3.2014)]

### **88B. [ Regional Air Connectivity Fund. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 994 (E), dated 21.10.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- The Central Government may establish the Regional Air Connectivity Fund for the purpose of providing viability gap funding to aircraft operators to promote regional air connectivity, or for any other purpose connected therewith, and the said fund shall be administered and utilised in the manner as may be specified by the Central Government.

### **88C. Regional Air Connectivity Levy.**

- In order to fund the Regional Air Connectivity Fund, the Central Government may impose a levy on scheduled flights being operated within India at such rates as the Central Government may notify from time to time having regard to the seating capacity of the aircraft used for the scheduled flights and the routes on which such flights are operated and the overall requirement of Regional Air Connectivity Fund.(2)Contributions to the Regional Air Connectivity Fund may also be made by the beneficiary State Governments in the manner and proportion as may be specified by the Central Government.(3)Contribution to the Regional Air Connectivity Fund may also be made by crediting proceeds from any other source as may be specified by the Central Government.Explanation. - For the purposes of rules 88B and 88C, the expression "Regional Air Connectivity" shall mean operation of an air transport service between any two airports in India of which at least one has been declared

by the Central Government as unserved or under-served.]

## **89. [ User development fees. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 757 (E)dated 14.10.2009 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

- The licensee may -(i)levy and collect at a major airport the User Development Fee at such rate as may be determined under clause (b) of sub-section (1)of section 13 of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008;(ii)levy and collect at any other airport the User Development Fee at such rate as the Central Government may specify.]

## **90. Entry into public aerodromes.**

(1)No person shall enter or be in the terminal building of any Government aerodrome or public aerodrome or part of such building or any other area in such aerodrome notified in this behalf by the Central Government unless he holds an admission ticket issued by the aerodrome operator or an entry pass issued by the Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation) [or any person authorized by the Central Government in this behalf] [Substituted for the words "or any other officer authorised by the Central Government in this behalf" by Notification No. G.S.R. 744 (E) 9.10.2009 (w.e.f. 23.30.1937)].(2)No person, without permission in writing, by general or special order, of the Central Government or any officer authorised by that Government in this behalf, shall--(a)enter or remain or cause any other person to enter or remain in the movement area;(b)leave or throw or cause to be thrown any animal, bird or property or object of any nature whatsoever in the movement area;(c)permit any animal under his possession or control or otherwise to stray in the movement area; and(d)operate any vehicle in the movement area.(3)Sub-rules (1) and (2) shall not apply to--(a)any passenger embarking, disembarking or in transit who holds an air ticket; or(b)any person who is engaged on regular duty at an aerodrome and holds a Photo Identity Card issued by the Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation) [or any person authorized by the Central Government in this behalf] [Substituted for the words "or any other officer authorised by the Central Government in this behalf" by Notification No. G.S.R. 744 (E) 9.10.2009 (w.e.f. 23.30.1937)].(4)Notwithstanding anything contained in this rule, the officer-in-charge of an aerodrome [or any person authorized by the Central Government in this behalf] [Substituted for the words "or any other officer authorised by the Central Government in this behalf" by Notification No. G.S.R. 744 (E) 9.10.2009 (w.e.f. 23.30.1937)], as the case may be, may, if he is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient so to do for the maintenance of proper order or decorum--(i)refuse admission to any person into the terminal building or the movement area; or(ii)require any person in such building or such area to leave the same.

## **91. Prohibition of slaughtering and flaying of animals, depositing of rubbish and other polluted or obnoxious matter in the vicinity of aerodrome.**

- No person shall slaughter or flay any animal or deposit or drop any rubbish, filth, garbage or any other polluted or obnoxious matter including such material from hotels, meat shops, fish shops and bone processing mills which attracts or is likely to attract vultures or other birds and animals within

a radius of ten kilometers from the aerodrome reference point: Provided that the Director-General or Joint Director-General of Civil Aviation or Deputy Director-General of Civil Aviation, as the case may be, may, if he is satisfied that proper and adequate arrangements have been made by the owners of hotels, meat shops, fish shops and bone processing mills so as to prevent attraction of vultures or other birds and animals, having regard to the vicinity of place of slaughter from the aerodrome, arrangements for disposal or deposit of carcass, rubbish and other polluted and obnoxious matter, grant permission in writing for the purpose.

## **92. Ground handling services.**

- The licensee shall, while providing ground handling service by itself, shall ensure a competitive environment by allowing the airline operator at the airport to engage, without any restriction, any of the ground handling service provider, who are permitted by the Central Government to provide such services: Provided that such ground handling service provider shall be subject to the security clearance of the Central Government.]

## **93.**

-133[\* \* \*] [Part XII (containing Rules 93 to 133) omitted by G.S.R. 1225, dated 15.10.1959.][PART XII] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 64(E) dated 3.2.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] PERSONNEL OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES

## **93. Requirement of a licence for air traffic services personnel**

(1) No person shall engage himself in the provision of air traffic services in the Indian airspace or in any airspace outside the Indian territory for which India has, in pursuance of any international arrangement, undertaken to provide air traffic services, unless he holds a valid air traffic controller's licence issued under these rules. [Provided that a person engaged in the provision of air traffic services before the commencement of the Aircraft (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2018, may continue to provide such services in accordance with the procedure specified by the Director-General till he obtains the licence or till a date to be notified by the Central Government, whichever is earlier.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 579(E), dated 9.8.2019 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (2) The designated military authority may provide the air traffic services to the civil aircraft in the airspace designated for military use in accordance with the provisions of this part and subject to the conditions specified by the Director-General: [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'proviso' by Notification No. G.S.R. 579(E), dated 9.8.2019 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

## **94. Provision of Air Traffic Services at an aerodrome.**

- The Director-General may direct an aerodrome operator to make provision for air traffic services, aerodrome flight information service or a means of two-way radio communication or any other service, as deemed fit in the interest of safety of aircraft operations.

## 95. Licensing Authority.

(1) Subject to fulfilment of the requirements specified in this Part and Schedule III, the Central Government may grant or renew the following licences and ratings, namely:-(a) Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence (b) Air Traffic Controller's Licence (c) Aerodrome Control Rating (d) Approach Control Procedural Rating (e) Approach Control Surveillance Rating (f) Area Control Procedural Rating (g) Area Control Surveillance Rating[\*\*\*] [Omitted '(h)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (i) Oceanic Control Rating (2) Before grant or renewal of a licence or rating, the licensing authority shall satisfy itself that the applicant meets the requirements of age, qualification, medical standard, knowledge, experience, training and skill, as specified in Schedule III. (3) The licence shall not be valid unless it bears the signature of the holder. (4) The licence shall remain valid for the period indicated therein which shall not exceed the period specified in rule 104 unless suspended or cancelled earlier. (5) The Central Government may withhold the grant or renewal of a licence or rating and may cancel, suspend or vary any licence or rating if it is satisfied that there is a reasonable ground to do so: Provided that no such licence or rating shall be cancelled or suspended without giving a show cause notice, in writing, informing the holder of the licence or rating the ground on which it is proposed to suspend or cancel the licence or rating and giving him a reasonable opportunity of making a representation in writing within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice and, if that person so desires, of being heard. (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (5), if the Central Government is of the opinion that in the interest of public safety 'It is necessary so to do, it may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, summarily suspend the licence or rating with a view to making further enquiry.

## 96. [ [Omitted 'rule 96' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

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96. Requirement for Radio Telephony Operator's Certificate.- A Student Air Traffic Controller's or an Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall be valid only if the licence holder possesses a certificate or authorisation for operating the radio telephony equipment in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885) and rules made thereunder.

## 97. Requirement of rating and unit endorsement.

(1) No person shall perform duty as an air traffic controller in an air traffic services unit unless his licence contains the ratings for the said purpose: Provided that the holder of a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence or 'an Air Traffic Controller's Licence may perform duty in a particular air traffic services unit without the relevant rating. for the purpose of qualifying for endorsement of such rating in his licence, under the direct supervision of a person holding the rating for that particular air traffic services unit ,and [authorised by the Director-General, or by any other organisation specifically authorised by the Director- General, to act as an instructor] [Substituted 'authorised by the Director General to act as an instructor' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (2) A licence may contain ratings for one or more air traffic services

units.(3)[ Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), [the Director-General or any other organisation specifically authorised by the Director-General for this purpose may authorise] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] -(i)the holder of an Air Traffic Controller's Licence to perform duty in a newly established air traffic service unit without endorsement of that unit on his licence provided he has completed simulation training for the said unit and has been assessed as fit for such duties by an assessment board duly approved by the Director-General or by any other organisation specifically authorised by the Director-General for this purpose.Explanation. - For the purpose of this clause, "simulation training" includes an automated or computer generated air traffic environment or a simple instructor-driven interactive role play;(ii)deployment of an air traffic controller to perform air traffic control duties temporarily at an airport without endorsement of that airport on his licence, provided he holds similar ratings for another airport with higher air traffic density and is assessed as fit for such duties by an air traffic controller holding the rating for the airport of temporary duty.]

## **98. [ Rating Training Manual. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

- There shall be a rating training manual, at each air traffic service station, containing the syllabus for on the job training, examination, assessment and procedures to meet the requirements for ratings as specified in Schedule III, duly approved by the Director-General.]

## **99. Fees and other charges.**

- [(1) A candidate who applies for the licence, its renewal, or validation or endorsement of a rating or for the issue of duplicate licence, shall pay the following fees, namely: -

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| (i) for issue of a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence:           | Rs. 1,000/-;   |
| (ii) for renewal of a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence:        | Rs. 500/-;     |
| (iii) for issue or validation of an Air Traffic Controller's Licence : | Rs. 20000/-;   |
| (iv) for renewal of an Air Traffic Controller's Licence:               | Rs. 10000/-;   |
| (v) for issue of duplicate Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence:   | Rs. 250/-; and |
| (vi) for issue of duplicate Air Traffic Controller's Licence.:         | Rs. 2500/-.    |

Explanation. - The fee specified in clauses (iii) and (iv) includes the fee for endorsement of any rating on the licence during its period of validity and no separate fee shall be payable for such endorsement.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](2)The applicant shall be required to bear all charges in respect of the assessment, if any, and if a government examiner is associated during the assessment, a fee of ten thousand rupees shall be payable for each assessment.(3)[ The fee shall be paid in the manner as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).][\*\*\*] [Omitted '(4)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

## **100. Minimum educational qualification for holding a licence.**

- No person shall be granted a licence under this Part unless he possesses the educational qualification as specified in Schedule III.

## **101. Minimum age for holding a licence.**

- The minimum age of a person who is otherwise qualified and to whom a licence may be granted shall be as specified in Schedule III.

## **102. Maximum age limit for holding licence or rating.**

- No person shall exercise the privileges of the licence granted under this Part after he has attained the age of sixty years.

## **103. Medical standards.**

(1) No licence or rating granted under this Part shall be issued or renewed unless the applicant holds a medical fitness assessment issued by the Director-General after undergoing a medical examination with an approved medical authority and satisfying the medical standards as specified by the Director-General for the purpose: Provided that if in the opinion of the approved medical authority, the condition of the applicant is not such as to introduce any hazard either of sudden incapacity or of inability to perform his duties safely during the period of validity of his licence or rating and failure to attain the requirement is capable of being compensated and the Director-General has satisfactory evidence that the applicant has already acquired and demonstrated his ability, skill and experience Which compensate for his deficiency, the assessment may be issued with any limitation as deemed fit, and the licence or rating may be renewed or endorsed with such limitation.

Explanation For the purposes of this sub-rule, "approved medical authority" means a medical authority approved by the Director-General.

(2) The Director-General may require the holder of a licence to undergo a medical examination by any medical authority at any time if, in his opinion, such examination is necessary in the interest of safety of operations.

## **104. Period of validity of licences and medical fitness assessment.**

- [(1) A Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall remain valid for a maximum period of three years from the date of issue and may be renewed for a further period not exceeding three years subject to conditions to be specified by the Director-General. (2) Subject to sub-rules (5) and (6) of rule 95 and rules 105, 107 and 109, an Air Traffic Controller's License shall remain valid until the holder attains the age of sixty years: Provided that the validity of the licence shall lapse, if the holder has not held a valid rating for more than five years and the renewal of the license in such case shall be subject to the fulfilment of the requirements of rule 110 and Schedule III.] [Substituted by



Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](3)The maximum period of validity of a medical fitness assessment shall be [four years] [Substituted 'two years' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] from the date of medical examination.(4)[The period of validity of medical fitness specified in sub-rule (3), shall be reduced to two years after the holder of the licence has attained the age of forty years which shall be further reduced to one year after the holder of the licence has attained the age of fifty years.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](5)(a)The period of validity of a licence shall commence from the date of issue.(b)In case of renewal, the period of validity shall commence from the date following the date of expiry of the previous validity, irrespective of the date of renewal, provided the application for renewal has been submitted within a period of thirty days preceding the date of expiry and all the requirements for renewal are met on the date of application.(c)In any other case, the validity of renewal of licence shall commence from the date of renewal.(6)(a)The period of validity of initial medical fitness assessment shall commence from the date of the medical examination.(b)[ In case of renewal, the period of validity of medical fitness assessment shall commence from the date following the date of expiry of the previous medical fitness assessment, irrespective of the date of renewal, provided the medical examination for renewal has been conducted within a period of not more than forty-five days preceding the date of expiry of the previous validity.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](c)In any other case, the validity of renewal of medical fitness assessment shall commence from the date of renewal.

### **105. Licence not valid without valid medical fitness assessment.**

- A licence granted under this Part shall not be valid unless it is accompanied by a valid medical fitness assessment and the holder shall not exercise the privileges of the licence in the absence of a valid medical fitness assessment.

### **106. Decrease in medical fitness.**

(1)The holder of a licence shall not exercise the privileges of his licence and ratings during any period when he is aware that his physical condition has deteriorated and the medical fitness has decreased below the standard required for that category of licence.(2)The holder of a licence shall not exercise the privileges of his licence without being declared fit after a fresh medical examination in the event of his having suffered from a sickness or injury rendering him incapable of discharging his duty for a continuous period of more than twenty days, or which is likely to cause incapacity or impair his efficiency in the discharge of his duties.(3)The licence holder or his employer shall immediately notify all the relevant details of the sickness or injury to the Director-General.(4)The licence of a person rendered incapable of discharging duty under sub-rule (2), shall be deemed to be invalid until the holder undergoes a fresh medical examination.

### **107. Maintenance of validity of ratings and endorsements.**

- [(1) The holder of an Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall not exercise the privileges of the licence and the rating endorsed on the licence unless he meets the competency and recency requirements

and the rating is valid for the air traffic services unit where he so acts.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](2) Even when a person ceases to act as an air traffic controller at a particular unit, he may keep his rating current by complying with the recency requirement specified in Schedule III.

### **108. Licence holder's obligation to notify change of unit.**

- When a rating ceases to be valid for a [unit] [Substituted 'unit or operational position' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], the holder of the licence shall forthwith inform the person-in-charge of the air traffic service of that place and shall not work in that position till such rating is revalidated.

### **109. Disqualification from holding or obtaining a licence.**

(1) Where the licensing authority is satisfied, after giving him an opportunity of being heard, that any person -(a) is habitually intemperate in the use of alcohol, or is addict of narcotics, drugs and the like, or (b) has, by his previous conduct as Air Traffic Controller, shown that he is irresponsible in the discharge of his duties connected with his employment or is likely to endanger the safety of the aircraft or any person, in the air or on ground; or (c) is a habitual criminal or has been convicted by a court in India for an offence involving moral turpitude or an offence which amounts to heinous crime; or (d) has obtained the licence or rating, by suppression of material information or on basis of wrong information, or (e) has unauthorisedly varied or tampered with the particulars entered in a licence or rating or any other relevant document, the licensing authority may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, make an order disqualifying that person for a specified period from holding a licence or from obtaining a licence under this Part. (2) The Central Government may, debar a person permanently or temporarily from holding any [licence or rating] [Substituted 'licence' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] mentioned in this Part if in its opinion it is necessary to do so in the public interest. (3) (a) Upon the issue of any order under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) the person affected, if he is the holder of a licence, shall forthwith surrender his licence to the licensing authority. If the licence has not already been surrendered. (b) The licensing authority shall keep the licence until the expiry of the period for which the person has been disqualified or debarred, or if he has been debarred permanently, for a period of five years.

### **110. Renewal of expired licence or rating.**

- If, on the date of application for renewal, the licence or rating has expired the applicant shall be required to undergo on the job training and qualify the examinations and skill assessment tests as may be specified by the Director-General to assess the applicant's competency to hold that licence or rating.

## 111. Proof of competency.

(1)An applicant for grant and renewal of any licence and ratings shall produce proof of haVing acquired the competency and having passed satisfactorily the tests and examination, specified In Schedule III In respect of the licence or rating.(2)The Director General may, exempt a person who is a qualified Air Traffic Controller from [the naval, military or air forces of the Union or other armed forces of the Union constituted by any law for the time being in force] [Substituted 'Indian Air force or Indian Navy' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] and who produces satisfactory evidence to show that he possesses the necessary experience, competency and standard of physical fitness as required under these rules from all or any of the examinations and medical or other technical examinations.(3)The Director-General may, on examination of the syllabi, determine the relative equivalence of examinations for granting exemptions to such applicants from passing the examinations required under Schedule III.(4)The Director-General may, require any candidate or training organization to produce for examination all relevant training records, including the syllabi, certificates, mark-sheets, on-the-job training test reports, assessments, etc., in respect of the candidate who has undergone a course of training, with such training establishment.

## 112. Tests, assessment and examination.

(1)The [Director-General or any other organisation specifically authorised by the Director-General] [Substituted 'Director-General' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] may, conduct examinations to test tile level of knowledge specified in Schedule III, fix examination centres within India, appoint invigilators and specify the procedure for conducting the examinations.(2)The Director-General shall, specify the detailed syllabi for the examinations for Issue of the licences and ratings.(3)[(a) The Director-General, or any organisation under the control of the Government duly authorised by the Director-General,may appoint examiners for conducting examinations and assessment required under Schedule III and may also appoint a Board to conduct examinations and assessment, wherever necessary.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 579(E), dated 9.8.2019 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](b)The examiners shall be selected on the basis of criteria specified for the purpose by the Director-General and the examination and assessment reports shall be submitted to the licensing authority in respect of any examination and assessment conducted for issue or renewal of a licence or endorsement of a rating on a licence.(4)The Director-General may determine the manner in which the assessment and proficiency checks shall be carried out.(5)The Director-General may, debar permanently or temporarily a person from any assessment or examination if, in his opinion, the person has adopted unfair means during the assessment or examination.(6)(a)The Director-General may, declare any examination or assessment conducted by an authorised person or a Board null and void, if in his opinion, the examination or assessment has not been carried out to his satisfaction, and require the examination or assessment to be carried out again by another authorised person or a Board.(b)The Director-General may also take such action against such authorised person or Board as he may deem fit.

### **113. Use of radio call signs of air traffic services units.**

- A licence holder using two-way radio communication shall not use or cause or permit to be used any call sign for a purpose other than the purpose for which that call sign has been notified.

### **114. Approved training organization.**

(1)The Director-General, on being satisfied, may approve a training organization for conducting an approved training course for students to enable them to attain the level of competency required for obtaining a licence or rating specified in rule 95.(2)[ The training organisation shall prepare a Training and Procedures Manual containing the information specified by the Director-General and get it approved by the Director-General.(3)The approval of a training organisation shall, unless suspended or cancelled, remain valid for a period not exceeding five years, which may be renewed for a period not exceeding five years at a time, subject to the terms and conditions specified by the Director-General.(4)A training organisation shall, in the manner specified by the Director-General, pay, a fee of, -(a)four lakh rupees for grant of approval; and(b)two lakh rupees for renewal or extension of scope of approval on each occasion.(5)The approved training organisation shall not impart any training leading to grant of licence or ratings, other than those included in its scope of approval, as approved by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](6)The training records of the organization shall be maintained in a manner specified by the Director-General and shall be produced on demand to the Director-General or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf.

### **115. Record of experience and logging of on-watch period.**

(1)Every licence holder shall maintain a personal log book in the form specified by the Director-General and log the actual watch period during which he has performed any duty for exercising the privileges of his licence or ratings, or for on-the-job-training.(2)All entries in log books shall be made either in ink or logged electronically.(3)Log books shall be preserved for not less than five years after the date of the last entry therein.(4)(a)Every licence holder shall certify the accuracy of the entries in his log book with respect to the watch period at least at the end of each calendar month.(b)At the end of every quarter, the log books shall be certified for correctness of entries therein by the in-charge of the air traffic services unit, or any other person authorised to do so by the Director-General.(5)The watch time during which a licence holder is under on-the-job training shall be entered in his log book as "on the job training" and the instructor shall also countersign the entries in the log book of the licence holder indicating the nature of the training given.(6)The instructor shall log as watch period in his log book the period during which he acts as an Instructor and the log entries shall indicate in the remarks column that the time was logged for instructional purpose.

### **116. Watch duty time limitations.**

- Every holder of a licence issued under this Part shall follow the watch duty time limitations

specified by the Director-General.

## **117. Aeronautical station operator.**

- Every aeronautical station operator forming a part of Flight Information Service shall operate in accordance with the requirements specified by the Director-General.

## **118. Validation of foreign licences.**

(1)When a licence has been granted by the competent authority of a Contracting State and is for the time being in force, the Central Government may, subject to such conditions and limitations and for such period as it shall think fit, confer on such licence the same validity for the purpose of provision of air traffic service in India as if it had been granted under these rules.(2)The validation granted under sub-rule( 1) shall -(a)not extend beyond the period of validity of the licence(b)cease to be valid if the licence upon which it was issued is revoked or suspended; and(c)be subject to the provisions of rule 19.

### **118A. [ [Omitted '118A' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

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118A. [ State employees. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 448(E), dated 1.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]- Nothing contained in rules 93 to 118 shall apply to employees of the Airports Authority of India, being State employees, and such employees may be engaged in provision of air traffic services without possessing an air traffic controller's licence, provided they meet the requirements laid down for this purpose in Annex 1 to the Convention.Explanation.- For the purpose of this rule, "State" means India as a signatory to the Convention.]

[PART XII-A] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 31(E), dated 14.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]  
Aeronautical Telecommunication

## **119. Certification of communication, navigation and surveillance equipment or air traffic management facilities.**

(1)No person shall permit or cause to be permitted any communication, navigation and surveillance of air traffic management equipment facility to be established or used unless it has been certified by the Director-General :Provided that the Director-General may approve a facility for temporary use subject to such conditions as he may deem fit to impose, for the purpose of operation of air traffic services or aircraft operation or navigation in the event of national crisis, natural calamities, emergencies or otherwise requiring operation of such facilities:Provided further that any person already permitted and operating communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an aeronautical telecommunication station before the commencement of these rules may continue operation of such services till he obtains the certificate from the Director-General by the

date to be notified by the Central Government.(2)This rule shall not apply in respect of any communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility, whose establishment and operation -(a)is under the control of military authorities and is primarily for the military use;(b)is for testing purposes and not used for supporting air traffic services or not used for aircraft operation or navigation.(3)Nothing in this rule shall exempt any person from the provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885) and the rules made thereunder for establishment and operation of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility for air traffic services and aircraft operation at an aeronautical telecommunication station.

## **120. Eligibility for grant of certificate.**

- A certificate for communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facilities to be established or used at an aeronautical telecommunication station in support of air traffic services or aircraft operation shall be granted -(a)to a company or a body corporate set up for the purpose of providing communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility by the Central Government or to an air navigation service provider approved for the purpose by the Director-General;(b)to an aerodrome licence holder for establishing a navigational facility primarily for use as landing aid to support instrument let down procedure.

## **121. Procedure for grant of certificate.**

(1)An application for the certification for communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility to be established or used at an aeronautical telecommunication station in support of air traffic service or aircraft operation or navigation shall be made to the Director-General along with the communication, navigation and surveillance manual.(2)The application under sub-rule (1) shall be in such form and contain such particulars as may be specified by the Director-General.(3)The Director-General may, for disposal of the application, require the applicant to furnish any additional information which he considers necessary.(4)The Director-General shall certify a communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility, subject to any conditions as may be considered necessary.

## **122. Communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility manual.**

(1)Every holder of certificate shall have a communication, navigation and surveillance manual in the form as specified by the Director-General containing the information provided in item 2 of Schedule IV and approved copy of the manual shall be maintained by the holder of certificate in respect of all communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facilities, certified under these rules.(2)A copy of the manual or such part of the manual as may be specified by the Director-General shall be made available by the holder of certificate to all units.

## 123. Period of validity of Certificate.

- The Director-General may grant the certification of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an aeronautical telecommunication station for a period not exceeding sixty months, and on each occasion may be renewed for any period not exceeding twenty four months.

## 124. Fee.

(1) No certificate of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an aeronautical telecommunication station shall be granted unless there shall be paid the fees specified in the following Table, namely:-TABLE

(A)	Communication Facility	Fee in rupees
(i)	Standalone Very High Frequency Transmitter or Receiver, Digital Automatic Terminal Information System, High Frequency Transmitter or Receiver, Data Links (including standby frequency) in operation.	50,000 (50,000 upto five frequencies and 20,000 for each frequency)
(ii)	Automatic Message Switching System Air Traffic Services Message Handling System	50,000
(iii)	Master Clock System Station equipped with Voice Controlled Communication System with Very High Frequency Transmitter/or Receiver, High	15,000
(iv)	Frequency Transmitter/or Receiver, inter unit communication and other accessories for capacity :- (a) Up to 50 Controller workstations (b) for each additional work stations above 50	50,000 5,000
(B)	Navigation Systems	
(i)	Non-Directional Beacon or Locator, Marker	50,000
(ii)	Distance Measuring Equipment	50,000
(iii)	Very High Frequency Omni-Range or Doppler Very High Frequency Omni -Range	100,000
(iv)	Instrument Landing System or Distance Measuring Equipment	200,000
(v)	Co-located (VOR/DVOR/DME) Very high frequency omni range,	125,000
(C)	Surveillance Facility	
(i)	Airport Surveillance Radar	200,000
(ii)	Air Route Surveillance Radar	200,000
(iii)	Monopulse Surveillance Secondary Radar	200,000
(iv)	Surface Movement Radar without multi-lateration	200,000
(v)	Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast or Contact	200,000
(D)	Air traffic management facility	

Air traffic management automation system with facilities like		
(i)	Radar Data Processing system, Flight Data Processing system, Automatic Self Briefing System	1,000,000
(ii)	Advanced Surface Movement Guidance Control System (Surveillance and Multi-lateration components)	3,00,000
(iii)	Ground Based Augmentation System	3,00,000
(iv)	Satellite Based Augmentation System	5,00,000

(2) The fee for renewal of certification of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an aeronautical telecommunication station shall be fifty per cent, of the fee payable under sub-rule (1). (3) The fee payable under sub-rule (1) shall be paid by Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Pay and Accounts Officer, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi.

## 125. Conditions governing the grant of Certificate.

(1) Certification of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an aeronautical telecommunication station shall be granted or renewed subject to such conditions as the Director-General considers necessary to ensure compliance with the Convention relating to International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago and the safety of Air Traffic Services or aircraft operation or navigation. (2) While certification is in force, except required for the purpose of maintenance, no change in the system of equipment or configuration, shall be undertaken save with the previous approval of the Director-General and application for such approval shall be addressed to the Director-General which shall be accompanied with full particulars of such change. (3) The necessary approval may be granted or withheld, and, if granted, may be subject to such conditions as the Director-General may consider necessary. (4) The holder of the certificate shall maintain communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an aeronautical telecommunication station in a serviceable state as per the provision of certificate for use by air traffic services or aircraft operation or navigation.

## 126. Notification on availability of facility.

- The person in charge of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facilities at an aeronautical telecommunication station shall notify type and availability of facility or any service which is available for use by air traffic services or aircraft operation and navigation in the manner specified by the Director-General.

## 127. Information on the operational status of navigational aids.

- While a radio navigation aid is in operation, information on its operational status shall be made available by the holder of the certificate to the concerned Air Traffic Services unit giving the following details, namely:-(i) services for the aerodrome where the radio navigation aid is located; and (ii) en-route services using that radio navigation aid.



## **128. Automatic recording of voice communications, signal and data.**

(1)The holder of certificate of any communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an aeronautical telecommunication station and any associated facility required thereto shall, make provision for recording and replaying the messages, voice communication, signals and data transmitted or received through equipment and maintain such records for such period and in such manner as may be specified by the Director-General.(2)If any recording facility provided in compliance with sub-rule (1) ceases to be capable of recording the matters required by that sub-rule, it shall be ensured that, as far as practicable, a record of the following is kept in writing -(a)a summary of voice communications exchanged between the Aeronautical Telecommunication Station and aircraft by Air Traffic control unit; and(b)voice communication, message exchanged with other Aeronautical Telecommunication Station.(3)If any recording facility provided in accordance with sub rule (1) becomes unserviceable, the person in charge of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an Aeronautical Telecommunication Station shall ensure that the apparatus is rendered serviceable again as soon as possible within reasonably practicable time.(4)The person in charge of communication, navigation and surveillance of air traffic management facility at an Aeronautical Telecommunication Station shall preserve every record for a period of thirty days from the date on which the terms or content of the message, data or signal were recorded for the purpose of investigation or for such longer period as may be specified by the Director-General.(5)The person in charge of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility at an aeronautical telecommunication station shall produce such record to investigating official or to any other person authorised by Director-General.

## **129. Aeronautical telecommunication equipment calibration and check.**

(1)The holder of certificate shall establish a procedure for calibration of the equipment in accordance with the specifications laid down by the Director-General.(2)The holder of certificate shall check and accurately record the operating condition of any aeronautical telecommunication equipment that may have been used by an aircraft involved in an accident or serious incident and make such record available for the investigation purpose.(3)The air calibration of navigation facilities shall be carried out by an entity approved by the Director-General.

## **130. Time in air traffic services.**

(1)Air traffic service units shall be equipped with clocks indicating the time in hours, minutes and seconds.(2)Clocks and other time recording devices shall be checked periodically to ensure correctness of time to within plus or minus thirty seconds of coordinated universal time.(3)Wherever data link communications are utilised by an air traffic services unit, clocks and other time-recording devices shall be checked periodically to ensure correctness of time within one second of coordinated universal time.(4)The correct time shall be obtained from a standard time station, or if not possible, from another unit which has obtained time from such station.

### **131. Protection of critical and sensitive areas.**

- Any critical and sensitive area around an aeronautical facility required to be protected for the operational efficiency of the equipment, shall be :-(a)clearly identified on the site drawings for the aeronautical facility;(b)physically protected by suitable signposts at the site; and(c)protected by aerodrome operator or holder of certificate, as appropriate, through barriers or otherwise to ensure that site restrictions are not infringed in any form.

### **132. Suspension, cancellation or withdrawal of a certificate.**

(1)The Director-General may, by giving notice in writing to the holder of a certificate, impose any condition or suspend or cancel the certificate, if there are reasonable grounds to believe that  
 -(a)there has been a breach of any condition to which the certificate is subject; or(b)the facilities, operations or maintenance are not of the standard necessary in the interests of the safety of air traffic services or air navigation.(2)The Director-General shall give a show cause notice to the holder of certificate before suspending or cancelling a certificate stating -(a)the facts and circumstances which justify the suspension or cancellation; and(b)ask the holder of the certificate to submit explanation in writing, within thirty days from the date of receipt of the show cause notice.(3)The Director-General shall, before taking a decision take into account all facts and pass an appropriate order.(4)If the holder of a certificate wishes to surrender a certificate, the holder shall give not less than sixty days" notice in writing of the date on which the holder wishes the certificate to be surrendered.[PART XII-B] [Renumbered PART XII-A by Notification No. G.S.R. 31(E), dated 14.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] Regulatory Provisions

### **133A. [ Directions by Director-General. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

- [(1)] The Director-General may, through Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS), Aeronautical Information Publication, Aeronautical Information Circulars (AICs), Notices to Aircraft Owners and Maintenance Engineers and publication entitled [Civil Aviation Requirements] [Substituted by G.S.R. 80(E), dated 22.2.1993.] issue special directions not inconsistent with the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934) or these rules, relating to the [operation, manufacture] [Substituted for 'operation' by Notification No. G.S.R. 253(E), dated 01.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).], use, possession, maintenance or navigation of aircraft flying in or over India or of aircraft registered in India.](2)[ The Civil Aviation Requirement under sub-rule (1) shall be issued after placing the draft on the website of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for a period of thirty days for inviting objections and suggestions [or reduce the period for submitting such objections and suggestions] [Rule 133-A renumbered as sub-Rule (1) thereof and sub-Rule (2) inserted by G.S.R. 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008)..] from all persons likely to be affected thereby:Provided the Director-General may, in the public, interest and by order in writing, dispense with the requirement of inviting such objections and suggestions.](3)[ Every direction issued under sub-rule (1) shall be complied with by the person or persons to whom such direction is issued.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 167(E), dated 13.3.2009 (w.e.f. 13.3.2009).](4)[ The Director-General may, by general or special order in writing,

exempt any aircraft or class of aircraft or any person or class of persons from the operation of the directions given in the publication entitled 'Civil Aviation Requirements' under this rule, either wholly or partially, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in such order.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).][PART XII-C] [Inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] Engineering, Inspection And Normal Requirements For Organisations Other Than Operators

### **133B. [ Approved organizations. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

(1)(a)In this part "organization" refers to an organization or a person engaged in one or more of the following activities, namely:--(i)design and manufacture of aircraft, aircraft components and items of equipments including materials, forging, castings, standard parts;(ii)maintenance, overhaul, modification repair, inspection, treatment, processing of aircraft components and items of equipment;(iii)manufacture, storage, distribution and supply of aircraft fuel, lubricants, special products;[\* \* \*](v)[ training organizations for all aviation subjects except those covered under rules 41B and 114:] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 909(E), dated 27.11.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](vi)training schools.(b)In this part "manual" means Quality Control Manual, Design Manual, [Training Manual and Maintenance Training Organisation Exposition] [Substituted for 'Training Manual' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] [\* \* \*] [The words " Stores Manual" omitted by G.S.R, 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008).] required to be provided by an organization under sub-rule (4).(2)An organization shall have adequate facilities including qualified and trained staff and necessary equipment for tests and inspection aids.(3)[ Where considered necessary, an organisation or a person engaged in one or more of the activities listed under clause (a) of sub-rule (1) shall operate under a system of approval as specified by the Director-General. The request for such approval shall be made to the Director-General in such form and manner as may be specified and on receipt of request, the Director-General may grant the approval on being satisfied that the applicant has complied with specific requirements. The approval shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 66(E), dated 18.1.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).][(3-A) The approval granted under sub-rule (3), unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding [five year] [Inserted by G.S.R. 181(E), dated 29.3.2006 (w.e.f. 1.4.2006).] and on being satisfied, the Director-General may renew the approval for a further period of [five year] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].][Provided that an approval granted under sub-rule (3) for the maintenance of aircraft engaged in scheduled air transport service other than scheduled commuter air transport service, unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding ten years on complying the requirements as specified by the Director General and on being satisfied, the Director General may renew the approval for a further period of ten years.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](3B)[ An approved organization or a person may approach to the Director-General at any time for extension of the scope of his work and the Director-General, on being satisfied that the specified requirements have been complied with, may grant approval for extension of scope as requested, or to a specific level, as deemed fit. The approval of the extension of scope, if any, granted under this sub-rule, shall be valid only up to the date of validity of the original

approval.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 66(E), dated 18.1.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](4)(a)An approved organization shall provide, for the use and guidance of its personnel, manuals which shall contain details of information concerning policies, procedures, practices and quality control methods relating to activities of that organization and as may be specified by the Director-General.(b)A complete copy of the manual or such portions of the manual as the Director-General may direct shall be submitted to the appropriate regional office of the [Directorate General of Civil Aviation] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] Department for approval.(c)An approved organization shall revise its manuals from time to time whenever necessary as a result of changes in its operations, aircraft equipment or practice or experience with the existing aircraft equipment or practices. Any revision of practices and procedures which affect the airworthiness or safety of the aircraft equipment shall be subject to the prior approval of the Director-General.(5)Copies of the manual and amendments thereto shall be furnished by the approved organization to such of its personnel as considered necessary, to the Director-General and to such other person associated with the work of the organization, as the Director-General may specify.(6)Members of the organization shall comply with all the instructions relating to their duties as contained in the manual(s).(7)An organization shall ensure that provision is made for imparting necessary instructions to its personnel who are authorised to certify for proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities.(8)An organization shall maintain complete record of its activities and such other records as may be required by the Director-General. The records, reports, logs, drawings, shall be made available to the Director-General for inspection and check and at such times as he directs. The records shall be kept for such period as may be specified by the Director-General.(9)An organization shall comply with such requirements as may be specified in the publication titled ["Civil Aviation Requirements"] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].(10)[ Without prejudice to the provisions of any rule, the Director-General may, after giving a show cause notice to an organization or a person and after making such enquiry as he may deem fit, cancel, suspend or endorse any authorisation or approval or issue a warning or an admonition to the organization or the person, where he is satisfied that--(a)the conditions stipulated by the Director-General under this rule or under the civil airworthiness requirements are not being complied with;(b)the organization or the person has performed work or granted a certificate in respect of work which has not been performed in a careful or competent manner or has performed work beyond the scope of it or his approval or failed to make proper entries and certification thereof or for any other reason considered by the Director-General as sufficient to cancel, suspend or endorse an authorisation or approval granted under this rule, or to issue a warning or an admonition.] ]

**133BA. [ Acceptance of foreign approved organisation. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 133B, the Director-General may accept a foreign approved organisation for the purpose of maintenance of aircraft, engine and components or training in accordance with the requirements specified by the Director-General in this behalf.(2)The acceptance granted under sub-rule (1), unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding two years, and on being satisfied, the Director General may renew it for a further period not exceeding two years at a time.(3)Without prejudice to the provisions of these

rules, the Director-General may, after making such enquiry as he may deem fit, and after giving a show cause notice to the organisation referred to in sub-rule (1), cancel, suspend or endorse any acceptance or issue a warning or an admonition to the said organisation, where he is satisfied that - (a) the requirements stipulated by the Director-General are not being complied with; or (b) the organisation has not performed work or granted a certificate in respect of work which has not been performed in a careful or competent manner or has performed work beyond the scope of its acceptance or failed to make proper entries and certification thereof or for any other reason considered by the Director-General as sufficient to cancel, suspend or endorse an acceptance granted under this rule, or to issue a warning or an admonition.]

### **133C. [ Fees. [Substituted by G.S.R. 181(E), dated 29.3.2006 (w.e.f. 1.4.2006).]**

(1) The following fee shall be payable [\*\*\*] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1005, dated 19.11.1983.] for grant of approval under rule 133-B, in respect of an organization having -

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| (i) fifty employees                                 | : [Rs. 2,00,000/-] [Substituted '25,000' by Notification No. G.S.R. 66(E), dated 18.1.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]   |
| (ii) more than fifty and upto two hundred employees | : [Rs. 4,00,000/-] [Substituted '50,000' by Notification No. G.S.R. 66(E), dated 18.1.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]   |
| (iii) more than 200 employees                       | : [Rs. 8,00,000/-] [Substituted '1,00,000' by Notification No. G.S.R. 66(E), dated 18.1.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] |

(2) [ The fee for renewal or extension of scope of approval under rule 133B or acceptance of approval or extension of acceptance under rule 133BA shall be fifty per cent. of the fee payable under sub-rule (1).] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] [(2-A) An additional amount of [two lakhs fifty thousand rupees or cost of travel including per diem, whichever is higher] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 745 (E) dated 12.10.2009 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] shall be payable if the [inspection, audit or surveillance for the grant or renewal or extension of approval] [Substituted for 'inspection, examination or test mentioned in sub-rule (1)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] is required to be carried out at any place outside India.](2B)[ An additional amount of two lakh fifty thousand rupees or cost of travel including per diem, whichever is higher, shall be payable if [the inspection] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], audit or surveillance in respect of acceptance of [approval or renewal of acceptance] [Substituted for 'approval' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] or extension of acceptance under rule 133BA is required to be carried out at any place outside India.](3) No fee shall be charged from an organization or person under this rule for storage, distribution and supply of aircraft fuel, lubricants and similar other products intended to be used for its own aircraft.(4)[ The fee shall be [paid electronically] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] in the manner specified by the Director-General.]

**Part XIII – [AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES AND AERIAL WORK]  
[Substituted for the words "AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES" by  
Notification No. G.S.R. 643 (E) dated 29.7.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**134. [Scheduled Air Transport Services] [Substituted for the words "Air Transport Service" by Notification No. G.S.R. 643 (E) dated 29.7.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].**

- [(1) No person shall operate any scheduled air transport service from to in or across India except with the permission of the Central Government, granted under and in accordance with and subject to the provisions contained in Schedule XI: Provided that any person already permitted and operating scheduled air transport services before commencement of the Aircraft (Second Amendment) Rules, 1994, or any successor to such person under section 3 of the Air Corporation (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Ordinance, 1994 (Ord. 4 of 1994), may continue operation of such services subject to the provisions of sub--rule (1-A).] [Substituted by G.S.R. 117(E), dated 25.2.1994. .][ (1-A) The Central Government may, with a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services and taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions in the country, direct, by general or special order issued from time to time, that every operator operating any scheduled air transport service shall render service in accordance with the conditions specified in such order including any condition relating to their due compliance.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 117(E), dated 25.2.1994. .](2) The Central Government may permit any air transport undertaking of which the principal place of business is in any country outside India to operate [a scheduled air transport service] [Substituted for the words "an air transport service" by Notification No. G.S.R. 643 (E) dated 29.7.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] from, to or across India in accordance with the terms of any agreement for the time being in force between the Government of India and the Government of that country, or, where there is no such agreement, of a temporary authorisation by the Government of India.(3)[\*\*\*] [Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 643 (E) dated 29.7.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]

**134A. [ Non-Scheduled Air Transport Services. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 643 (E) dated 29.7.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

(1) No air transport service, other than a scheduled air transport service, shall be operated by any air transport undertaking of which the principal place of business is in any country outside India except with the special permission of the Central Government and subject to such terms and conditions as it may think fit to impose in each case.(2) No air transport service, other than a scheduled air transport service, shall be operated by an Indian air transport undertaking unless it holds a Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit granted by the Central Government.(3) The application for grant of Non-Scheduled Operators's Permit shall be made to the Central Government in such form and such manner, and shall contain such particulars or documents as may be specified by the Director-General.(4) The Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit granted under sub-rule (2) shall, unless suspended or cancelled, remain valid for a period not exceeding [five] years, which may be renewed

for a period not exceeding [five] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 490 (E), dated 18.5.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] years at a time.(5)The Central Government may, if it is satisfied that, -(a)any of the conditions of the Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit has not been complied with and the failure is due to any wilful act or default on the part of the holder of such Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit or by any of his servants or agents, irrespective of whether or not such wilful act or default of the servant or agent was with the knowledge or approval of the holder of the Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit, or(b)the holder of the non-Scheduled Operator's Permit has failed to establish a safe, efficient and reliable service, or(c)the Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit was obtained by suppressing any information or by giving wrong information, [or] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](d)[ the security clearance of the holder of Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit has been withdrawn or denied by the Central Government,] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]cancel or suspend the Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit for such period as it thinks fit.Provided that no such Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit shall be cancelled or suspended without giving a show-cause notice, in writing, informing the holder of Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit the ground on which it is proposed to suspend or cancel the Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit and giving him a reasonable opportunity of making a representation in writing within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice and, if that persons o desires, of being heard.(6)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (5), if the Central Government is of the opinion that in the interest of public safety it is necessary so to do, it may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, summarily suspend the Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit with a view to make further enquiry.

**134B. [ Aerial Work. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1096(E), dated 9.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)No person shall undertake any aerial work unless he holds an authorisation issued by the Director-General:Provided that any person holding a valid Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit granted under sub-rule (2) of rule 134A may undertake aerial work without holding such authorisation, subject to compliance with such requirements as specified by the Director-General.(2)The Director-General shall issue an authorisation for undertaking aerial work to any person on receipt of an application in prescribed format and on being satisfied that the requirements as specified in this behalf have been met. The continued validity of the authorisation shall be subject to compliance of such conditions as specified by the Director-General.(3)The authorisation granted under sub-rule (2) shall, unless suspended or cancelled, remain valid for a period not exceeding two years, which shall be renewed for a period not exceeding two years at a time.(4)A fee of Rs. 50,000/- shall be payable for grant of authorisation under this rule and Rs. 25,000/- for renewal thereof. The fee shall be paid in a manner specified by the Director-General.(5)The Director General, on being satisfied that -(i)any of the conditions of the authorisation has not been complied with by the holder of the authorisation, or(ii)the authorisation was obtained by suppressing any information or by giving wrong information, or(iii)the security clearance of the holder of the authorisation has been withdrawn or denied by the Central Government, Ministry of Home Affairs, shall cancel or suspend the authorisation issued under this rule, for such period as he thinks fit:Provided that no such authorisation shall be cancelled or suspended without giving a show cause notice, in writing, informing the holder of authorisation the

ground on which it is proposed to suspend or cancel the authorisation and giving him a reasonable opportunity of making a representation in writing within such reasonable time as specified in the notice and, if that person so desires, of being heard.(6)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (5), if the Director-General is of the opinion that in the interest of public safety or national security it is necessary so to do, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, summarily suspend the authorisation till the deficiencies are resolved to the satisfaction of Director-General.]

### **134C. Fees.**

(1)The following fees shall be payable for application, grant and renewal of Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit:-(i)for application : [Rs. 1,75,000/-]. [Substituted 'Rs. 25,000/-' by Notification No. G.S.R. 490(E) (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](ii)for grant of Non-Scheduled Opeartor's Permit : [Rs. 5,00,000/-]. [Substituted 'Rs. 1,00,000/-' by Notification No. G.S.R. 490(E) (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](iii)for renewal of Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit : [Rs. 2,50,000/-]. [Substituted 'Rs. 50,000/-' by Notification No. G.S.R. 490(E) (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](2)[ The fee shall be paid in a manner as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 490(E) (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]

### **135. [ Tariff [ \* \* \* ] [Substituted by G.S.R. 636(E), dated 22.9.2004 (w.e.f. 23.9.2004).]**

. - [(1) Every air transport undertaking operating in accordance with sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 134, shall establish tariff having regard to all relevant factors, including the cost of operation, characteristics of service, reasonable profit and the generally prevailing tariff.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 254(E), dated 16.4.2009 (w.e.f. 16.4.2009).](2)Every [air transport undertaking] [Substituted by G.S.R. 254(E), dated 16.4.2009 (w.e.f. 16.4.2009).] shall cause to be published the tariff established by him under sub-rule (1) in his website or two daily newspapers, and shall display such tariff in a conspicuous part of his office and in the office of his agent, if any.[(2-A) The tariff to be published under sub-rule (2) or advertised in any other way shall show the following particulars, namely:--(a)the total amount payable by a passenger; and(b)a complete break-up of the total amount, indicating the fare, tax, fees or any other charge, if any, separately.Explanation.-For the purposes of this sub-rule, -(a)tax means the amount payable to the Government; and(b)fees means the amount payable to the service providers for provision of any service or facility to the passengers.(2-B) The particulars mentioned in sub-rule (2-A) shall also be mentioned in the passenger ticket.] [Inserted by G.S.R. 254(E), dated 16.4.2009 (w.e.f. 16.4.2009).](3)Every [air transport undertaking] [Substituted by G.S.R. 254(E), dated 16.4.2009 (w.e.f. 16.4.2009).] shall maintain all records relating to tariff established by him under sub-rule (1) in such manner and in such form as may be specified by the Director-General, and on demand by the Director-General shall produce such records before the Director-General for inspection.(4)Where the Director-General is satisfied that any [air transport undertaking] [Substituted by G.S.R. 254(E), dated 16.4.2009 (w.e.f. 16.4.2009).] has established excessive or predatory tariff under sub-rule (1) or has indulged in oligopolistic practice, he may, by order, issue directions to such [air transport undertaking] [Substituted by G.S.R. 254(E), dated 16.4.2009 (w.e.f. 16.4.2009).](5)Every direction issued under sub-rule (4) shall be complied with by such [air transport undertaking] [Substituted by



G.S.R. 254(E), dated 16.4.2009 (w.e.f. 16.4.2009).].[135A to 135C. [Rules 135-A, 135-B and 135-C omitted by G.S.R. 636(E), dated 22.9.2004 (w.e.f. 23.9.2004).]\* \* \*][135D to 139A. [Rules 135-D, 135-E, 135-F, 136, 137, 138, 139 and 139-A omitted by S.R.O. 768, dated 2.4.1955.]\* \* \*]

**140. [ Minimum requirements to be complied with by the operators.  
[Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]**

- All aircraft owners and operators shall comply with the engineering, inspection and manual requirements contained in Part XIII-A and with the safety requirements in respect of air routes, aircraft and air-crew, as may be specified by the Director--General.]

**140A. [ Director-General's sanction to introduction of any new routes or alteration in any existing routes of scheduled air transport services. [Inserted by S.R.O. 768, dated 2.4.1955.]**

- Before operating a scheduled air transport service on a new route or making a substantial alteration in, or effecting the discontinuance of, any of the existing routes of such services, or introducing a new time-table for such service, the [operator] shall obtain the concurrence of the Director-General, in so far as such operation or, as the case may be, such discontinuance affects, or is likely to affect, the air route or aerodrome facilities, and give at least seven days' previous notice to the Director-General before the date proposed for the operation of the new route, or for the substantial alteration of an existing route or for the introduction of a new time-table or, as the case may be, for the discontinuance of an existing route.

**140B. Operations Manual.**

(1)An Operations Manual in the form approved by the Director-General, shall be maintained by [every operator engaged in air transport services.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 413, dated 4.8.2001.](2)The Operations Manual shall, in addition to any other relevant information, contain the following, that is to say-(a)instructions outlining the responsibilities of operations personnel pertaining to the conduct of flight operations;(b)the flight crew for each stage of all routes to be flown including the designation of the succession of command;(c)in-flight procedure;(d)emergency flight procedure;(e)the minimum safe flight altitude for each route to be flown;(f)the circumstances in which a radio listening watch is to be maintained;(g)a list of the navigational equipments to be carried.(3)A copy of the Operations Manual, or such part of the Manual as may be prescribed by the Director-General shall be carried in all aircraft [\* \* \*] [Certain words omitted by G.S.R. 413, dated 4.8.2001.] engaged in scheduled air transport services.

**140C. Route guides.**

- All aircrafts [\* \* \*] [Certain words omitted by G.S.R. 413, dated 4.8.2001.] engaged in scheduled air transport services shall carry a Route Guide, which shall, in addition to any other relevant information, contain the following, that is to say-(a)communication facilities, navigation aids and a

list of aerodromes, available on the route to be flown;(b)instrument "let down" procedure for aerodromes on the route, or those likely to be used as "alternates";(c)meteorological minima for each of the aerodromes on the route to be flown and that are likely to be used as regular or alternate aerodromes; and(d)specific instructions for computation of quantities of fuel and oil to be carried on each route, having regard to all circumstances of the operation, including the possibility of the failure of one or more engines of the aircraft.]

#### **141. [ Duties of pilot-in-command. [Inserted by G.S.R. 1370, dated 4.6.1969.]**

(1)Subject to the provisions of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 140-B, the operator shall designate for each flight one pilot, as pilot-in-command, who shall supervise and direct the other members of the crew in the proper discharge of their duties in the flight operations.(2)In addition to being responsible for the operation and safety of the aircraft during flight time, the pilot-in-command shall be responsible for the safety of the passengers and cargo carried and for the maintenance of flight discipline and safety of the members of the crew.(3)The pilot-in-command shall have final authority as to the disposition of the aircraft while he is in command.][142 to 152. [Rules 142 to 152 omitted by S.R.O. 768, dated 2.4.1955.]\* \* \*]

#### **153. [ Carriage of mails. [Substituted by S.R.O. 768, dated 2.4.1955.]**

- [Every operator engaged in scheduled air transport services shall carry such services] such mails as may, from time to time, be required to be carried from one place to another by the Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, or any person authorised by him in this behalf.][PART XIII-A] [Part XIII-A (containing Rules 154, 155, 155-A) inserted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.] Engineering, Inspection And Manual Requirements-owners Or Operators

#### **154. [ Definitions. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1005, dated 19.11.1983.]**

(a)In this Part "Engineering and Inspection" refer to performance of all work necessary for ensuring airworthiness and safety of the aircraft, including overhaul, maintenance, modification, repair, replacement, manufacture, assembly, testing, treatment, [inspection, certification and continuing airworthiness management of an aircraft].(b)In this part, "manual" refers to [Operators' Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition' or 'Quality Manual] [Substituted for "Operators' 'Maintenance System Manual' or 'Operators' 'Quality Control Manual' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] or any other manual covering such requirements as the case may be.]

#### **155. Private aircraft owners.**

(1)A private aircraft, aircraft components and items of equipment shall be maintained as may be specified by the Director--General.(2)An owner shall maintain complete record of aircraft, aircraft components and items of equipment as included in the approved manual, of total time flown, the time flown since last overhaul and time flown since last inspection and any other data as may be

specified by the Director-General. The records shall be made available for inspection and check and shall be maintained for such period as may be specified by the Director-General.(3)An owner shall comply with the engineering inspection and manual requirements, as may be specified in expanded [Civil Aviation Requirements.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008).]

## **155A. Operators.**

(1)An operator shall have access to an adequate organization, including qualified and trained staff together with workshop and other equipment, facilities and inspection aids as may be found necessary.(2)[ All operators, other than private aircraft owners, shall operate under an approved maintenance system providing a basis of operation under a delegated system of airworthiness control for the safety of their aircraft and persons they carry on board the aircraft. For grant or issue of approval for operation under the approved maintenance system and its continued validity, the operators shall comply with the requirements as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 413(E), dated 4.8.2001.](2A)[ The approval granted under sub-rule (2), unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding ten years in case of a person holding an air operator certificate issued under rule 134 and engaged in scheduled air transport service and on being satisfied, the Director General may renew the approval for a further period of ten years.(2B)The approval granted under sub-rule (2), unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding five years in case of a person holding an air operator certificate issued under rule 134 and engaged in scheduled commuter air transport service or a Non-scheduled Operator's Permit issued under rule 134A and on being satisfied, the Director General may renew the approval for a further period of five years.(2C)The approval granted under sub-rule (2), unless suspended or cancelled, shall remain valid for a period not exceeding two years in case of a person holding an authorisation issued under rule 134B and on being satisfied, the Director General may renew the approval for a further period of two years.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](3)(a)An operator shall provide, for the use and guidance of its personnel, manuals which shall contain details of information concerning policies, procedures, practices and quality control methods relating to activities of that operator and containing such further information as may be specified by the Director-General.(b)A complete copy of the manual or such portions of the manual as the Director-General may direct shall be submitted to the appropriate regional office of the [Directorate General of Civil Aviation] [Substituted for 'Civil Aviation Department' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] for approval.(c)An approved operator shall revise manuals from time to time and whenever found necessary as a result of changes in its operations, aircraft equipment or practices or experience with the existing aircraft, equipment or practices. Any revision of practices and procedures which affect the airworthiness or safety of the aircraft or equipment shall be subject to the prior approval of the Director-General.(4)Copies of the manual and the revisions thereof shall be supplied by an approved operator to such of its personnel and to such other persons associated with the work of that operator, as the Director-General considers necessary.(5)Employees of an approved operator shall comply with all the instructions relating to their duties as contained in the manual(s).(6)All approved operator shall ensure that provision has been made for imparting instructions to its personnel authorised to certify as may be considered necessary for the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities.(7)Every operator including an approved operator shall maintain

complete records of the total time flown since last overhaul and the time flown since last inspection of all airframes, engines, instruments, radio apparatus, equipments and accessories as included in the approved manual. They shall also maintain such other records as may be specified by the Director-General to whom these records shall be made available, for inspection and check, whenever required by him. The records shall be kept for such period as may be specified by the Director-General.(8)Every operator including an approved operator shall comply with the engineering, inspection and manual requirements, as may be specified in the [Civil Aviation Requirements] [Substituted by G.S.R. 813(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008)].(9)[ Without prejudice to the provisions of any rule, the Director-General may, after giving a show-cause notice to an operator or a person and after making such enquiry as he may deem fit, cancel, suspend or endorse any authorisation or approval or issue warning or admonition to the operator or the person, where he is satisfied that:--(a)the conditions specified by the Director-General under this rule and the [Civil Aviation Requirements].are not being complied with, and(b)the operator or the person has performed work, or granted a certificate in respect of the work which has not been performed in a careful or competent manner or has performed work beyond the scope of its or his approval or failed to make proper entries and certification thereof or for any other reason considered by the Director-General to be sufficient to cancel, suspend or endorse authorisation or approval granted under this rule, or to issue a warning or an admonition.]

**155B. [ Fee. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]**

(1)The following fee shall be payable for grant of approval under rule 155A, in respect of an operator other than a private owner:(i)person holding an air operator certificate to operate scheduled air transport service issued under rule 134 or involved in continuing airworthiness management of an aircraft of a person holding an air operator certificate to operate scheduled air transport service issued under rule 134: Rupees 8 lakh(ii)person holding an air operator certificate to operate scheduled commuter air transport service issued under rule 134 or involved in continuing airworthiness management of an aircraft of a person holding an air operator certificate to operate scheduled commuter air transport service issued under rule 134: Rupees 4 lakh(iii)person holding a Non-scheduled Operator's Permit issued under rule 134A or involved in continuing airworthiness management of an aircraft of a person holding a Non-scheduled Operator's Permit issued under rule 134A: Rupees 2 lakh(iv)person holding an authorisation issued under rule 134B or involved in continuing airworthiness management of an aircraft of a person holding an authorisation issued under rule 134B: Rupees 2 lakh(2)The fee for renewal or extension of scope of approval under rule 155A shall be fifty percent of the fee payable under sub-rule (1).(3)The fee shall be paid electronically in the manner as specified by the Director-General.] [Substituted by G.S.R. 1005, dated 19.11.1983.]

## **Part XIV – General**

**156. [ Inspection. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 832(E), dated 30.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1)The Director-General, or any officer of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation authorised by him by general or special order in writing, may inspect an aircraft or aviation facility for the purpose of granting an approval or a certificate under these rules, and subsequently to carry out surveillance including unannounced inspections to ensure continued compliance with these rules.(2)The Director-General may authorise any person, subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Director-General, for the purpose of examining, and testing any person or aircraft or inspecting any document or aviation facility for the purpose of grant of a licence or a certificate or an approval under these rules or the provisions of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934) and such authorisation shall specify the functions of the person so authorised to perform on behalf of the Director-General and the said authorisation shall be for a period as specified therein.(3)The persons so authorised under sub-rules (1) and (2) shall be issued credentials and shall perform the functions as assigned to them in the authorisation.(4)The Director-General or the person referred to in sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2) -(a)shall have unrestricted and unlimited access to aircraft and aviation facilities, as applicable, for the performance of their functions and duties under these rules;(b)may enter, inspect and search any aircraft or any aviation facility, including air navigation services, and also interact with any personnel, and inspect documents and records for the purpose of securing compliance with these rules and the provisions of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934).(5)The owner or operator of aircraft, organisation or air navigation facility shall allow the Director-General, or the person referred to in sub-rules (1) and (2), access to any part of the aircraft, organisation or air navigation facility including equipment, records, documents and personnel, and shall co-operate in conducting the activities referred in sub-rules (1) and (2).]

156. [ Inspection. [Substituted by G.S.R. 1202, dated 23.7.1976.]- (1) Any person, authorised by the Director-General by general or special order in writing in this behalf, may--(a) at all reasonable times enter any place to which access is necessary for the purpose of exercising his powers or carrying out his duties under these rules;(b) at all times during working hours enter that portion of any organization, factory or place in which aircraft, aircraft components, items of equipment, materials are being designed, manufactured, overhauled, repaired, modified, assembled, tested, stored, and inspect any such organization, factory or place, aircraft component and items of equipment and drawings relating thereto;(c) at any time inspect any aircraft including a private aircraft which is required by these rules to be certified as airworthy or in respect of which a certificate of airworthiness is in force or has been suspended or deemed to be suspended;(d) [ enter, inspect and search any aircraft or any aviation facility, including air navigation services, and also inspect any personnel, documents and records for the purpose of securing compliance with any of these rules or the provisions of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934).](2) Any person authorised by the Director-General to inspect under sub-rule (1) shall advise the owner or operator of the aircraft and the organization in the method of inspection, manufacture and maintenance of aircraft.](3) [ The owner or operator of the aircraft, organization or air navigation facility shall allow the person so authorised, access any part of the aircraft, organization or air navigation facility including equipment, records, documents and personnel and shall co-operate in conducting the activities referred in sub-rule (1).] [Inserted by G.S.R. 812(E), dated 21.11.2008 (w.e.f. 21.11.2008).]

### **157. Fraudulent of documents.**

- No person shall fraudulently lend any license, certificate, authorisation or approval issued under these rules or allow it to be used by any other person.

### **158. Foreign military aircraft.**

- No person shall fly or land, or assist in flying or landing, any foreign military aircraft over or in India except on or with the invitation or permission in writing of the Central Government and on such conditions as may be specified in the invitation or permission.

### **158A. [ Aircraft registered in or belonging to foreign State. [Inserted by G.S.R. 83, dated 1.1.1966.]**

- Except as provided in rules 134 and 158, no aircraft registered in, or belonging to a foreign State, shall be flown into, over, across or within India except with the prior permission of the Director-General and except in accordance with such terms and conditions as he may think fit to impose while granting such permission: Provided that the Director-General may, by general or special order, exempt any aircraft or class of aircraft either generally or in respect of any specified flight from the provisions of this rule. [Note. [Inserted by G.S.R. 150(E), dated 4.3.2009 (w.e.f. 4.3.2009).] - For the purpose of this rule, foreign aircraft falling under sub-rule (3) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft registered in India and Indian aircraft falling under sub-rule (4) of rule 1 shall be deemed as aircraft not registered in India.]

### **159. Obstruction of authorised persons.**

- No person shall voluntarily obstruct any person in the exercise of his powers or in the discharge of his duties under these rules.

### **160. General power to exempt.**

- The Central Government may, by general or special order in writing exempt any aircraft or class of aircraft or any person or class of persons from the operation of these rules, either wholly or partially, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in such order.

### **161. [ Offences and Compounding. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 327(E), dated 13.5.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1) For the purposes of sub-section (2) of section 10 of the Aircraft Act, 1934, the Central Government directs that any person, who has breached any rule as specified in Table 1 of Schedule VIA of these rules, shall be punishable with the penalty as specified in paragraph 1 of that Schedule. (2) It shall be a defence in any proceedings for contravention of or failure to comply with these rules that such contravention or failure is caused or happened due to factors or circumstances

beyond the control of the person referred to in sub-rule (1) or without the knowledge or fault of such person. Explanation. - For the removal of doubts it is hereby clarified that for the purposes of this sub-rule, the expression 'factors or circumstances' may include, stress of weather, bonafide error or such other unavoidable factors or circumstances. (3) Subject to the provisions of section 12A of the Aircraft Act, 1934, Offences punishable under sections 10, 11, 11A, 11B and section 12 of the said Act and rules as specified in schedule VIA to these rules, may be compounded by the Director-General or any other officer specially empowered under sub-section (4) of section 4A of the said Act, in accordance with the procedure as laid down in the said Schedule.]

**162. [ Penalties. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 327(E), dated 13.5.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(1) Any person who has contravened any rule as specified in Schedule VIB of these rules, shall be liable for imposition of penalty to the extent as laid down in such Schedule and in accordance with the provisions of section 10A of the Aircraft Act, 1934. (2) The penalty shall be adjudicated by the designated officers or the appellate officer, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedure as laid down in the said Schedule.]

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Areas over which flight by aircraft is prohibited (See rule 12)

Sl. No.	Area	Extent of Prohibition
3[(1)	The area included within a radius of one mile from the Towers of Silence on Malabar Hills, Bombay.	Absolute
4(2)	The area near Baroda aerodrome bounded by the following co-ordinates :	
	22017' N	73012' E
	22015' N	73008' E
	22010' N	73010' E
	22012' N	73018' E
	22017' N	73017' E
	extending vertically from ground level to an unlimited upper level.	Absolute
1(3)	The Area around Rashtrapati Bhavan bounded by the	

following coordinates:-

283700 N	771145 E	
783700 N	771230 E	
283545 N	711230 E	
283545 N	771145 E	
283700 N	771145 E	Absolute

| Extending vertically from ground level to an unlimited upper level.

(4) The Area included within a radius of ten kilometers from Mathura Refineries located :- | - 2723 N 07742 E Absolute

2(5) extending vertically from ground level to an unlimited upper level.]

The Area near Bhubaneswar bounded by the following coordinates :-

2030 N	8600 E	
2030 N	8548 E	
2034 N	8545 E	
2044 N	8545 E	
2044 N	8600 E	
2030 N	8600 E	Absolute

extending vertically from ground level to upper level of 50,000 feet.]

3(6) The Area included within a radius of ten kilometers from Kalpakkam nuclear installation located:-

12° 33' 55" N 80° 10' 3" E Absolute

extending vertically from ground level upto an upper level of 10,000 feet.]

[SCHEDULE I AIRCRAFT PERSONNEL (See rule 7 and Part V) SECTION A GENERAL



**1. Educational Qualification- (a) The minimum educational qualification for the following licences shall be a pass in Class Ten from a recognised Board or its equivalent examination :-**

(i)[ Student Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/ [Helicopters/Gyroplanes] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]/ Gliders/ Balloons/ Microlight aircraft and light sport aircraft).](ii)Private Pilot's Licence ( Aeroplanes);(iii)Private Pilot's Licence (helicopters);(iv)[ Pilot's Licence (Gliders/ Balloons/ [Gyroplanes/Microlight aircraft] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]/ light sport aircraft).](v)Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence.(b)The minimum educational qualification for the following licences shall be a pass in class Ten plus Two, with Physics and Mathematics, from a recognised Board/ university or its equivalent examination :- (i)Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes);(ii)Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters);(iii)Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes);(iv)Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes);(v)Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters);(vi)Student Navigator's Licence;(vii)Flight Navigator's Licence(viii)Student Flight Engineer's Licence; and(ix)Flight Engineer's Licence.(x)Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence.

**2. Flying Experience - (a) The evidence normally required as proof of flying experience shall consist of the production of a personal log book certified by the appropriate authority specified in Sub-Rule (4) of Rule 67A, or of a certified extract therefrom in the form which may be prescribed by the Director-General. Such flying experience shall be to the satisfaction of the Director-General.**

(b)The flying experience required for the issue of Private Pilot's Licence and Commercial Pilot's Licences shall be acquired under the supervision of a Flight Instructor and shall be on aircraft having valid Certificate of Airworthiness, maintained in accordance with Rules 57-60 except Rule 59A and entered in the Aircraft Rating of Pilot's licence currently held by him.[Provided that the flying experience on an aircraft having a valid special certificate of airworthiness issued by the Director-General, may also be counted if so provided in the relevant section of this Schedule and subject to conditions specified therein.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](c)The flying experience required for issue of Private Pilot's and Commercial Pilot's Licences shall be acquired at the flying training organizations approved/ recognised by the Director-General except in respect of the applicants qualifying for exemption under Rule 41.(d)The flying experience acquired for the issue of various categories of flight crew licences shall be counted in the manner set out in Rule 67A.(e)Flying training shall be completed in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(f)[ A holder of a Private pilot's licence (Aeroplanes) who has availed of any credit for flying done on a microlight/ glider/ light sport aircraft as per the provisions of Section E shall be entitled to get full credit for the same for the issue of next higher pilot licence.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**3. Air Navigation experience. - The evidence of air navigation experience acquired in para (e) of Section V of this Schedule must be produced in the form of personal log book certified by a specified authority, or a certified extract therefrom in the prescribed form and navigation logs and charts. Such air navigation experience shall be to the satisfaction of the Director-General.**

**4. Flight by night. - Flight by night for the purpose of this Schedule, except where otherwise stated, means a flight performed between the period of half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.**

**5. Cross-country flight. - (a) A cross-country flight for the purpose of Sections J, K, L, M and N of this Schedule, unless otherwise stated, means a flight to a point beyond a radius of one hundred nautical miles from the aerodrome of departure whether over land or sea.**

(b) A cross-country flight, for the purpose of Sections E, [F, G and IB] [Substituted 'F & G' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] of this Schedule, shall mean a flight to a point beyond a radius of fifty nautical miles from the aerodrome of departure.

**6. Flying tests. - (a) The flying tests, prescribed in this Schedule may be carried out in any order by an Examiner approved by the Director-General.**

(b) The flying tests shall, nevertheless be carried out only after the pilot under test has passed the examination in Aircraft and Engines on the type appropriate to the category of licence. (c) Stalling and spinning manoeuvres shall be carried out only on the type of aeroplane approved and the recovery from such manoeuvres completed at the minimum height above the ground or obstruction as laid down in the flight manual of the aeroplane or as specified by the Director-General and in no case below two thousand feet above the ground or obstruction. (d) The holder of a current Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/ Helicopters), Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence, issued by the Director-General, shall not be required to undergo general flying test for the issue of Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/Helicopters), provided that the aircraft/ helicopter is entered in the Aircraft Rating of his licence and the applicant is in current flying practice on the type. [6-A. Language Proficiency. - (a) An applicant for the following licences shall have the ability to speak and understand the English language used for radiotelephony communications to the level of proficiency specified by the Director General:-(i) Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes);(ii) Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters);(iii) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes);(iv) Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters);(v) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes);(vi) Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters);(vii) Flight Engineer's :Licence, [\*\*\*](viii) Flight Navigator's Licence, [and] [Added by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](ix) [ Pilot's Licence (Microlight aircraft/Light sport aircraft/Gyroplanes)] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E),

dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).];(b)The level of proficiency shall be evaluated in accordance with the procedures laid down by Director General.(c)The licencing authority shall indicate the level of proficiency in the licence.]

**7. Examination - [(a) The technical and other examination for the issue of a licence, rating or type rating under this Schedule shall be completed within a period of two and a half years immediately preceding the date of application for the issue of the licence or rating, except for issue of Commercial Pilot's Licence (CPL) and Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (ATPL), and for issue of CPL and ATPL, such period shall be five years.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 297 (E) dated 8.4.2010 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

(b)In case the technical and other examinations and /or tests expire on a holiday, they shall be deemed to be valid till the next working day.(c)All oral examinations under this Schedule shall be conducted by a board constituted and approved by the Director-General.(d)An applicant who fails in any subject of the technical examinations specified in this Schedule shall not be permitted to appear for re-examination within a period of six weeks from the date of examination or such lesser period as may be specified by the DirectorGeneral.(e)The candidates shall, on demand by the Examiner/ Supervisor furnish proof of identity before each test of examination.

**8. Applications for a licence or a rating. - (a) Applications for issue/ validation of a licence and/ or a rating shall be made to the Director-General of Civil Aviation, New Delhi and for renewal/ revalidation of a licence and/ or a rating shall be made either to the Director-General of Civil Aviation, New Delhi or to any other authority designated by him in this behalf on a prescribed form.**

(b)Licence and Ratings specified in this Schedule shall be issued in the name as entered in the Class X Certificate of a recognised Board or its equivalent.(c)Class Ten Certificate of a recognised Board or its equivalent or the Birth Certificate issued by a Municipal Corporation/ Committee shall be the documents acceptable as proof of age.(d)Application for the issue of a licence and/ or rating shall be accompanied by :-(i)an assessment of medical fitness issued by the Director-General;(ii)Three unmounted photographs, of size 3 CMs X 4 CMs, of the applicant's head (uncovered) and shoulders in front view;(iii)proof of age as prescribed in para (c) ;(iv)a crossed bank/ Indian Postal Order/ Treasury receipt towards the payment of the prescribed fee, payable in the manner prescribed by the Director-General.(v)any other information as required by the Director-General.(e)The date of application, shall be the date of receipt of application in the office of the Director-General.(f)An aircraft type to be included in the Aircraft Rating of a Pilot's licence shall be the aircraft type on the Indian Register of Civil Aircraft and in respect of which a valid Certificate of Airworthiness [or Special Certificate of Airworthiness] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] is in force.[Provided that an aircraft type having a special certificate of airworthiness shall be entered in the aircraft rating of a pilot's licence relating to that aircraft.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**8A. [ Enrolment for training. - To enrol a person for undergoing the pilot training, the training organisation shall obtain a report of verification of character and antecedents of the trainee from the concerned government agency. Such verification report shall be submitted to the Director-General at the time of submission of the application for issue of the licence.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

**9. [ Renewal. [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] - Licence and rating may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant having complied with requirements as laid down under rule 42 and respective section of schedule II.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 94 (E) dated 13.2.2009 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

Section B Student Pilot's Licence [(Aeroplanes/ Helicopters/ Gliders/ [Light sport aircraft/ Gyroplanes] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).)]]

**1. Requirements for issue of licence - An applicant for a student Pilot's Licence [(Aeroplanes/ Helicopters/ Gliders/ [Light sport aircraft/ Gyroplanes] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).)] shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a) Age - The applicant shall be not less than sixteen years of age on the date of application. (b) Educational Qualification - He shall have passed Class Ten or its equivalent examination from a recognised Board. (c) Medical fitness - He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39 B. (d) Knowledge - He shall pass oral examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General unless he previously held a pilot's licence of a higher category, or is able to produce evidence in the manner prescribed by the Director-General that he is well-versed with the aforesaid subjects.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal - The licence may be renewed for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of fresh medical examination as specified in para 1(C) subject to the total validity of the licence not exceeding twenty four months from the date of issue.**

**4. Aircraft Rating - The licence shall indicate the class and the types of aeroplanes or helicopters or gliders the holder is entitled to fly. Only those types of aircraft may be entered in the licence in respect of which the candidate has passed the examination in Aircraft and Engines mentioned in para 1(d).**

**5. Privileges - Subject to the validity of aircraft ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rules 39B, 39C and 42, the privileges of the holder of a Student Pilot's Licence shall be to fly within Indian territory only, as Pilot-in-Command of any [(aeroplanes/ helicopters/ gliders [light sport aircraft or gyroplane] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).])] entered in the aircraft rating of his licence :**

Provided that : -(a)he shall fly at all times under the authority and supervision of a Flight Instructor or an Approved Examiner;(b)he shall fly under Visual Flight Rules only ;(c)he shall not carry passengers, animals and goods or fly for hire, reward or remuneration of any kind;(d)he shall not undertake cross-country flights unless he has a minimum of ten hours of solo flight time and has passed the examinations in Air Navigation and Aviation Meteorology.Note - The Student Pilot's Licence shall be issued by a Flying Club/Government Flying Training School specifically authorised in this regard and subject to the conditions as laid down by the Director-General.**SECTION  
CSTUDENT PILOT'S LICENCE (MICROLIGHT AIRCRAFT)**

**1. Requirements for the issue of Licence- An applicant for a Student Pilot's Licence (Microlight Aircraft) shall satisfy the following requirements:-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than sixteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed Class Ten Examination or its equivalent examination from a recognised Board.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of Physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medial fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass oral examination in Air Regulation, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General, unless he holds a valid pilot's licence of a higher category, or is able to produce evidence in the manner prescribed by the Director-General that he is well-versed with the aforesaid subjects.(e)Security Clearance- Security clearance for the Student Pilot/Pilot will be obtained from the concerned State Police authorities by the Flying Club/Government Flying Training School before commencement of flying training and furnished to the Director-General.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal-** The licence may be renewed for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of fresh medical examination as specified in para 1(c) subject to the total validity of the licence not exceeding twenty four months from the date of issue of the licence.

**4. Aircraft Rating -** The licence shall indicate the class and the types of microlight aircraft, the holder is entitled to fly. Only those types of microlight aircraft may be entered in respect of which the candidate has furnished the proof of his having thoroughly familiarised himself with the flight controls, speed profiles, systems, engines and limitations of the aircraft with an Examiner, Flight Instructor or a Pilot authorised by the Director-General.

**5. Privileges-** Subject to the validity of aircraft rating in the licence, and compliance with relevant provisions of Rules 39B, 39C and 42, the privileges of the holder of a Student Pilot's Licence (Microlight) shall be to fly within the Indian territory only, as Pilot in Command of any microlight aircraft entered in the aircraft rating of his licence : Provided that :-

(a)he shall fly at all times under the authority and supervision of a flight Instructor or an Examiner approved by the Director-General.(b)he shall fly under visual Flight Rules only.(c)he shall not carry passengers, animals and goods or fly for hire, reward or remuneration of any kind;(d)a pilot who has not been exempted from the provisions of Clause (c) of paragraph-1, shall not undertake cross-country flights unless he has a minimum of ten hours of solo flight time on microlight aircraft and has passed the examinations in Air Navigation and Aviation Meteorology.Note. - The student Pilot's Licence shall be issued by a Flying Club/Government Flying Training School specifically authorised in this regard and subject to the conditions as laid down by the Director-General.**SECTION DSTUDENT PILOT'S LICENCE (BALLOONS)**

**1. Requirements for issue of licence- An applicant for a Student Pilot's Licence (Balloons) shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than sixteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent Examination from a recognised Board.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as

notified by the Director-General under rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass an oral examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Instruments as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(e)Security Clearance- Security clearance for the Student Pilot/Pilot will be obtained from the concerned State Police authorities by the Flying Club/Government Flying Training School before the commencement of flying training and furnished to the Director-General.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.]  
[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The licence may be renewed for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of fresh medical examination as specified in para-1(b) and subject to the total validity of the licence not exceeding twenty four months from the date of issue of the licence.**

**4. Privileges- Subject to compliance with relevant provisions of Rules -39B, 39C and 412 the privileges of the holder of a Student Pilot's Licence (Balloons) shall be to fly within the Indian territory only as Pilot-in-Command of a Balloon.**

Provided that :-(a)he shall fly at all times under the authority and supervision of a Flight Instructor or an Examiner approved by the Director-General;(b)he shall fly only under Visual Flight Rules.(c)he shall not carry passengers, animals and goods or fly for hire, reward or remuneration of any kind.Note - The Student Pilot's Licence shall be issued by a Flying Club/Government Flying Training School specifically authorised in this regard and subject to the conditions as laid down by the Director-GeneralSECTION EPRIVATE PILOT'S LICENCE (AEROPLANES)

**1. Requirements for issue of licence - An applicant for Private Pilot's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall not be less than seventeen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent Examination from a recognised Board.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma, a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.Provided that an applicant in possession of a valid Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) or a Commercial/Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall pass an examination in Aircraft and Engines only.(e)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a pilot of an aeroplane not less than forty hours of flight time

which shall include-(i)[ not less than ten hours of solo flight time;] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](ii)not less than five hours of cross-country flight time in accordance with para 5(b) of Section A as the sole occupant of an aeroplane including a flight of not less than one hundred and fifty nautical miles in the course of which full stop landings at two different aerodromes shall have been made;(iii)[ not less than five hours of solo flight time completed within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for the issue of licence;[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](iv)fifty percent of the total flying experience on microlight aircraft or on a glider acquired during the preceding twenty four months from the date of application subject to a maximum of ten hours may be counted towards the total experience required for the issue of the licence;(v)solo flight time completed on light sport aircraft within the preceding twenty four months from the date of application, subject to maximum of twenty hours, may be counted towards the total experience required for the issue of the licence.][Provided that not more than twenty hours of credit shall be given to an applicant under sub-clauses (iv) and (v) put together.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](f)Flying Training - He shall have completed flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(g)Skill - He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform as a Pilot-in-command or a Co-pilot of an aeroplane, the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus, to the satisfaction of an Examiner, on the type of aeroplane to which the application for the licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal - The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(C); and(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than five hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of an aeroplane within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal or in lieu thereof, having satisfactorily completed the flying test as laid down in para 1 (g) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**4. Ratings- (a) Aircraft Rating- The licence shall indicate the class and the types of aeroplanes the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all single piston engine types of aeroplanes having an all-up weight not exceeding one thousand five hundred Kgs. may also be granted if he has completed not less than two hundred and fifty hours as Pilot-in-command and has at least four different types of aeroplanes entered in the aircraft rating of his licence :**



Provided that the privileges of the open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone a ground and flight familiarisation with a Flight Instructor or an approved Examiner for the type of aircraft and a certificate to this effect shall be recorded by the Flight Instructor/Examiner in the Pilot's Log Book before the Pilot is released to exercise the privileges of his open rating.(b)Night Rating - Night Rating entitles the holder of the licence to carry passengers at night. Conditions for the issue of this rating are detailed below :-(i)he must have completed not less than fifty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command and as sole manipulator of the controls including not less than five hours by night, which must include a minimum of five take-offs and five landings carried out within the preceding six months of the date of application;(ii)he must have completed a dual cross-country flight by night of at least one hundred nautical miles before he can be permitted to undertake sole cross-country flights by night, and(iii)he must have completed not less than five hours of dual instructions in instrument flying which may include not more than two and a half hours on an approved synthetic flight trainer.(c)Instrument Rating - Instrument rating entitles the holder of the licence to fly under the Instrument Flight Rules. The standard of medical fitness and conditions for issue of the rating are laid in Section O.

## **5. Extension of Aircraft Rating - For extension of Aircraft Rating to include an additional type of aeroplane, an applicant shall be required to produce evidence of -**

(a)having passed written examination in Aircraft and Engines as mentioned in para 1(d);(b)having undergone adequate dual instructions and solo flying to gain competency on the type;(c)having satisfactorily completed the flight test as laid down in para 1(g) on the type within a period of six months immediately preceding date of application for the extension of Aircraft Rating.

## **6. Privileges - Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rules 39-B, 39-C and 42, the privileges of the holder of a Private Pilot's Licence shall be to act, but not for remuneration, as Pilot-on-command or as Co-pilot of any aeroplane which is entered in the Aircraft Rating of his licence and carry passengers therein :**

Provided that -(i)no flight is undertaken for hire or remuneration of any kind, whatsoever;(ii)the passengers are carried by night only when the holder of licence is in possession of a valid night rating and has carried out not less than five take-offs and five landings by night as Pilot-in-command within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of intended flight; and(iii)no flight shall be undertaken under the Instrument Flight Rules without being in possession of a valid Instrument Rating.**SECTION FPRIVATE PILOT'S LICENCE (HELICOPTERS)**

## **1. Requirements for issue of Licence- An applicant for a Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall satisfy the following requirements namely :-**

(a)Age- He shall not be less than seventeen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent examination from a recognised Board.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engine as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General; Provided that an applicant in possession of a valid Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) or a Commercial/Senior Commercial/Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) shall pass an examination only in Aircraft and Engines.(e)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a Pilot of a helicopter not less than forty hours of flight time, which shall include-(i)not less than fifteen hours of solo flight time of which not less than ten hours shall have been completed within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application.(ii)not less than five hours of cross-country flight time as the sole occupant of helicopter or helicopters including a flight of not less than one hundred nautical miles in the course of which full stop landings at two different points shall have been made. This flight time may be included in the flight time required under sub-clause (i). Provided that a person who has satisfactorily completed not less than three hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of an aeroplane shall be required to complete on a helicopter not less than twenty hours of total flight time, dual and solo, which shall include not less than ten hours of solo flight time completed within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for a licence.(f)Flying Training - He shall have completed flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(g)Skill - He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of an Examiner, on the type of helicopter to which the application for the licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c); and(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than five hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of a helicopter within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal or in lieu thereof; having satisfactorily completed the flight test as laid down in para 1(g) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**4. Ratings- (a) Aircraft Rating : The licence shall indicate the class and the types of helicopter the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all single piston engine type of helicopters having an all-up-weight not exceeding one thousand five hundred Kgs. may also be granted if he has completed not less than two hundred and fifty hours as Pilot-as-command and has at least four different types of helicopters entered in the aircraft rating of his licence :**

Provided that the privileges of the open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone a ground and flight familiarisation with a Flight Instructor or an approved Examiner for the type of helicopter. A certificate to this effect shall be recorded by the Examiner/Flight Instructor in the Pilot's Log Book before the pilot is released to exercise the privileges of the open rating.(b)Night Rating - Night Rating entitles the holder to carry passengers at night. Conditions for the issue of this rating are as follows :-(i)he must have completed not less than 50 hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of a helicopter and as sole manipulator of the controls, including not less than ten take-offs and ten landing patterns by night within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application; and(ii)he must have completed not less than five hours of dual instructions in night flying.(c)Instrument Rating - Instrument rating entitles the holder to fly under the Instrument Flight Rules. The standard of medical fitness and conditions for issue of this rating are laid down in Section P

**5. Extension of Aircraft Rating- For extension of Aircraft Rating, to include an additional type of helicopter, an applicant shall be required to produce evidence of -**

(a)having passed written examination in Aircraft and Engines as laid down in para 1(d);(b)having undergone adequate dual instructions and acquired sufficient solo flying experience to gain competency on the type; and(c)having satisfactorily completed the flying test as laid down in para 1(g) on the type within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for extension of Aircraft Rating ;

**6. Privileges- Subject to the validity of endorsement and ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of rules 39B, 39C and 42, the privileges of the holder of a Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall be to act, but not for remuneration, as Pilot-in-Command or as a Co-Pilot of any helicopter which is entered in the Aircraft Rating of his licence and carry passengers therein :**

Provided that :-(a)no flight shall be undertaken for hire or remuneration of any kind, what-soever;(b)the passengers are carried by night only when the holder of licence is in possession of a valid night rating and has carried out not less than five take-offs and five landings patterns by night as Pilot-in-Command within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of

intended flight; and(c)no flight shall be undertaken under the Instrument Flight Rules without being in possession of a valid Instrument Rating.**SECTION GPRIVATE PILOT'S LICENCE (MICROLIGHT)**

## **1. Requirements for the Issue of Licence- An applicant for a Pilot's Licence Microlight aircraft shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall not be less than seventeen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent Examination from a Recognised Board.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General :Provided that an applicant in possession of a valid Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/helicopters) or a higher category of Pilot's Licence shall upon production of evidence in the form of a Certificate recorded by Flight Instructor/Examiner in the pilot's Log Book to the effect that the pilot has been thoroughly familiarised with the flight controls, speed profiles, systems, engines and limitations of the Microlight aircraft be exempted :Provided further that an applicant in possession of a valid Pilot's Licence Gliders shall be exempted from examination in Air Regulations and Aviation Meteorology only.(e)Security Clearance- If not already obtained, security clearance for the Pilot will be obtained from the concerned State Police authorities by the Flying Club/Government Flying Training School before commencing flying and forwarded to the Director-General.(f)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed not less than forty hours of flight time on microlight aircraft, which shall include -(i)not less than fifteen hours of solo flight time of which not less than ten hours shall have been completed within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for the licence; and(ii)not less than five hours of cross-country flight time as the solo occupant of microlight aircraft including a flight over a distance of not less than fifty nautical miles from the aerodrome of departure and at least one full stop landing at a suitable aerodrome or landing ground other than the aerodrome of departure;(iii)the holder of a current Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) or a higher category of Licence (Aeroplanes) shall be exempted from the experience requirements. Such pilots shall, however, be required to carry out familiarisation flights which shall be followed by not less than three solo take-offs and landings. The familiarisation flights shall be carried out under the supervision of an approved Examiner or a Flight Instructor approved by the Director-General.(g)Flying Training- He shall have completed the flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(h)Skill- He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of an Examiner, on the type of microlight aircraft to which the application for licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c).(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than five hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of a microlight aircraft within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal or in lieu thereof; having satisfactorily completed the flight test as laid down in para-1(h) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**4. Aircraft Rating- The licence shall indicate the class and type of microlight aircraft, the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all types of microlight aircraft may also be granted if he has satisfactorily completed not less than one hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of an aeroplane or a microlight aircraft provided that before undertaking a solo flight on any microlight aircraft, he shall have undergone familiarisation with the flight controls, speed profiles, systems, engines and limitations of the aircraft with a qualified microlight pilot having one hundred fifty hours of Pilot-in-command experience and a certificate to that effect recorded in the pilot's log book.**

**5. Privileges- Subject to the validity of aircraft ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of the Rules 39B, 39C and 42 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of a Pilot's Licence (Microlight) shall be to act as Pilot-in-Command of a microlight aircraft, which is entered in the Aircraft Ratings of his licence, under the Visual Flight Rules.**

#### **SECTION HPILOT'S LICENCE (BALLOONS)**

**1. Requirements for the issue of Licence- An applicant for a Pilot's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than sixteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent Examination from a recognised Board.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he

shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology, Airmanship and Balloon systems/Aerostatics as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General :Provided that an applicant in possession of a current Pilot's Licence Gliders, Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/Helicopters). pilot's Licence Microlight aircraft or a higher category of Pilot's Licence shall pass an examination only in airmanship and Balloon system/Aerostatics.(e)Security Clearance- If not already obtained, security clearance for the Pilot will be obtained from the concerned State Police authorities by the Flying Club/Government Flying Training School before commencing flying training and forwarded to the Director-General.(f)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as Pilot of a Balloon not less than sixteen hours of flight time as a pilot of free balloons including at least eight launches and ascents of which-(i)six ascents shall be under instruction;(ii)one ascent in control, under the supervision of a properly rated Balloon Pilot, to an altitude of not less than one thousand five hundred meters above sea level;(iii)one ascent under supervision as the sole occupant of a Balloon.(g)Flying Training- He shall have completed flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(h)Skill- He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of an examiner, on the type of the balloon to which the application for the licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The licence shall be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c).(b)having satisfactorily completed at least five ascents as Pilot-in-Command of which at least one ascent should be to an altitude of one thousand five hundred metres or above within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application or in lieu thereof; having satisfactorily completed the flying test in accordance with para 1(h) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**4. Night Rating- (a) To exercise the privileges of the licence by night, the applicant shall have completed atleast two ascents by night each of not less than 2 hours duration under the supervision of a licensed Balloon Pilot whose licence is not limited to day flying only.**

(b)Night Rating shall be valid subject to the licence holder having completed atleast two ascents by night of an average duration of one hour each during a period six months immediately preceding the

date of intended flight.

**5. Privileges- The privileges of the holder of a Pilot's Licence (Balloons) shall be to act as Pilot-in-Command of any Balloon and to carry passengers, tow banners (fixed or otherwise) which do not adversely affect the safety of the Balloon, under the Visual Flight Rules only.**

#### SECTION I PILOT'S LICENCE (GLIDERS)

**1. Requirements for the Issue of Licence- An application for the issue of Pilot's Licence Gliders shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than sixteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent Examination from a recognised Board.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass an oral examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft & Instruments, and engines in case of motor gliders, as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General :-Provided that an applicant in possession of a valid Pilot's Licence Balloons/microlight Aircraft, Private pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/Helicopters) or a higher category of Pilot's Licence shall pass an oral test in Aircraft and Instruments.(e)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as Pilot of a Glider -(i)not less than ten hours of flight time of which not less than five hours shall be solo flight time; and(ii)not less than seventy five take-offs and landings of which not less than twenty five solo take-offs and landings shall have been completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for licence.(f)Flying Training- He shall have completed the gliding training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(g)Skill- He shall have demonstrated his competency as Pilot-in-Command of a Glider, the procedures and maneuvers prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of the Examiner, on the type of glider to which the application for the licence relates within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.]  
[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal - The licence shall be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant-**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c);(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than three hours of flight time or twenty take-offs and landings as

Pilot-in-Command of a Glider within a period of six months preceding the date of application for renewal or in lieu thereof; having satisfactorily completed the flying tests in accordance with para-1(g) within period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

#### **4. Ratings- (a) Aircraft Rating- The licence shall indicate the type of gliders the holder is entitled to fly.**

(i) An open rating to fly all gliders having an all-up-weight not exceeding six hundred kilograms may also be granted if a pilot has satisfactorily completed not less than fifty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command in free flight including not less than two hundred take-offs and landings as solo manipulator of controls :- Provided that the privileges of open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone familiarisation flights with Flight Instructor (Glider) or with an approved Examiner or having been thoroughly briefed by an approved Examiner or an Instructor in case of single seater glider and a certificate to that effect recorded by the Examiner/Instructor in the Pilot's log book, before releasing the pilot for flight. (b) Aero-Tow Rating - Aero-tow Rating entitles the holder to carry passengers in gliders in aero-tow flights. An Aero-tow Rating may be given if a glider pilot has satisfactorily completed in a glider not less than ten aero-tow flights of a total duration of not less than two hours as pilot of a glider :- Provided that no solo aero-tow flights are undertaken, unless at least five dual aero-tow flights have been carried out with a qualified Instructor on board and a satisfactory report to that effect recorded by the Instructor in the pilot's log book before the aero-tow flights are undertaken. (c) Glider Towing Requirements - No person shall act as Pilot-in-Command of an aircraft towing a glider unless he meets the following requirements :- (i) he holds a valid pilot's licence (other than a Student Pilot's Licence); (ii) he has an endorsement in his Pilot log book from a person authorised to give instruction in glider towing and is familiar with the techniques and procedures essential to the safe towing of gliders, including airspeed limitations, emergency procedures, signals used and maximum angles of bank; (iii) he has made and entered in his Pilot's log book at least three flights as sole manipulator of the controls of an aircraft towing a glider under the supervision of a pilot who meets the requirements of this clause and has carried out at least ten flights as 'Pilot-in-Command' of an aircraft towing a glider; (iv) If he holds only a Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes), he shall have not less than one hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command. (d) Motor Glider Rating - Motor Glider Rating entitles the holder to carry passengers in a self launching motor glider. A motor glider rating may be given if the holder of a valid pilot's Licence Glider produces evidence of : (i) having passed an oral examination in engines; (ii) having satisfactorily completed as pilot of self-launching Motor glider not less than forty take-offs and landings, out of which not less than ten take-offs and landings shall have been completed as Pilot-in-Command; (iii) having thoroughly familiarised himself with the flight controls, speed profiles, systems, engines and limitations of the aircraft with an approved Examiner/Glider Instructor and a certificate to that effect recorded by Instructor/Examiner in the Pilot's log book.

#### **5. Extension of Aircraft Rating- For extension of Aircraft Rating to include an additional type of Glider, the applicant shall be required to produce evidence of :-**



(i)having passed an oral examination in aircraft and instruments and engines in case of motor gliders, as mentioned in para 1(d) :(ii)having satisfactorily completed the flying tests in accordance with para-1(g) on the type of glider to which the application relates within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for extension of the aircraft rating; and(iii)having satisfactorily carried out not less than three take-offs and landings as Pilot-in-command as sole manipulator of controls.

**6. Privileges- Subject to the validity of the aircraft ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rules 39B, 39C and 42 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of Pilots Licence Gliders shall be to act, as Pilot-in-Command off any glider which is entered in the Aircraft Rating of the licence and to carry passengers therein under the Visual Flight Rules.**

Note- 1. The privileges granted under this section shall be exercised only when the method of launching is any one of the following :-Winch-launching,Auto-launching, orLaunching by aero-tow.

**2. If any unconventional method of launching such as rockets, catapults, etc. is adopted, the privileges to fly in command and to carry passengers shall be exercised only after he has completed an approved course of training and a flying test to the satisfaction of the Director-General.**

[Section- IA] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 721(E), dated 23.6.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]Pilot's Licence (Light Sport Aircraft)

**1. Requirements for the Issue of Licence - An applicant for a Pilot's Licence (Light Sport aircraft) shall satisfy the following requirements:-**

(a)Age - He shall not be less than seventeen years of age on the date of application;(b)Educational Qualification - He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent Examination from a Recognised Board;(c)Medical Fitness - He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under rule 39B;(d)Knowledge - He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General:Provided that an applicant in possession of a valid Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/ helicopters) or a higher category of Pilot's Licence shall be exempted from passing all the aforesaid examinations under clause (d) after furnishing a Certificate by the Flight Instructor or Examiner in the pilot's Log Book to the effect that the pilot has been thoroughly familiarised with the flight controls, speed profiles, systems, engines and limitations of the light sport aircraft.Provided further that an applicant in possession of a valid Pilot's Licence (Gliders) shall be exempted from examination in Air Regulations and Aviation Meteorology

specified in clause (d). (e) Experience - He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed not less than forty hours of flight time on light sport aircraft, which shall include - (i) not less than twenty hours of flight training with, - (a) two hours of dual cross country flight training; (b) one solo cross-country flight of total distance of not less than fifty nautical miles with a full stop landing at a minimum of two different aerodromes and with one segment of the flight consisting of straight line distance of at least twenty five nautical miles; (ii) not less than ten hours of solo flight time with ten take-offs and landings completed within six months preceding the date of submission of application for issue of licence. Provided that the holder of a current Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) or a higher category of Licence (Aeroplanes) shall be exempted from the experience requirements. Such pilots shall, however, be required to carry out familiarisation flights of minimum one hour followed by not less than three solo take-offs and landings within six months preceding the date of application. Such flying shall be carried out under the supervision of an approved Examiner or a Flight Instructor approved by the Director-General and endorsed in the logbook of the licence holder by the approved Examiner/ Instructor. (f) Flying Training - He shall have completed the flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General. (g) Skill - He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of an Examiner, on the type of light sport aircraft to which the application for licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**2. Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.**

**3. Renewal - The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a) having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c); and (b) having satisfactorily completed not less than five hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of a light sport aircraft within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal, or having satisfactorily completed the flight test as laid down in paragraph 1(g) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**4. Aircraft Rating - The licence shall indicate the class and type of light sport aircraft the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all types of light sport aircraft may also be granted if he has satisfactorily completed not less than one hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of an aeroplane or a light sport aircraft.**

Provided that the privilege of the open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone familiarisation with the flight controls, speed profiles, systems, engines and limitations of the aircraft with a qualified light sport pilot having not less than one hundred fifty hours of Pilot-in-command experience and a certificate to that effect shall be recorded by the qualified light sport pilot of that aircraft in the pilot's log book.

**5. Privileges - (a) Subject to provisions of rules 39B, 39C and 42, the privileges of the holder of a Pilot's Licence (Light Sport Aircraft) shall be to act as Pilot-in-Command of a light sport aircraft, which is entered in the Aircraft Rating of his licence, under the visual flight rules.**

(b) A Light Sport Aircraft Pilot shall not: (i) carry a passenger or property for compensation or hire; (ii) fly at night; (iii) fly in Class D and E airspace (controlled airspace) unless he holds a valid Flight Radio Telephony Operator's Licence (Restricted) and has been trained by an approved instructor with a log book endorsement for operation at any aerodrome with an operating control tower; (iv) fly at an altitude of more than 10,000 feet mean sea level or 2000 feet above ground level, whichever is higher; (v) fly when flight or surface visibility is less than 5000 meter; (vi) fly without visual reference to surface; (vii) fly contrary to any operating limitation placed on the special certificate of airworthiness of the aircraft being flown; and (viii) fly contrary to any limit on pilot licence or medical or any other limit. (c) The holder of a Pilot Licence (Light Sport aircraft) having a total experience of 100 hours of flight time as pilot in command on a light-sport aircraft may impart flying instructions on a light sport aircraft subject to the condition that he has been assessed fit for imparting training by an examiner approved by the Director-General. (d) The holder of a Flight Instructor's Rating (Aeroplanes) having a total experience of 15 hours of flight time as pilot in command on a light sport aircraft may impart instructional training on a light sport aircraft. [Section IB] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1358(E), dated 01.11.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] Pilot's Licence (Gyroplane)

**1. Requirements for issue of Licence - An applicant for a Pilot's Licence (Gyroplane) shall satisfy the following requirements namely:**

(a) Age - He shall not be less than seventeen years of age on the date of application. (b) Educational Qualification - He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent examination from a recognised Board. (c) Medical Fitness - He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under rule 39B. (d) Knowledge - He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engine as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General: Provided that an applicant in possession of a valid Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes)/ (Helicopters) or a higher category of Pilot's Licence shall pass an examination in Aircraft and Engines only. (e) Experience - He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a Pilot of a gyroplane not less than forty hours of flight time, which shall include - (i) not less than fifteen hours of solo flight time of which not less than ten hours shall have been completed within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application. (ii) not less than five hours of cross-country flight time as the sole occupant of a gyroplane including a flight of not less than one hundred nautical miles in the course of which full stop landings at two different points shall have been made. This flight time may be included in the flight time required under sub-clause (i). Provided that the holder of a current Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopter) or a higher category of Licence (Helicopter) shall be exempted from the experience

requirements. Such pilots shall, however, be required to carry out familiarisation flights satisfactorily which shall be followed by not less than three solo take-offs and landings. The familiarisation flights shall be carried out under the supervision of an approved Examiner or a Flight Instructor authorised by the Director-General.(f)Flying Training - He shall have completed flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(g)Skill - He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of an Examiner, on the type of gyroplane to which the application for the licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**2. Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.**

**3. Renewal - The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1 (c) above; and(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than five hours of flight time as Pilot-in-command of a gyroplane within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal or in lieu thereof; having satisfactorily completed the flight test as laid down in para 1(g) above within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**4. Aircraft Ratings - The licence shall indicate the type of gyroplane the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all types of gyroplane may also be granted if he has satisfactorily completed not less than one hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter or a gyroplane:**

Provided that the privilege of the open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone familiarisation flight of minimum 45 minutes duration with a qualified gyroplane pilot having not less than one hundred fifty hours of Pilot-in-Command experience and a certificate to that effect shall be recorded by the qualified gyroplane pilot in the pilot's log book.

**5. Privileges - (a) Subject to provisions of Rules 39B, 39C and 42, the privileges of the holder of a Pilot's Licence (Gyroplane) shall be to act as Pilot -in-Command of a gyroplane which is entered in the Aircraft Rating of his licence, under the visual flight rules.**

(b)A Gyroplane Pilot shall not:(i)carry a passenger or property for compensation or hire;(ii)fly at night;(iii)fly in Class D and E airspace (controlled airspace) unless he holds a valid Flight Radio Telephony Operator's Licence (Restricted) and has been trained by an approved instructor with a log book endorsement for operation at any aerodrome with an operating control tower;(iv)fly at an altitude of more than 10,000 feet mean sea level or 2000 feet above ground level, whichever is higher;(v)fly when flight or surface visibility is less than 5000 meter;(vi)fly without visual reference to surface;(vii)fly contrary to any operating limitation placed on the special certificate of

airworthiness of the aircraft being flown; and(viii)fly contrary to any limit on pilot licence or medical or any other limit.(c)Fly another type of gyroplane after familiarisation of 2 hours under the supervision of qualified pilot on that type and a certificate to that effect shall be recorded by the qualified gyroplane pilot of that aircraft in the pilot's log book.(d)The holder of a Pilot Licence (Gyroplane) having a total experience of 100 hours of flight time as Pilot-in- Command on a gyroplane may impart flying instructions on a gyroplane subject to the condition that he has been assessed fit for imparting training by an examiner approved by the Director General.(e)The holder of a Flight Instructor's Rating (Helicopter) having total experience of 15 hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command on a gyroplane may impart instructional training on a gyroplane.

**SECTION**  
**JCOMMERCIAL PILOT'S LICENCE (AEROPLANES)**

## **1. Requirements for issue of Licence- An applicant for a Commercial Pilot's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements:-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than Eighteen years of age on the date of application:(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed Class Ten plus Two or an equivalent examination with Physics and Mathematics, from a recognized Board/University.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation Meteorology and aircraft and Engines and Signals (practical) examination for interpretation of aural and visual signals, as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General :Provided that the holder of a current Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall be required to pass an examination in Aircraft and Engines only.(e)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a pilot of an aeroplane [on] [Substituted 'within a period of five years immediately preceding' by Notification No. G.S.R. 448(E), dated 20.6.2019 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] the date of application for licence not less than [two hundred hours] [Substituted for the words "two hundred fifty hours" by Notification No. G.S.R. 400(E) dated 14.6.2005 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] of flight time, which shall include-(i)not less than [one hundred hours] [Substituted for the words "One hundred fifty hours" by Notification No. G.S.R. 400(E) dated 14.6.2005 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of which not less than fifteen hours shall have been completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for licence;(ii)not less than [twenty hours] [Substituted for the words "Twenty five hours" by Notification No. G.S.R. 400(E) dated 14.6.2005 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] of cross-country flight time as Pilot-in-Command including a cross-country flight of not less than three hundred nautical miles in the course of which full stop landings at two different aerodromes shall be made;(iii)not less than ten hours of instrument time of which not more than five hours may be on an approved simulator; and(iv)not less than five hours of flight time by night including a minimum of ten take-offs and ten landings as Pilot-in-Command as (sole manipulator of controls) carried out within six months immediately precedings the date of application for licence.[Provided that in case of an applicant who is in possession of a Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)/Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) and who has satisfactorily completed not less than 1000 hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter, the above experience requirement of two hundred hours as pilot of an aeroplane shall be reduced to

one hundred hours, which shall include - (i) Not less than seventy five hours of flight time as pilot-in-command including a minimum of twenty five hours of cross country flight time and ten hours of instrument time of which not less than five hours may be on approved simulator; (ii) Not less than five hours of flight time by night including ten takeoffs and landing patterns; and (iii) Not less than ten hours of flight time on aeroplane within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for issue of licence. ] (f) Flying Training - He shall have completed the flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General. (g) Other Requirements - He shall be in possession of a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft issued by the Director-General. (h) Skill - He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of an examiner, on the type of aeroplane to which the application for licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application. The Director General may, however, allow Skill Test or part thereof to be carried out on aircraft/approved Zero Flight Time Training simulator level 'D' for the type of aircraft. The competency shall be demonstrated in - [Inserted by G.S.R. 68(E) Dated 30.1.200.] (i) general flying test by day; (ii) general flying test by night; (iii) a cross-country flight test by day consisting of a flight of not less than two hundred fifty nautical miles in the course of which at least one full stop landing at an aerodrome other than the aerodrome of departure shall be made; and (iv) a cross-country flying test by night consisting of a flight of not less than one hundred twenty nautical miles returning to the place of departure without landing elsewhere.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted 'The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue or renewal of the licence. The licence shall be valid for a period specified in Rule 39C subject to compliance with renewal requirements as stipulated in para 3 hereinafter.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a) having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c) above; (b) having satisfactorily completed not less than ten hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command (Fifty percent of flight time as Co-Pilot may be counted towards the requirement of flight time as Pilot-in-Command) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal; or in lieu thereof, having satisfactorily completed the general flying test by day and night as laid down in clause (h) of paragraph 1 within the same period; (c) having a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft, issued by the Director-General.

**4. Aircraft Rating- (a) The licence shall indicate the types of aeroplane the holder is entitled to fly.**

Provided that in case of an applicant who is in possession of a Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) and who has satisfactorily completed not less than one thousand hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter, the above experience requirement of two hundred hours as pilot of an aeroplane shall be reduced to one hundred hours. (b) An open rating for all single piston engine type of aeroplane having an allupweight not exceeding one thousand five hundred Kgs. may also be granted if he has completed not less than one thousand hours of flight time on such types of aeroplanes including not less than five hundred hours as Pilot-in-Command and has at least four different types of aircraft entered in the aircraft rating of his licence: Provided that the privileges of the open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone a ground and flight familiarisation with a flight Instructor or an approved Examiner and a certificate to this effect shall be recorded by the Examiner in the pilot's log book, before the pilot is released to exercise the privileges of open rating on that type of aircraft. (c) Instructor's Rating- Instructor's Rating entitles the holder to impart flying instructions. The privileges and conditions for the issue of these ratings are laid down in Sections Q & R. (d) Instrument Rating- Instrument Rating entitles the holder to fly under Instrument Flight Rules. Conditions for issue of this rating are laid down in Section O.

**5. [ Extension of Aircraft Rating. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1066(E), dated 25.10.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] - For extension of aircraft rating to include an additional type of aeroplane, an applicant shall have passed a written examination in Aircraft and Engines as mentioned in clause (d) of paragraph 1 and shall have acquired, under appropriate supervision, experience in flying the aircraft of such type or on approved flight simulator in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director- General followed by skill test as laid down by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 19 (E) dated 27.12.2007 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**5A. [ Proficiency Check. - (a) In order to act as a co-pilot of transport aeroplanes having an all-up weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred kilograms, the licence-holder shall be required to undergo an appropriate proficiency check as specified by the Director-General, in respect of the type of aircraft to be flown.**

(b) The proficiency check carried out as per para (a) shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of the check and shall be renewed for a further period of six months at a time. (c) In the case of renewal, the period of validity shall commence from the date of expiry of the previous validity provided that the check has been carried out within two months preceding the date of expiry.]

**6. Privileges- Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the license and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rule 39B, Rule 39C and Rule 42 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of a Commercial Pilot's License shall be :-**

(a)to exercise all the privileges of Private Pilot's License;(b)to act as Pilot-in-Command of any aeroplane having an all-up-weight not exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. and which is entered in the aircraft rating of his license provided that when passengers are to be carried at night, he shall have carried out within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the intended flight not less than ten take-offs and ten landings by night as Pilot-in-Command:(c)to act as Co-Pilot of any aeroplane where a Co-Pilot is required to be carried and which is entered in the aircraft rating of his license :Provided that for all flights under the Instrument Flight Rules, either as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-Pilot, he shall have a current Instrument Rating:[\* \* \*] [Omitted 'Provided further that for all flights as Co-Pilot of transport aeroplanes having an all-upweight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. he shall have carried out within the preceding six months of the intended flight, appropriate proficiency checks in respect of that type of aircraft as required by the Director-General.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]SECTION KCOMMERCIAL PILOT'S LICENCE (HELICOPTERS)

**1. Requirements for issue of licence- An applicant for a Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than eighteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed class ten plus two with Physics and Mathematics or its equivalent examination from a recognized Board/University.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines and Signals (practical) examination for interpretation of aural and visual signals as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General:Provided that an applicant in possession of a current Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) or higher category of a pilot's licence shall be required to pass an examination in Aircraft and Engines only.(e)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as pilot of helicopter or helicopters not less than one hundred and fifty hours of flight time, which shall include-(i)not less than fifty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter;(ii)not less than ten hours of cross-country flight time as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter;(iii)not less than ten hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for licence; out of which not less than five hours of flight time by night which shall include not less than ten take-offs and ten landing patterns by night:(iv)not less than ten hours of instrument instruction time of [which not more than] [Substituted for 'which not less than' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] five hours may be instrument ground time;[Provided that a person who is holder of a Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) or



an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) shall be required to complete on a helicopter not less than eighty hours of flight time including not less than twenty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command which shall include not less than five hours of cross country time, and not less than five hours of flight time by night with not less than ten take offs and ten landing patterns within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for licence.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 487 (E) dated 21.6.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](f)Flying Training- He shall have completed flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(g)Other Requirements- He shall be in possession of a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft issued by the Director-General.(h)Skill- He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus by day and night to the satisfaction of an approved Examiner, on the type of helicopter to which the application for licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.[Provided that the Director-General may, however, allow Skill Test or part thereof to be carried out on an approved Flight Simulator for the type of helicopter.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant-**

(a)Having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c).(b)Having satisfactorily completed not less than five hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command (fifty percent of the flight time as Co-Pilot may be counted towards the requirements of flight time as Pilot-in-Command) of a helicopter within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal, or in lieu thereof having satisfactorily completed the flying tests as laid down in para 1(h) within the same period.(c)Having a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft issued by the Director-General.

**4. Ratings- (a) Aircraft Rating- The licence shall indicate the class and types of helicopters the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all single engine piston type of helicopters having an all-up-weight not exceeding one thousand five hundred Kgs. may also be granted if he has completed not less than one thousand hours of flight time including not less than two hundred hours as Pilot-in-Command on helicopters and has at least four different types of helicopters entered in the aircraft rating of his licence.**

(b)Instructor's Rating- Instructor's rating entitles the holder to impart flying instructions on types of helicopters entered in the aircraft rating of his licence. The privileges and conditions for the issue of

these ratings are laid down in Section Q and R of this schedule.(c)Instrument Rating- Instrument rating entitles the holder to fly under the Instrument Flight Rules. Conditions for issue of the rating are laid down in Section P of this schedule.

**5. [ Extension of Aircraft Rating. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1066(E), dated 25.10.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] - For extension of aircraft rating to include an additional type of helicopter, an applicant shall have passed a written examination in Aircraft and Engines as mentioned in clause (d) of paragraph 1 and shall have acquired, under appropriate supervision, experience in flying the aircraft of such type or on approved flight simulator in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director- General followed by skill test as laid down by the Director-General.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

[5A.Proficiency Check. - (a) In order to act as a pilot-in-command or co-pilot on transport helicopters, the licence holder shall be required to undergo an appropriate proficiency check as specified by the Director-General, in respect of the type of helicopter to be flown.(b)[ The proficiency check carried out as per para (a) shall be -(i)valid for a period of twelve months from the date of the check in case of pilot conducting Visual Flight Rules operations and shall be renewed for a further period of twelve months at a time.(ii)valid for a period of six months from the date of the check in case of pilot conducting Instrument Flight Rules operations and shall be renewed for a further period of six months at a time.(ba)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (ii) of clause (b), the Pilot- in-Command or Co-pilot who has successfully carried out instrument rating flying test or renewal check, as the case may be, specified under Section "P" shall be considered to have undergone proficiency check which shall be valid for a period of six months.](c)In the case of renewal, the period of validity shall commence from the date of expiry of the previous validity provided that the check has been carried out within two months preceding the date of expiry.]

**6. Privileges - Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rule 39B, Rule 39C and Rule 42 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of a Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall be-**

(i)to exercise all the privileges of Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters);(ii)to act as pilot-in-command of any helicopter engaged in operations other than commercial air transportation;(iii)to act as pilot-in-command in commercial air transportation in any helicopter certified for single-pilot operation; and(iv)to act as co-pilot in commercial air transportation in any helicopters required to be operated with a co-pilot.Provided that when passengers are to be carried at night he shall have carried out within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of intended flight not less than [ten take-offs and ten landing patterns] [Substituted for 'five take-offs and five landing patterns and one route check to the satisfaction of an Examiner' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] by night as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter:Provided further that

for all flights under the Instrument Flight Rules as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-Pilot he shall be required to have current Instrument Rating: Provided further that he shall have undergone satisfactorily appropriate proficiency checks within the preceding six months of the intended flight carrying passengers, in respect of such types of helicopters entered in the aircraft rating of his licence and specified by the Director-General.[\* \* \*] [Omitted 'Provided also that on attainment of the age of sixty-five years, such privileges shall be restricted to that of Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters).' by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).][SECTION L] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 165 (E) dated 12.3.2009 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]COMMERCIAL PILOT'S LICENCE (AEROPLANES) WITH INSTRUMENT RATING

## **1. Requirements for issue of Licence - An applicant for Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) with Instrument Rating shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age - He shall be not less than Eighteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification - He shall have passed Class Ten plus Two or an equivalent examination with Physics and Mathematics, from a recognized Board/University.(c)Medical Fitness - He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director - General under 39B.(d)Knowledge - He shall pass a written examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines and Signals (practical) examination for interpretation of aural and visual signals, as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General: Provided that the holder of a current Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall be required to pass an examination in Aircraft and Engines and Instrument Rating only.(e)Experience - He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a pilot of an aeroplane within a period of five years immediately preceding the date of application for licence not less than two hundred hours of flight time, which shall include -(i)not less than hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command out of which not less than thirty hours flight time as Student Pilot-in-Command which shall include not more than twenty hours of cross country flight time and not more than ten hours circuits-landings with minimum ten landings;(ii)not less than fifteen hours time as Pilot-in-Command flight time within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application;(iii)not less than fifty hours cross-country flight time as Pilot-in-Command including a cross-country flight of not less than three hundred nautical miles in the course of which full stop landings at two different aerodromes shall be made;(iv)not less than fifty hours of instrument time of which not more than twenty hours may be on an approved simulator, out of which minimum of five hours of instrument time shall have been completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the Instrument Rating; and(v)not less than five hours time by night including a minimum of ten take offs and ten landings as Pilot-in-Command (as sole manipulator of controls) carried out within six months immediately preceding the date of application for licence: Provided that in case of an applicant who is in Possession of a Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) and who has satisfactorily completed not less than one thousand hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter, the above experience requirement of two hundred hours as pilot of an airplane shall be reduced to hundred hours.Note - The student-pilot-in-command flight time

shall not be logged by instructor in his own log book. Student log book shall indicate student pilot-in-command flight time in remarks column as SPIC with the name of the instructor.(f)Flying Training - He shall have completed the flying training in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.(g)Other Requirements - He shall be in possession of a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft Issued by the Director-General.(h)Skill - He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of an examiner, on the type of aeroplane to which the application for licence relates, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application. The competency shall be demonstrated in -(i)general flying test by day;(ii)general flying test by night;(iii)a cross-country flight test by day consisting of a flight of not less than two hundred fifty nautical miles in the course of which at least one full stop landing at an aerodrome other than the aerodrome of departure shall be made;(iv)a cross-country flying test by night consisting of a flight of not less than one hundred twenty nautical miles returning to the place of departure without landing elsewhere; and(v)ability to fly an aeroplane in respect of which Instrument Rating is desired, solely with the aid of instruments by undergoing an instrument flying test within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the rating. The flying test shall be carried out in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General. The Director-General may, however, allow such tests or part thereof to be carried out on an approved simulator for the type of aircraft.

**2. Validity - The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue or renewal of the licence. The licence shall be valid for a period specified in Rule 39C subject to compliance with renewal requirements as stipulated in para 3 hereinafter.**

**3. Renewal - The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant.-**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c) above(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than ten hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command(Fifty percent of flight time as Co-Pilot may be counted towards the requirement of flight time as Pilot-in-Command) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal, or in lieu thereof, having satisfactorily completed the general flying test by day and night as laid down in clause (h) of paragraph 1 within the same period; and(c)having a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft, issued by the Director-General.

**4. Rating - (a) The licence shall indicate the types of aeroplane the holder is entitled to fly.**

(b)Open Rating - An open rating for all single piston engine type of aeroplanes having an all-up-weight not exceeding one thousand five hundred Kgs. may also be granted if he has completed not less than one thousand hours of flight time on such types of aeroplanes including not

less than five hundred hours as Pilot-in-Command and has at least four different types of aircraft entered in the aircraft rating of his licence: Provided that the privileges of the open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone a ground and flight familiarization with a flight Instructor or an approved Examiner and a certificate to this effect shall be recorded by the Examiner in the pilot's log book, before the pilot is released to exercise the privileges of open rating on that type of aircraft. (c) Instructor's Rating - Instructor's Rating entitles the holder to impart flying instructions. The privileges and conditions for the issue of these ratings are laid down in Sections Q & R. (d) [Instrument Rating - No separate Instrument Rating is provided in the licence. The privileges of instrument rating are included in the privileges of this licence provided that the instrument rating flying tests have been carried out as per the conditions laid down by the Director-General. Conditions for validity and renewal of instrument rating shall be as are laid down in Section O of this Schedule.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**5. [ Extension of Aircraft Rating. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1066(E), dated 25.10.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] - For extension of aircraft rating to include an additional type of aeroplane, an applicant shall have passed a written examination in Aircraft and Engines as mentioned in clause (d) of paragraph 1 and shall have acquired, under appropriate supervision, experience in flying the aircraft of such type or on approved flight simulator in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director- General followed by skill test as laid down by the Director-General.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

**5A. [ Proficiency Check. - (a) In order to act as a co-pilot of transport aeroplanes having an all-up weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred kilograms, the licence-holder shall be required to undergo an appropriate proficiency check as specified by the Director-General, in respect of the type of aircraft to be flown.**

(b) The proficiency check carried out as per para (a) shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of the check and shall be renewed for a further period of six months at a time. (c) In the case of renewal, the period of validity shall commence from the date of expiry of the previous validity provided that the check has been carried out within two months preceding the date of expiry.]

**6. Privileges -Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rule 39B, Rule 39C and Rule 42 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of a Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) shall be :-**

(a) to exercise all the privileges of Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes); (b) to act as Pilot-in-Command of any aeroplane having an all-upweight not exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. And which

is entered in the aircraft rating of his licence provided that when passengers are to be carried at night, he shall have carried out within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the intended flight not less than ten take-offs and ten landings by night as Pilot-in-Command:(c)to act as Co-Pilot of any aeroplane where a Co-pilot is required to be carried and which is entered in the aircraft rating of his licence:Provided that for all flights under the Instrument Flight Rules, either as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-pilot, he shall have demonstrated his company in accordance with para 1(h) (v)[\* \* \*] [Omitted 'Provided further that for all flights as Co-Pilot of transport aeroplanes having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. He shall have carried out within the preceding six months of the intended flight, appropriate proficiency checks in respect of that type of aircraft as required by the Director General.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]SECTION MAIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT'S LICENCE (AEROPLANES)

## **1. Requirements for issue of Licence- An applicant for an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than twentyone years of age on the date of application;(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed class ten plus two with Physics and mathematics or its equivalent examination from a recognised Board/University.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B;(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written and oral examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Avionics (Radio Aids and Instruments), Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines, and Signals (Practical) examination for interpretation of aural and visual signals as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.Note: - Holder of a current Commercial Pilot's Licence, shall not be required to pass the examination in Air Regulations and that of Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence shall not be required to pass any of the examinations.(e)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a Pilot of an aeroplane not less than one thousand five hundred hours of flight time [\*\*\*] [Omitted by 'of which not less than one hundred fifty hours flight time shall be in the preceding twelve months' Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E), dated 7.1.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] and his total flying experience shall include-(i)not less than [two hundred and fifty] [Substituted by 'five hundred' Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E), dated 7.1.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-Pilot performing, under the supervision of a pilot who fulfills the flying experience requirements of a check pilot, the duties and functions of a pilot-in-command provided that at least [one hundred] [Substituted by 'two hundred' Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E), dated 7.1.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] hours out of these shall be cross-country flight time, including not less than fifty hours of flight time by night.Note- Where an aeroplane is required to be operated with a co-pilot in accordance with the provisions of the Flight Manual of the aeroplane, not more than fifty percent of the co-pilot flight time shall be credited towards the total flight time required for the issue of the licence, but not more than fifty percent of the co-pilot flight time under supervision shall be credited towards pilot-in-command flight experience required for issue of the licence, and full credit for such flight time shall be given towards total flight time required for issue of the licence.(ii)not less than [five hundred] [Substituted by 'one thousand'

Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E), dated 7.1.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] hours of total cross-country flight time;(iii)not less than one hundred hours of flight time by night;(iv)not less than [seventy five] [Substituted by 'two hundred' Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E), dated 7.1.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] hours of instrument time under actual or simulated instrument conditions of which not less than fifty hours shall be in actual flight;(v)not less than [twenty] [Substituted by 'ten' Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E), dated 7.1.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] hours of flight time completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the licence.(f)Other Requirements- (i) He shall be the holder of a Commercial or a Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence. However, this will not be applicable for the issue of Airline Transport Pilot's Licence to a pilot from Armed Forces who otherwise meets the requirements;(ii)He shall have a current Instrument Rating;(iii)He shall be in possession of a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft issued by the Director-General.(g)Skill- He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform by day and by night the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of the Examiner, on the type of multi-engine aeroplane to which the application for licence relates within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.[The Director General may, however, allow skill tests or part thereof to be carried out on aircraft/ approved Zero flight Time Training simulator level 'D' for the type of aircraft.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 68 (E) dated 2.2.2009 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]Note :- The holder of a current Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes)/Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) issued by the Director-General shall not be required to undergo general flying tests for the issue of Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) provided that the licence is issued on the type or types of multi-engine aeroplane or aeroplanes, as the case may be, included in the aircraft rating of Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) or Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) and the pilot possesses ten hours of flying experience as Pilot-in-Command or twenty hours as Co-pilot at least on one such multi-engine type within the preceding six months.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.]**  
**[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The Licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c).(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than ten hours flight time as Pilot-in-Command (fifty percent of flight time as Co-Pilot may be counted towards the requirements of flight time as Pilot-in-Command) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal, or in lieu thereof ; having satisfactorily completed the flying tests by day and by night as laid down in clause (g) of paragraph 1 within the same period.(c)having a current flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence, for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft, issued by the Director-General.(d)having satisfactorily completed Instrument Rating Flight Test on a multiengine aeroplane entered in the Licence within the preceding twelve months of the date of intended flight.][Note:- Applicants holding Airline Transport Pilot Licence (Aeroplanes), having only single

engine aeroplane or aeroplanes entered in the aircraft type rating on the licence, shall be able to renew their licence till 31st December, 2001 only on the basis of satisfactory Instrument Rating Flight Test on single engine aeroplane or aeroplanes entered in the Licence.]

**4. Ratings- (a) Aircraft Rating- The licence shall indicate the class and the types of aeroplanes the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all types of aeroplanes having all-up-weight not exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. may also be granted if he has completed not less than one thousand hours of flight time as a Pilot-in-Command on any aeroplane having an all-up-weight of fourteen thousand Kgs. or above.**

(b) Instructor's Rating - Instructor's Rating entitles the holder to impart flying instructions. The privileges and conditions for the issue of these ratings are laid down in Sections Q and R; (c) [Instrument Rating. - No separate Instrument Rating is provided in the licence. The privileges of instrument rating are included in the privileges of the licence provided that the instrument rating flying tests have been carried out as per the conditions laid down by the Director-General. Conditions for validity and renewal of instrument rating shall be as are laid down in Section O of this Schedule.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**5. [ Extension of Aircraft Rating - For extension of aircraft rating to include an additional type of aeroplane, an applicant shall have passed a written examination in Aircraft and Engines as mentioned in clause (d) of paragraph 1 and shall have acquired, under appropriate supervision, experience in flying the aircraft of such type or on approved flight simulator in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director- General followed by skill test as laid down by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1066(E), dated 25.10.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

**5A. [Proficiency Check. - (a) In order to act as a pilot-in-command or co-pilot of transport aeroplanes having an all-up weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred kilograms, the licence holder shall be required to undergo an appropriate proficiency check as specified by the Director-General, in respect of the type of aircraft to be flown.**

(b) The proficiency check carried out as per para (a) shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of the check and shall be renewed for a further period of six months at a time. (c) In the case of renewal, the period of validity shall commence from the date of expiry of the previous validity provided that the check has been carried out within two months preceding the date of expiry.]



**6. [ Privileges. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 985(E), dated 28.7.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] - Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rules 39B, 39C and 42 of these rules, the privileges of the holder of an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence shall be-**

(a) to exercise the privileges of a Commercial Pilot's Licence and a Private Pilot's Licence; (b) to act as Pilot-in-Command of an aeroplane having an all-up weight exceeding 5700 Kgs., which is entered in the aircraft rating of his licence, subject to his prior compliance with the following conditions:-(i) he shall have completed on that type of aeroplane not less than one hundred hours of flight time as a Co-pilot, followed by ten consecutive satisfactory route checks, of which not less than five shall be by night, under the supervision of a Check Pilot performing the duties and responsibilities of a Pilot-in-Command, and demonstrated his competency to fly as a Pilot-in-Command to the satisfaction of the Director-General: Provided that in case of a pilot having previous experience of at least 100 hours as Pilot-in-Command of transport aeroplanes having all-up weight exceeding 5700 Kgs., the required number of route checks may be reduced to six out of which at least three shall be by night. (ii) he shall have undergone satisfactorily within the preceding six months of the intended flight, appropriate proficiency checks in respect of that type of aircraft as required by the Director-General. (iii) he shall be in possession of a current Instrument Rating before operating any IFR flight: Provided that on the attainment of the age of sixty-five years, such privileges shall be restricted to that of a Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes) in accordance with Section E.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

6.Privileges.- Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rules 39B, 39C and 42 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence shall be :-(a) to exercise the privileges of a private, a Commercial and a Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence; (b) to act as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-Pilot of any aeroplane where a Co-Pilot is required to be carried and which is entered in the aircraft rating of his licence : Provided that he shall not act as Pilot-in-Command of an aeroplane having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. unless he has completed on that type of aeroplane not less than one hundred hours of flight time as a Co-Pilot, followed by ten consecutive satisfactory route checks of which not less than five shall be by night under the supervision of a Check Pilot, performing the duties and functions of a Pilot-in-command and has demonstrated his competency to fly as a Pilot-in-Command to the satisfaction of the Director-General.[\* \* \*] [Omitted 'Provided further that for all flights as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-Pilot on transport aeroplanes having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs., he shall have undergone satisfactorily within the preceding six months of the intended flight, appropriate proficiency checks in respect of that type of aircraft as required by the Director-General.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] [Provided also that for all IFR flights as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-pilot, he shall be required to have current Instrument Rating.] Section N Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters)

## **1. Requirements for Issue of Licence - An applicant for an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall satisfy the following requirements -**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than twenty-one years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed class ten plus two with Physics and Mathematics or its equivalent examination from a recognised Board/University;(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B;(d)Knowledge- He shall pass written and oral examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Avionics (Radio Aids and Instruments), Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Engines, and Signals (Practical) examination for interpretation of aural and visual signals, as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.Note - Holder of a valid Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/Helicopters) and SCPL/ALTP (Aeroplanes) shall not be required to pass the examination in Air Regulations. The holders of commercial Pilot's Licences (Aeroplanes) shall, however, be required to pass the examination in Aircraft and Engines on helicopters.(e)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as pilot of a helicopter not less than one thousand hours of flight time [\*\*\*] [Omitted by 'of which not less than one hundred hours shall be in the preceding twelve months' Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E), dated 7.1.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] and his total flying experience shall include not less than -(i)two hundred fifty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command or fifty hours as Pilot-in-Command and four hundred hours as Co-Pilot performing the duties and functions of a Pilot-in-Command under the supervision of a Pilot who satisfies the flying experience requirements for Check Pilot;(ii)two hundred hours of cross-country flight time of which not less than one hundred fifty hours shall be as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-Pilot performing the duties and functions of a Pilot-in-Command under the supervision of a Pilot who satisfies the flying experience requirements for Check Pilot, including not less than twenty hours by night;(iii)fifty hours of flight time by night;(iv)forty hours of instrument time under actual or simulated conditions, of which not more than ten hours may be Instrument Ground Time.(v)[fifteen] [Substituted by 'ten' Notification No. G.S.R. 22(E), dated 7.1.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] hours of flight time completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the licence.Note:- Where a helicopter is required to be operated with a copilot in accordance with provisions of the Flight Manual of the helicopter, not more than fifty percent of the co-pilot flight time shall be credited towards the total flight time required for the issue of the licence, but not more than fifty percent of the co-pilot flight time under supervision shall be credited towards pilot-in-command flight experience required for issue of the licence, and full credit for such flight time shall be given towards total flight time required for issue of the licence.(f)Other Requirements-(i)He shall be a holder of a Commercial Pilot's Licence (helicopter). However, this may not be applicable for the issue of an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopter) to a qualified pilot from the Indian Armed Forces who otherwise meets the requirements.(ii)He shall have a current Instrument Rating.(iii)He shall be in possession of a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft issued by the Director-General.(g)Skill - He shall have demonstrated his competency to perform by day and by night the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus to the satisfaction of the Examiner on the type of multi-engine helicopter to which the application for licence relates, within a period of

six months immediately preceding the date of the application.[Provided that the Director-General may, however, allow Skill Test or part thereof to be carried out on an approved Flight Simulator for the type of helicopter.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]Note:- The holder of a valid Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) issued by the Director-General shall not be required to undergo the general flight tests for the grant of Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) provided that the licence is issued on the type or types of multi-engine helicopter or helicopters, as the case may be, included in the aircraft rating of Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) and the pilot possesses recent flying experience of at least five hours as Pilot-in-Command or ten hours as Co-pilot on one such multi-engine type.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal - The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant -**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c).(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than ten hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command (fifty percent of flight time as a Co-Pilot may be counted towards the requirement of flight time as Pilot-in-Command ) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal, or in lieu thereof having satisfactorily completed the skill tests by day and by night as laid down in clause (g) of paragraph 1 within the same period.(c)having a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft issued by the Director-General.(d)having satisfactorily completed Instrument Rating Flight Test on a multiengine helicopter entered in the [licence or on an approved Flight Simulator allowed by the Director-General,] [Substituted for 'licence' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).] within the preceding twelve months of the date of intended flight.Note. - Applicants holding Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters), having only single engine helicopter entered in the aircraft rating on the licence, shall be able to renew their licences till 31st December, 2001 on the basis of satisfactory Instrument Rating Flight Test on single engine helicopter type entered in the licence.]

**4. Ratings - (a) Aircraft Rating- The licence shall indicate the class and the types of helicopters the holder is entitled to fly. An open rating for all types of helicopters having an all-up-weight not exceeding one thousand five hundred Kgs. may also be granted if he has completed not less than one thousand hours of flight time including not less than five hundred hours as Pilot-in-Command on helicopters:**

Provided that the privileges of the open rating shall be exercised only after having undergone a ground and flight familiarisation with a Flight Instructor or an approved Examiner, and a certificate

to this effect is recorded by the Instructor/Examiner in the Pilot's Log Book, before he is released to exercise the privileges of open rating on that type of helicopter.(b)Instructor's Rating- Instructor's rating entitles the holder to impart flying instructions. The privileges and conditions for the issue of these ratings are laid down in Section Q and R.(c)Instrument Rating - Instrument rating entitles the holder to fly under the Instrument Flight Rules. Conditions for issue of the rating are laid down in Section P.

**5. [ Extension of Aircraft Rating - For extension of aircraft rating to include an additional type of helicopter, an applicant shall have passed a written examination in Aircraft and Engines as mentioned in clause (d) of paragraph 1 and shall have acquired, under appropriate supervision, experience in flying the aircraft of such type or on approved flight simulator in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director- General followed by skill test as laid down by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1066(E), dated 25.10.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

**5A. [Proficiency Check. - (a) In order to act as a pilot-in-command or co-pilot on transport helicopters, the licence holder shall be required to undergo an appropriate proficiency check as specified by the Director-General, in respect of the type of helicopter to be flown.**

(b)[ The proficiency check carried out as per para (a) shall be -(i)valid for a period of twelve months from the date of the check in case of pilot conducting Visual Flight Rules operations and shall be renewed for a further period of twelve months at a time.(ii)valid for a period of six months from the date of the check in case of pilot conducting Instrument Flight Rules operations and shall be renewed for a further period of six months at a time.(ba)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (ii) of clause (b), the Pilot- in-Command or Co-pilot who has successfully carried out instrument rating flying test or renewal check, as the case may be, specified under Section "P" shall be considered to have undergone proficiency check which shall be valid for a period of six months.](c)In the case of renewal, the period of validity shall commence from the date of expiry of the previous validity provided that the check has been carried out within two months preceding the date of expiry.]

**6. Privileges-Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the licence and compliance with the relevant provisions of Rule 39B, Rule 39C and Rule 42 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of an Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Helicopters) shall be :-**

(a)to exercise the privileges of a Private and Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters);(b)to act as Pilot-in-Command or as a Co-Pilot of any helicopter where a Co-Pilot is required to be carried and which is entered in the aircraft rating of his licence:Provided that he shall not act as

Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. unless he has completed on that type of helicopter not less than one hundred hours of flight time as a Co-Pilot followed by ten consecutive satisfactory route checks including not less than five by night under the supervision of [an Examiner or Instructor or Check Pilot] [Substituted for 'a Check Pilot' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).], performing the duties and functions of a Pilot-in-Command and has demonstrated his competency to fly as Pilot-in-Command to the satisfaction of the Director-General :[Provided further that in case of a pilot having previous experience of at least 100 hours as Pilot-in-Command of helicopters having all-up weight exceeding 5700 kilograms, the required number of route checks may be reduced to six out of which at least three shall be by night:] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).][\* \* \*] [Omitted 'Provided further that for all flights as Pilot-in-Command or as Co-Pilot on transport helicopters, he shall have carried out within the preceding six months of the intended flight appropriate proficiency checks in respect of that type of helicopter as required by the Director-General.' by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]Provided also that for all flights under the instrument flight rules (specified in Schedule IV to the Aircraft Rules, 1937) as pilot-in-command or as co-pilot he shall be required to have current Instrument Rating.[Provided also that on attainment of the age of sixty-five years, such privileges shall be restricted to that of Private Pilot's Licence (Helicopters).] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]SECTION OINSTRUMENT RATING (AEROPLANES)

## **1. Requirements for Issue of Rating- An applicant for an Instrument Rating shall satisfy the following requirements: -**

(a)[ Knowledge- He shall pass a written and oral examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Instrument Rating as per syllabus prescribed by the Director-General for issue of Commercial Pilot's Licence. He shall also pass a practical test on interpretation of aural and visual signals as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 165 (E) dated 12.3.2009 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](b)Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a pilot of an aeroplane-(i)not less than 6 [one hundred hours] [Substituted for the words "one hundred fifty hours" by Notification No. G.S.R. 676(E) dated 17.11.2005 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] of flight time as a Pilot-in-Command including not less than fifty hours of cross-country flight time;(ii)not less than forty hours of instrument time of which not more than twenty hours shall be instrument ground time. A minimum of five hours of instrument time shall have been completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the Instrument Rating :Provided that in the case a pilot who holds a current Instrument Rating (Helicopters), he shall have not less than one hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of an aeroplane including not less than twentyfive hours of cross-country flight time and not less than twenty hours of instrument time of which not more than ten hours may be on an approved simulator.(c)Other Requirements - He shall be :(i)holder of a current Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes);(ii)holder of a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft issued by the Director-General.(d)Flying Training- He shall have completed the flying training in accordance with the syllabus as prescribed by the Director-General.(e)Skill- He shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Examiner his

competency to fly an aeroplane in respect of which Instrument Rating is desired, solely with the aid of instruments by undergoing an instrument flying test within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the rating. The flying test shall be carried out in accordance with the syllabus as prescribed by the Director-General. The Director-General may, however, allow such tests or part thereof to be carried out on an approved simulator for the type of aircraft.

**2. [ Validity - (a) The rating shall be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of the instrument rating flying test.**

(b) It shall be renewed for a further period of twelve months at a time from the date of expiry provided that the instrument rating flying test has been carried out within two months preceding the date of expiry and all other requirements for renewal are met. (c) In other cases, the validity of renewal of the rating shall commence from the date of the test.]

**3. Renewal- The Instrument Rating may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant :**

(a) having satisfactorily completed the Instrument Rating Flight Test as laid down in para 1(e). (b) having a valid Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence issued by the Director-General for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft.

**4. Extension of Instrument Rating- For extension of Instrument Rating to include an additional type of aeroplane, an applicant shall be required to produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed the flight test in accordance with para 1(e) in respect of the type of aeroplane for which the extension of Instrument Rating is desired. The flight test shall have been completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the extension of Instrument Rating.**

**5. Privileges- Subject to the validity of the Instrument Rating, the privileges of the holder thereof shall be to fly under the Instrument Flight Rules, the types of aeroplanes on which he has demonstrated his competency in accordance with para 1(e) :**

Provided that a pilot, who has demonstrated his competency by undergoing an Instrument Rating Flight test on a single-engine aeroplane not exceeding an all-up-weight of five thousand seven hundred Kgs., shall exercise the privileges of his Instrument Rating on all single engine aeroplanes within the aforesaid weight category : Provided further that a pilot, who has demonstrated his competency by undergoing an Instrument Rating Flight test on a Multi-engine aeroplane not exceeding an all-up-weight of five thousand seven hundred Kgs., shall exercise the privileges of his Instrument Rating on all multi-engine aeroplanes within the aforesaid weight

category. Notwithstanding anything said here-in-before, the holder of an Instrument Rating on any transport aeroplane, shall exercise his privileges only on the type of aeroplane on which the Instrument Rating Flight test has been satisfactorily carried out; Provided further that the holder of an Instrument Rating on aeroplanes having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. shall exercise the privileges of his Instrument Rating only on the type of aeroplane on which the Instrument Rating Flight test has been satisfactorily carried out. Provided also that, notwithstanding anything said herein before, the holder of an Instrument Rating on any multi-engine aeroplane may exercise the privileges of Instrument Rating on any single engine aeroplane entered in the aircraft rating of his licence.

**SECTION PINSTRUMENT RATING (HELICOPTERS)**

### **1. Requirements for issue of Rating- An applicant for an Instrument Rating (Helicopters) shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a) Knowledge- He shall pass a written and oral examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation and Aviation Meteorology as per the syllabus prescribed for the issue of a Commercial Pilot's Licence (Helicopters). He shall also pass signals (Practical) examination for interpretation of aural and visual signals for the issue of this rating as per the prescribed syllabus. (b) Experience- He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a pilot of a helicopter not less than one hundred fifty hours of flight time which shall include not less than - (i) one hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command or fifty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command and one hundred hours as Co-Pilot performing the duties and functions of a Pilot-in-Command under the supervision of a Pilot who satisfies the flying experience requirements of a Check Pilot. (ii) fifty hours of cross-country flight time as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter or fifteen hours as Pilot-in-Command and seventy hours as Co-Pilot performing the duties and functions of a Pilot-in-Command under the supervision of a Pilot who satisfies the flying experience requirements of a Check Pilot. (iii) forty hours of Instrument time in helicopters of which not more than twenty hours shall be instrument ground time. A minimum of five hours of instrument time shall have been completed on helicopters within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application: Provided that in the case of a Pilot who holds a current Instrument Rating (Aeroplanes), he shall have not less than fifty hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command of helicopter including not less than twenty hours of cross-country flight time and not less than twenty hours of instrument flight time of which not more than ten hours may be instrument ground time. (c) Other Requirements- He shall be: (i) holder of a current Pilot's Licence (Helicopters). (ii) holder of a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft issued by the Director-General. (d) Flying Training- He shall have completed the flying training in accordance with the syllabus as prescribed by the Director-General. (e) Skill- He shall have demonstrated his competency to fly a helicopter in respect of which Instrument Rating is desired, solely with the aid of instruments by undergoing two instrument flight tests to the satisfaction of two different Examiners within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the rating. The flight test shall be carried out in accordance with the syllabus as prescribed by the Director-General. The Director-General may, however, allow such tests or part thereof to be carried out on an approved simulator for the type of aircraft.

**2. [ Validity - (a) The instrument rating shall be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of the**

instrument rating flying test.(b)It shall be renewed for a further period of twelve months at a time from the date of expiry provided that the [Instrument Rating Renewal Check] has been carried out within two months preceding the date of expiry and all other requirements for renewal are met.(c)In other cases, the validity of renewal of the rating shall commence from the date of the test.]

**3. Renewal- The Instrument Rating may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant :-**

(a)[ having satisfactorily completed the Instrument Rating Renewal Check on the helicopter with an Examiner or Instructor or on an approved Flight Simulator allowed by the Director-General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).](b)having a current Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence issued by the Director-General for operation of radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft.

**4. Extension of Instrument Rating- For extension of Instrument Rating to include an additional type of helicopter, an applicant shall be required to produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed the flight tests in accordance with para 1(e) in respect of the type of helicopter for which the extension of Instrument Rating is desired. The flight test shall have been completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the extension of Instrument Rating.**

**5. Privileges - Subject to the validity of the Instrument Rating, the privileges of the holder shall be to fly under the Instrument Flight Rules, the types of helicopters on which he has demonstrated his competency in accordance with para 1(e).**

**SECTION QASSISTANT FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR'S RATING (AEROPLANES/HELICOPTERS)**

**1. Requirements for issue of Rating- An applicant for an Assistant Flight Instructor's Rating shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than eighteen years of age on the date of application.(b)[ Knowledge - He shall pass an oral or written examination in the following subjects in accordance with the prescribed syllabus: - [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 555(E), dated 6.6.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](i)Techniques of applied Instruction;(ii)Assessment of student performance in those subjects in which ground instruction is given;(iii)The learning process;(iv)Elements of effective teaching;(v)Student evaluation and testing, training philosophies.(vi)Training programme



development;(vii)Lesson planning;(viii)Classroom instructional techniques;(ix)Use of training aids, including flight simulation training devices as appropriate;(x)Analysis and correction of student errors;(xi)Human performance relevant to flight instruction including principles of threat and error management;(xii)Hazards involved in simulating system failure and malfunctions in the aircraft.(c)Experience - He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as pilot of an aeroplane on the date of application for the rating -(i)not less than one hundred hours of flight time as a Pilot-in-Command of an aeroplane of which not less than twenty hours shall have been completed within a period of eighteen months immediately preceding the date of application; and in the case of helicopters, not less than fifty hours flight time as a pilot-in- Command of a helicopter of which not less than twenty hours shall have been completed within a period of eighteen months immediately preceding the date of application; and(ii)not less than twenty hours of flying training as an Instructor under an approved Flight Instructor/Examiner as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.](d)Other Requirements - He shall be the holder of an appropriate current professional pilot's licence.(e)Skill- He shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Examiner his competency as an Assistant Flight Instructor by performing the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

## **2. [ Validity - (a) The rating shall be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the rating.**

(b)In the case of renewal, the period of validity of the rating shall be for a period months which shall commence from the date following the date of expiry of the previous validity subject to the condition that the application for renewal has been submitted within one month preceding the date of expiry and all other requirements for renewal are met on the date of application.(c)In cases other than those referred to in clause (b), the validity of renewal of the rating shall commence from the date of renewal of the rating.]

## **3. Renewal - The Assistant Flight Instructor's Rating may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant-**

(a)having satisfactorily completed not less than twenty hours of flight time as an Assistant Flight Instructor [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'and also satisfactorily completed the competency checks' by Notification No. G.S.R. 555(E), dated 6.6.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal; or(b)having satisfactorily completed [a Flight Instructor's refresher course approved by the Director-General] [Substituted 'oral or written examination in relevant aviation subjects as laid down in para 1 (b)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 555(E), dated 6.6.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] and the flying tests as laid down in para 1(e) within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal.

**4. Privileges- Subject to the validity of endorsements and rating in his pilot's licence of which this Assistant Flight Instructor's Rating forms a part, the privileges of the holder of an Assistant flight Instructor's Rating shall be to impart instructions during flight by day only and under the authority and supervision of a Flight Instructor, on all types of aeroplanes/helicopters having all-up-weight not exceeding one thousand five hundred Kgs., and which are entered in the Aircraft Rating of his licence :**

Provided that he shall not authorise any Student Pilot to undertake his first solo flight and shall not impart instructions in aerobatics and night flying.  
SECTION RFLIGHT INSTRUCTOR'S RATING  
(AEROPLANES/HELICOPTERS)

**1. Requirements for issue of rating- An applicant for a Flight Instructor's Rating shall satisfy the following requirements-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than twenty years of age on the date of application.(b)[ Knowledge - He shall pass an oral or written examination in the following subjects in accordance with the prescribed syllabus: - [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 555(E), dated 6.6.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](i)Techniques of applied Instruction;(ii)Assessment of student performance in those subjects in which ground instruction is given;(iii)The learning process;(iv)Elements of effective teaching;(v)Student evaluation and testing, training philosophies.(vi)Training programme development;(vii)Lesson planning;(viii)Classroom instructional techniques;(ix)Use of training aids, including flight simulation training devices as appropriate;(x)Analysis and correction of student errors;(xi)Human performance relevant to flight instruction including principles of threat and error management;(xii)Hazards involved in simulating system failure and malfunctions in the aircraft.(c)Experience - He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as pilot of an aeroplane or a helicopter, as the case may be, on the date of application for the rating -(i)(a)twenty hours of flight time as pilot-in-command by night during which at least twenty takeoffs and twenty landings have been carried out; and(b)two hundred hours of flight time on aeroplanes or one hundred hours on helicopters, as the case may be, in the capacity of an Assistant Flight Instructor or Qualified Flight Instructor in the service of Defence Forces; or(ii)five hundred hours flight time as Pilot-in-Command of an aeroplane or two hundred fifty hours as Pilot-in-Command of a helicopter, as the case may be:Provided that a pilot from Defence Forces who has successfully completed the Qualified Flight Instructor's course and also satisfies requirements as laid down in this clause and clause (d), may be considered for the issue of Flight Instructor's Rating if he has not less than twenty hours of flight time as Flight Instructor within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](d)Other Requirements - He shall be-(i)the holder of a current Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/Helicopters)/Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence, Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/Helicopters);(ii)the holder of a current Instrument Rating.Note : In the absence of a current Instrument Rating, an applicant will not be permitted to impart instruction in Instrument Flying.(e)Skill - He shall have demonstrated his competency as a Flight Instructor by

performing procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus by day and by night to the satisfaction of an approved Examiner within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.(f)[ Flight Instruction - After completing the experience requirement as laid down in clause (c), the applicant shall undergo a Flight Instructor's Course approved by the Director-General before undergoing the skill test as mentioned in clause (e) and shall provide evidence of - [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 555(E), dated 6.6.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](i)having received instructions in flight instructional techniques including demonstration, student practices, recognition and correction of common student errors; and(ii)having practised instructional techniques in those flight manoeuvres and procedures in which it is intended to provide flight instruction.]

**2. [ Validity - (a) The rating shall be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the rating.**

(b)In the case of renewal, the period of validity of the rating shall be for a period months which shall commence from the date following the date of expiry of the previous validity subject to the condition that the application for renewal has been submitted within one month preceding the date of expiry and all other requirements for renewal are met on the date of application.(c)In cases other than those referred to in clause (b), the validity of renewal of the rating shall commence from the date of renewal of the rating.]

**3. [ Renewal - The Flight Instructor's Rating may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant - [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 555(E), dated 6.6.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

(a)having satisfactorily completed not less than twenty hours of flight time as a Flight Instructor within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal; or(b)having satisfactorily completed a Flight Instructor's refresher course approved by the Director-General and the flying tests within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the application for renewal as laid down in clause (e) of paragraph 1.]

**4. Aircraft Rating- The rating shall indicate the class and the types of aeroplanes/helicopters as the case may be on which the holder is entitled to impart instructions.**

**5. Extension of aircraft rating- For extension of aircraft rating to include additional types of aeroplanes/helicopters, as the case may be, having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs., the applicant shall be required to produce evidence of -**

(a)having obtained appropriate aircraft rating for that type on his professional pilot's licence;(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than five hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command on aeroplanes or three hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command on

helicopters, as the case may be; and(c)having satisfactorily completed the flying tests as laid down in para 1(e) on the type desired to be included in this rating.Note - Requirements mentioned in (b) and (c) may be varied by the Director-General under special circumstances in the case of an experienced Flight Instructor who has successfully completed a course approved by the Director-General.

**6. Privileges - Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the Pilot's licence of which this Flight Instructor's Rating forms a part and also any endorsement on this rating, the privileges of the holder of a Flight Instructor's Rating shall be :-**

(a)to impart flying instructions on aeroplanes/helicopters, as the case may be, having an all-up-weight not exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. and which is entered in the aircraft rating of his licence, and also on an aeroplane/ helicopter having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. and which is entered in his Instructor's Rating.(b)to supervise and authorise solo flights by student pilots and supervise flying instructions imparted by Assistant Flight Instructors.[Provided that this privilege shall be subject to any directions that may be issued by the Director-General in this behalf to Flying Training Organisations.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1171(E), dated 19.9.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]SECTION SFLIGHT INSTRUCTOR'S RATING (GLIDERS)

**1. Requirements for issue of rating.-An applicant for a flight instructor's rating on glider pilot's license shall satisfy the following requirements:-**

(a)Age.-He shall be not less than eighteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Knowledge.-He shall pass a written and oral examination in air regulations, air navigation, aviation meteorology, aircraft and instruments. Mechanics of flight and methods and techniques of flying instructions in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the DGCA.(c)Experience.-He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a pilot of a glider(i)not less than fifty hours of flight time as pilot-in-command including not less than two hundred fifty take-offs and landings provided that a person who has satisfactorily completed not less than two hundred hours of flight time as pilot-in-command on an aeroplane shall be required to complete on a glider not less than twenty hours of flight time as pilot-in-command including not less than one hundred take-offs and landings;(ii)not less than two solo flights of not less than two hours duration each;(iii)one solo cross-country flight of not less than thirty nautical miles distance;(d)Other requirements.-He shall have(i)satisfactorily completed an approved glider instructor's course;(ii)an aero-tow rating, if required to impart instructions for carrying out aero-tow;(iii)Motor-glider rating, if required to impart instructions on motor gliders.(e)Skill.-He shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of an Examiner his competency as glider pilot instructor to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

**2. Validity.-**The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue or renewal of rating. The rating shall be valid for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of successful completion of flying tests as laid down in para. 1(e).

**3. Renewal.-**The Instructor's Rating may be renewed on receipt of evidence of the applicant having satisfactorily completed on a glider not less than ten hours of flight time as an instructor within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal, or in lieu thereof having satisfactorily completed the flying tests as laid down in para. 1(e) within the same period together with having successfully completed an approved flight instructor refresher course.

**4. Privileges.-**Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the pilot's license (gliders), the privileges of the holder of an instructor's rating shall be

(a)to impart flying instructions on all gliders entered in the aircraft rating of the pilot's license (gliders);(b)to supervise and authorise solo flights by Student Glider Pilots.[Note.-The flight instructor's rating (gliders) shall cease to be granted with effect from a date to be notified by the Central Government, but the provisions relating to its validity, renewal and privileges shall remain in force till a date notified by the Central Government.]SECTION TFLIGHT INSTRUCTOR'S RATING (BALLOONS)

**1. Requirements for issue of rating.-**An applicant for a flight instructor's rating (balloons) shall satisfy the following requirements:-

(a)Age.-He shall be not less than eighteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Knowledge.-He shall pass a written or oral examination in(i)air regulations, air navigation, aviation meteorology, airmanship and balloon systems / aerostatics;(ii)mechanics of flight and methods and techniques of flying instruction, in accordance with the syllabus as prescribed by the Director-General.(c)Experience.-He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as a pilot of a balloon not less than thirty-five hours flight time which shall include-(i)not less than ten hours of instruction in flying as pilot of balloons in accordance with the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General and conducted by an Instructor/ Examiner approved by the Director-General including four free flights, one of which is to be an ascent to at least one thousand five hundred metres above the elevation of the place of departure, and two tethered flights;(ii)not less than twenty hours as pilot-in-command including twenty free flights, one of which is to be cross-country flight with a landing made at a place not less than twenty kms. from the place of departure, and two tethered flights.(d)Other requirements.-He shall have satisfactorily completed an approved balloon instructor's course.(e)Skill.-He shall have demonstrated to the satisfaction of an Examiner his

competency to perform the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for the rating.

**2. Validity.-The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue or renewal of this rating. The rating shall be valid for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of successful completion of flying tests as laid down in para. 1(e).**

**3. Renewal.-The flight instructor's rating (balloons) may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant having satisfactorily completed not less than five ascents as a balloon instructor and undergone competency checks within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal;**

OR having successfully completed within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application an approved flight instructor's refresher course and having met requirements as laid down in para. 1(b)(ii) and (e).

**4. Privileges.-Subject to the validity of the pilot's license (balloons) of which the rating forms a part, the privileges of the holder of flight instructor's rating (balloons) shall be-**

(a) to impart flying instructions on balloons; (b) to supervise and authorise solo flights by student balloon pilots. [Note.-The flight instructor's rating (balloons) shall cease to be granted with effect from a date to be notified by the Central Government, but the provisions relating to its validity, renewal and privileges shall remain in force till a date notified by the Central Government.]

SECTION USTUDENT NAVIGATOR'S LICENCE

**1. Requirements for issue of licence - An applicant for a Student Navigator's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements-**

(a) Age- He shall be not less than twenty years of age on the date of application; (b) Educational Qualification- He shall have passed class ten plus two with Physics and Mathematics or its equivalent examination from a recognised Board/University. (c) Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B. (d) Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination with oral and practical tests in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Flight Navigation, Instruments, Radio/Radar Aids, Astronomical Navigation and Aviation Meteorology; and Signals (Practical) test for interpretation of aural and visual signals in accordance with the syllabus as prescribed by the Director-General.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal-** The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant having undergone a medical examination in accordance with clause (c) of paragraph 1 and subject to satisfactory exercise of privileges.

**4. Privileges-** Subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of Rule 39B, Rule 39C and Rule 42 of Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of a Student Navigator's Licence shall be to act as a Navigator on any flight, where a Flight Navigator is required to be carried in accordance with Rule 38 A provided that he shall so act at all times under the direct supervision of a licensed Flight Navigator and solely for the purposes of gaining practical experience in navigation to qualify for a Flight Navigator's Licence.

#### SECTION VFLIGHT NAVIGATOR'S LICENCE

**1. Requirements for issue of licence-** An applicant for a Flight Navigator's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements :-

(a)Age- He shall be not less than twenty-one years of age on the date of application;(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed class ten plus two with Physics and Mathematics or its equivalent examination from a recognised Board/University.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination with oral and practical tests in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Flight Navigation, Instruments, Radio/Radar Aids, Astronomical Navigation and Aviation Meteorology; and Signals (Practical) test for interpretation of aural and visual signals in accordance with the syllabus as prescribed by the Director-General.(e)Experience- (i) The applicant shall have completed in the performance of the duties of a flight navigator not less than two hundred hours of flight time acceptable to the Director-General, in aircraft engaged in cross-country flights, including not less than thirty hours by night;(ii)When the applicant has completed as a pilot not less than two hundred hours of flight time acceptable to the Director-General, such experience to the extent of one hundred hours cross-country flight time shall be considered as experience for the purpose of sub-clause (i);(iii)The applicant shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily determined the aircraft's position in flight, and used that information to navigate the aircraft, as follows:-(a)by night - not less than twenty five hours by celestial observations; and(b)by day - not less than twenty five hours by celestial observations in conjunction with self-contained or external referenced navigation systems.(f)Skill- The applicant

shall have demonstrated in flight by day and by night within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application, the ability to perform as flight navigator of an aircraft with a degree of competency appropriate to privileges of a flight navigator during which he should have shown-(i)the exercise of good judgement and airmanship;(ii)application of aeronautical knowledge;(iii)performed all duties as part of an integrated crew; and(iv)communicated effectively with other flight crew members.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.]  
[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant-**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with clause (c) of paragraph 1;(b)having completed as a Flight Navigator not less than twenty hours of flight time during which he shall have navigated an aircraft by the use of dead reckoning, radio bearings and such other aids as are available to him in navigating an aircraft within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal, or in lieu thereof having satisfactorily completed the tests as laid down in clause (f) of paragraph 1 within the same period.

**4. Privileges- Subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of Rule 39B, Rule 39C and Rule 42 of Aircraft Rules, 1937, the privileges of the holder of a Flight Navigator's Licence shall be to act as a Flight Navigator on any flight where a Flight Navigator is required to be carried in accordance with Rule 38A.**

#### SECTION WSTUDENT FLIGHT ENGINEER'S LICENCE

**1. Requirements for the issue of licence- An applicant for a Student Flight Engineer's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements-**

(a)Age- He shall not be less than twenty-one years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualifications- He shall have passed class ten plus two with Physics and Mathematics or its equivalent form a recognised Board/University.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approval Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.(d)Technical Qualification- He shall have completed a Flight Engineer's Ground Course of Instructions in the basic technical and aeronautical knowledge required of a Flight Engineer as approved by the Director-General.(e)Knowledge- Subject to the successful completion of the course mentioned in clause (d) above, he shall pass a written examination in the following



subjects-(i)Regulations and procedures, including rules, in so far as duties of flight engineers are concerned;(ii)Fundamental of aerodynamics and theory of flight and navigation;(iii)General principles of constructions, maintenance and functioning of airframe, power plants, including their accessories, instruments, installed equipment and related systems;(iv)Selected elements of flight planning, including centre of gravity computation, fuel consumption and endurance, power plant output and centre of power output, engine power curves and mathematical computation involved;(v)Aircraft performance characteristics and limitations;(vi)Flight documentation relating to the duties of flight engineers;(vii)Procedures in the event of power plant or system malfunction or emergencies particularly in the event of fire;(viii)Knowledge of varying meteorological conditions and their effect on aircraft, power plant operations;(ix)Detailed knowledge of flight/operation manuals, including the knowledge of the functioning of the aircraft systems and other components installed in the systems;(x)Procedures of airworthiness checks, defects reporting, pre-flight inspection, types of fuel precautions during refuelling and use of external power.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.]  
[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- Licence may be renewed for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of a successful medical examination.**

**4. Aircraft Rating- Licence shall indicate the type of aircraft on which the holder is entitled to fly in the capacity of a student flight engineer.**

**5. Extension of aircraft rating- For extension of aircraft rating to include an additional type of aircraft, an applicant shall have completed a flight engineer's ground course of instructions as per para 7.2 approved by the Director-General and passed a written examination subsequent to successful completion of the approved course, in aircraft engine and systems pertaining to the type of aircraft for which extension of aircraft rating is desired.**

**6. Privileges-Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the licence, the privileges of the holder of a student flight engineer's licence shall be to act as a student flight engineer on any type of aircraft entered in aircraft rating of his licence and which has separate flight engineer's station, provided that :-**

(a)he shall so act at all times under personal supervision of a flight engineer and solely for the purpose of gaining flight experience required for obtaining a flight engineer's licence;(b)he shall not act as a student flight engineer of a transport aircraft carrying passengers unless he has satisfactorily completed a course of training for a minimum of ten hours on local training flights or non-passenger

carrying flight during which he shall have carried out not less than ten take-offs and ten landings and he has been certified fit by an examiner to operate as student flight engineer on the type of transport aircraft carrying passengers. Out of the ten hours stipulated as training experience, not more than eight hours shall be on an approved synthetic device shall not count towards the ten landings referred to above.

**7. Flight Engineer's Ground Course of Instructions as referred to in para 1(d) shall consist of : (i) Basic Course, (ii) Type Course, as per the details given in para 7.1 below :-**

7.1 Basic Course : The duration of the course shall be decided by the Director-General, keeping in view the educational and experience background of trainees and course shall consist of the following subjects:-(a) Aircraft rules and civil airworthiness requirements in so far as duties of flight engineers are concerned.(b) Theory of flight.(c) Properties of air.(d) Basic airframe and associated systems.(e) Basic engine-gas turbine engine or piston engine including propeller system as applicable.(f) Basic electrical.(g) Ground instruments.(h) Ground handling and servicing procedures.(i) Weight and balance.(j) Emergency equipments.(k) Fuel Systems.(l) Ice and rain protection.7.2 Type Course- The duration of the course shall be as approved by the Director-General of keeping in view complexity of aircraft and shall cover the following subjects :- (a) Aircraft systems and accessories including malfunction analysis.(b) Aircraft engines- Gas turbine engine or piston engine, including propeller system as applicable, including malfunction analysis.(c) Fuel management.(d) Ground handling and servicing procedures.(e) Weight and balance.(f) Use of cockpit list/minimum equipment list.(g) External and internal pre-flight checks.(h) Normal operation procedures.(i) Alternate or emergency operating procedures.(j) Aircraft performance.(k) Documents relating to aircraft airworthiness.(l) Emergency equipment.(m) Fire protection systems.(n) Aircraft system, power plants systems, instrument system, electrical system operating limitation.(o) Ice and rain protection.(p) Landing gear and breaking system.(q) A general knowledge of normal, abnormal and emergency use of radio, communication, navigation and radar systems.

**8. Exemption- Where an applicant produces acceptable evidence that he has attended a ground course of instructions or has passed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence examinations of at least equal standards in any subject specified earlier in this section, he may be granted exemption from the requirements of paras 7.1 and 7.2, as applicable, by the Director General.**

**SECTION X FLIGHT ENGINEER'S LICENCE**

**1. Requirement for the issue/extension of licence- An applicant for issue/extension of flight engineer's licence shall satisfy the following requirements-**

(a)He must have a current Student Flight Engineer's Licence on the type of aircraft which is desired to be included in the aircraft rating of his flight engineer's licence.(b)Medical fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved Medical Board after undergoing a medical examination during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B.(c)Experience- An applicant shall produce evidence of having completed within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of his application for licence hundred hours of flying experience on the type of aircraft desired to be included in the licence. Out of this flying experience not more than fifty hours shall be obtained on an approved synthetic flight trainer.(d)Skill- He shall have demonstrated his competency as a flight engineer to the satisfaction of Director-General of Civil Aviation approved Examiner by undergoing the following tests on the type of aircraft to which the application relates within a period not exceeding six months immediately preceding the date of such application:(i)Normal Operations- A check on representative air route covering -- pre-flight inspection;- refuelling procedure;- inspection of appropriate maintenance documents;- all normal procedure applicable to his duties as specified in the relevant parts of Operations Manual, crew co-operation; and- defect reporting.Abnormal and alternate (stand by) operation- A check on his ability to recognise abnormal functioning of systems and use of alternate (stand by) procedures.(iii)Emergency procedures-Demonstration of practical knowledge of emergency procedures and the ability to take appropriate action in the event of engine failure occurring particularly during take-offs and landings.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.]**  
**[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f.**  
**23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- The licence may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of an applicant-**

(a)having undergone a successful medical examination in accordance with clause (b) of paragraph 1;(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than twenty hours of Flight time as a flight engineer within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal or in lieu thereof having flight tests as laid down in clause (d) of paragraph 1 within the same period.

**4. Aircraft rating- The licence shall indicate the type of aircraft the holder is entitled to fly in the capacity of a flight engineer.**

**5. Extension of aircraft rating- For extension of aircraft rating to include an additional type of aircraft, an applicant shall be required to produce evidence of-**

(a)having a current student flight engineer's licence on the type of aircraft which is desired to be included in the aircraft rating of his licence;(b)having completed within a period of twelve months

immediately preceding the date of the application for extension of aircraft rating, fifty hours of flying experience on the type of aircraft desired to be included in his licence. Out of this flying experience not more than twentyfive hours shall have been obtained on an approved synthetic flight trainer.(c)having successfully completed the flight test as laid down in clause (d) of paragraph 1 in respect of the type of the aircraft for which the aircraft rating is desired, within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the application for extension of aircraft rating.

**6. Privileges- Subject to the endorsements and rating in the licence, the privileges of the holder of a flight engineer's licence shall be to act as flight engineer in any aircraft of a type specified in the aircraft rating of his licence provided during the preceding twelve months he has demonstrated his competency as per para 1(d) (ii) and (iii) above, to an approved examiner, to undertake duties of flight engineer in the type of aircraft or in an approved flight simulator.**

#### SECTION YFLIGHT RADIO TELEPHONE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

##### **1. Requirements for issue of licence- An applicant for a Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements :-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than eighteen years of age on the date of application;(b)Educational Qualification- He shall have passed class ten plus two with Physics and Mathematics or its equivalent examination from a recognised Board/University.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from either an approved medical practitioner or an approved medical Board after undergoing a medical examination during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under Rule 39B;(d)Knowledge/Technical Qualifications- He shall produce a valid Radio Telephone Operator's (Restricted or General) Certificate endorsed for Aeromobile Service issued or recognised by the Central Government under the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Rules, 1954;(e)Other Requirements- He may be required to pass, at the discretion of the Director-General, a test to establish his knowledge of the current aeromobile radio-telephone operating practices and procedures, standards and recommended practices pertaining to air traffic control communication as promulgated by the Director-General from time to time;(f)He shall produce satisfactory evidence of having completed not less than two months of satisfactory experience as a Flight Radio Telephone Operator and obtained experience of at least ten hours during the proceedings twelve months in an aircraft equipped with radio apparatus in accordance with Rule 63 :Provided that an applicant who has not had the experience as required above may be granted a provisional licence for a period not exceeding one year in order to enable him to obtain the necessary experience :-Provided further that an applicant who is licensed flight crew will not be required to produce evidence of experience.(g)Skill- He may, if so necessary, be subjected to a flight check as provided under Rule 12(3) of the Indian wireless Telegraphy Rules, 1954, to establish his competency as a Flight Radio Telephone Operator.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

[\*\*\*] [Omitted 'paragraph 3' by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]

**4. Privileges- Subject to the endorsements in the licence, the privileges of the holder of a Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence shall be to act as a Flight Radio Telephone Operator on any aircraft equipped with radio apparatus in accordance with Rule 63 including radio apparatus which communicates by radio telephony, except that the holder of a provisional licence shall, at all times, operate under the supervision of a person holding a Flight Radio Telephone Operator's Licence.]**

#### SECTION ZFLIGHT RADIO TELEPHONE OPERATOR'S (RESTRICTED) LICENCE

**1. Requirements for issue of licence- An applicant for a Flight Radio Telephone Operator's (Restricted) Licence shall satisfy the following requirements-**

(a)Age- He shall be not less than sixteen years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational Qualifications- He shall have passed class ten or its equivalent examination from a recognised Board.(c)Medical Fitness- He shall produce on a prescribed proforma an assessment of medical fitness from an approved medical practitioner in accordance with Rule 39B. The period of validity of the medical assessment shall be as prescribed in Rule 39C.(d)Knowledge- He shall pass a written examination and practical test in accordance with the syllabus as prescribed by Director-General.(e)[ Experience. - He shall be the holder of a Student Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes, Helicopters, Gliders, Microlights, Light Sport Aircraft or Balloons) or a Private Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes or Helicopters) or a Pilot's Licence (Microlight, Light Sport Aircraft, Gliders or Balloons).] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1171(E), dated 19.9.2017 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](f)Skill - He may, if so necessary, be subjected to a flight check to show his competency in operation of Flight Radio Telephone apparatus on board an aircraft.

**2. [ Validity - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**3. Renewal- A licence will be renewed on production of satisfactory evidence of-**

(a)having undergone a medical examination in accordance with para 1(c).(b)having satisfactorily completed not less than five hours of solo flight time on an aircraft fitted with radio telephone apparatus for two-way communication during which he had operated the radio telephone apparatus.

**4. Privileges - Subject to the endorsement in the licence, the privileges of a holder of a Flight Radio Telephone Operator's (Restricted) Licence shall be to operate radio telephone apparatus on board an aircraft for two-way communication on VHF.]**

[Schedule III] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 64(E) dated 3.2.2012 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]Air Traffic Services Personnel(See part XII)Section AGeneral

**1. Background Check. - Before enrolling a person for undergoing the air traffic control training, the training organization shall obtain a report on the background check from the concerned government agency and the proof of the background check shall be submitted to the licensing authority at the time of submission of the application for issue of the licence.**

**2. Application for grant of a licence or rating. - (a) The application for issue or validation or renewal of a licence or rating shall be made to the Director-General on a specified proforma, and shall be accompanied by-**

(i)an assessment of medical fitness issued by the approved medical authority or Director-General;(ii)Three unmounted photographs of size 3 cms X 4 cms of theapplicant's head (uncovered) and shoulders in front view;(iii)[Class X certificate/marks sheet] [Substituted 'Class X certificate' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] of a recognized Board or its equivalent or the Birth Certificate issued by a Municipal Corporation or Committee as proof of age;(iv)[ payment of the specified fee;] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](v)Proof of meeting the educational qualification, knowledge and experience requirements; and(vi)Any other information required by the Director-General.(b)The date of application shall be the date on which the application is received in the [Directorate General of Civil Aviation] [Substituted 'office of the Director-General' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).].(c)The licences and ratings specified in this Schedule shall be issued in the name as entered in the [Class X certificate/marks sheet] [Substituted 'Class X certificate' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] of a recognised Board or its equivalent.

**3. Application for renewal of licence. - (a) The application for renewal of a licence or rating shall be made on a specified proforma to the Director-General or to any other authority designated by him in this behalf, and shall be accompanied by -**

(i)an assessment of medical fitness issued by the Director-General referred to in rule 103;(ii)a statement of the recency experience duly authenticated by the person in-charge of the concerned Air Traffic Services Units;(iii)[ payment of the specified fee; and] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](iv)any other information required by the Director-General.(b)[ The date of application shall be the date on which the application is received in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**4. Examination. - (a) The applicant for issue of a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence or Air Traffic Controller's Licence or a rating shall be required to pass the examinations conducted in the manner specified by the Director-General.**

[Provided that when two air traffic controller ratings are sought concurrently, the licence holder shall meet the examination requirements of both the ratings.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](b)The candidate shall, on demand by the examiner, furnish proof for his identification before the examination.(c)An applicant who fails in any examination shall not be permitted to appear for re-examination within a period of at least two weeks from the date of examination.

**5. [ Assessment by the examiner or Board. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 579(E), dated 9.8.2019 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] - For getting an endorsement, the holder of a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence or an Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall be assessed by an examiner or a Board, appointed by the Director-General or an organisation under the control of the Government duly authorised by the Director-General.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 11 (E) dated 10.1.2011 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

[Provided that when two air traffic controller ratings are sought concurrently, the licence holder shall meet the skill requirements of both the ratings.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**6. Validity of examination and [experience] [Substituted 'assessment' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]. - (a) The applicant for a licence or rating shall have passed the examination for**

**issuing a licence or rating within a period of not more than three years preceding the date of application.**

(b)[ The application for a rating shall be made within six months from the completion of experience specified in Sections D, E, F, G, H and J: [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] Provided that the applicant shall have completed at least 10 hours of experience in preceding six months from the date of application.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](c)[ In case the validity of an examination expires on a holiday, it shall be automatically extended to the next working day.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**7. [ Experience requirement. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] - The holder of a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence or an Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall be required to undergo the on the job training under the supervision of an instructor for the period and duration of hours specified in the relevant Section of this Schedule for grant of a particular rating:**

Provided that when an applicant already holds or held the rating of any other unit at the same air traffic services station, or the same rating of another air traffic services station, on being satisfied and subject to the conditions specified by the Director-General, on the basis of traffic volume of the air traffic unit for which the rating is being sought and experience of the licence holder, the licensing authority may approve the on-the-job training of a shorter period and duration of hours than the one specified in the relevant section of this Schedule.[Provided further that when two air traffic controller ratings are sought concurrently, the licence holder shall meet the experience requirements of the rating which requires the higher experience for such rating.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] Provided further that when two air traffic controller ratings are sought concurrently, the licence holder shall meet the experience requirements of the rating which requires the higher experience for such rating. Explanation. - For the purpose of this paragraph, instructor means an air traffic control (ATC) on-the-job training instructor (OJTI).] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 399 (E), dated 31.3.2016 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**8. Conditions precedent to exercise of privileges. - (a) No person holding a current Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall exercise the privileges of his licence or rating unless he meets competency, recency and language proficiency requirement and medical standards, as applicable to him in accordance with these rules.**

(b)The holder of a licence shall not exercise the privilege of their licence and related ratings while under the Influence of alcohol or any psychoactive substance, which might render him unable to safely and properly exercise the privileges of the licences and ratings.



**9. Recency requirement. - A licence holder is considered to be recent in respect of rating and endorsement on his licence if he has worked for a period of minimum ten hours in [not more than ten days] [Substituted 'a period of three days' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] in respect of a particular ratings during preceding six months.**

**10. Language proficiency. - (a) An applicant for grant of Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence or Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall have the ability to speak and understand the English language used for radiotelephony communications to the level of proficiency specified by the Director-General.**

(b)The level of proficiency shall be evaluated in accordance with the procedures specified by the Director-General.(c)The licencing authority shall indicate the level of proficiency in the licence.  
SECTION B  
STUDENT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER'S LICENCE

**1. Requirements for issuing licence. - An applicant for a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-**

(a)Age - He shall not be less than twenty years of age on the date of application.(b)Education quaLification - He shall have passed a [degree in Science with Physics and Mathematics or an equivalent examination] [Substituted 'degree in Science or an equivalent examination with Physics and Mathematics' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], from a recognized University or shall hold a valid Indian Commercial Pilot's Licence.(c)Medical fitness - He shall hold a valid medical fitness assessment issued by the Director-General as referred to in rule 103.(d)Knowledge - He shall have demonstrated the required level of knowledge by passing a written examination in the following subjects, namely:-(i)Air law - The provisions of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, civil aviation requirements and any other circulars or instructions relevant to the air traffic control;(ii)Air traffic control equipment - Principles, use and limitations of equipment used in air traffic control;(iii)General knowledge - Principles of flight, principles of operation and functioning of aircraft, [engines] [Substituted 'power plants' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] and systems, aircraft performances relevant to air traffic control;(iv)Human performance - Human performance relevant to [air traffic control including principles of threat and error management] [Substituted 'air traffic control' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).];(v)Meteorology - Aeronautical meteorology, use and appreciation of meteorological documentation and information, origin and characteristic of weather phenomena affecting flight operations and safety, altimetry;(vi)Navigation - Principles of air navigation, principles, limitation and accuracy of navigation systems and visual aids; and(vii)Operational procedures - Air traffic control, communication, radiotelephony and phraseology procedure (routine, [non-routine] [Substituted 'non-route' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] and emergency), use of relevant aeronautical documentation, safety practices associated with flight.(e)Experience - He shall have successfully completed an approved training course [\*\*\*] [Omtted 'including simulator training' by Notification

No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] from an approved training organization and pass the relevant examination, and also completed an approved course of initial training in the rating or discipline relating to any of the rating from an approved organization.

**2. Validity - The licence shall be valid for the period specified in rule 104 and shall lapse on the holder acquiring an Air Traffic Controller's Licence.**

**3. [ Renewal. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] - The licence may be renewed for a period not exceeding three years from the date of fresh medical examination as specified in clause (c) of paragraph 1.**

**4. Privileges. - Subject to the validity of licence, the holder of a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence may perform duty as an air traffic controller in a particular air traffic service unit in order to complete the requirement of on-the-job-training for the purpose of qualifying for endorsement of such rating on his licence:**

Provided that he shall perform duty -(i)at all times under the direct supervision of an authorised instructor rated on that air traffic service unit; and(ii)in an air traffic control unit for which he has successfully completed an approved training course.]SECTION CAIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER'S LICENCE

**1. Requirements for issuing licence. - An applicant for an Air Traffic Controller's Licence shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-**

(a)Age. - He shall not be less than twenty one years of age on the date of application.(b)Educational qualification. - He shall have passed a [degree in Science with Physics and Mathematics or an equivalent examination] [Substituted 'degree in Science or an equivalent examination with Physics and Mathematics' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], from a recognized University, or shall hold a valid Indian Commercial Pilot's Licence.(c)Medical fitness - He shall hold a valid medical fitness assessment issued by the Director-General as referred to in rule 103.(d)Knowledge. - (i) He shall hold a valid Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence.(ii)He shall have passed the examination for obtaining at least one rating for a particular air traffic services unit as specified in Sections D, E, F, G, [H and J] [Substituted 'H, I and J' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] of this Schedule.(e)[ Experience. - He shall have [demonstrated the required competence, having accomplished] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] not less than three months of satisfactory service engaged in the actual control of air traffic under the supervision of an appropriately rated [instructor] [Substituted 'air traffic controller' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).].Explanation. - For the purpose of this clause, the experience specified in Sections D, E, F, G, H and J may be counted as part of the experience required under this Section.]

- 2. Validity. - The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 104.**
- 3. Renewal. - The licence shall be renewed for a period specified in rule 104 subject to the applicant holding a valid medical fitness assessment and at least one valid rating.**
- 4. Privileges. - Subject to the validity of licence, the holder of an Air Traffic Controller's Licence may perform duty as an air traffic controller in any air traffic services unit which is included in his licence as rating.**

#### SECTION DAERODROME CONTROL RATING

**1. Requirements for issuing rating. - An applicant for an Aerodrome Control Rating shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-**

(a) Knowledge. - He shall hold either a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence or an Air Traffic Controller's Licence and shall have demonstrated a level of knowledge by passing the examination in the following subjects in relation to the relevant Aerodrome Control Tower, namely:- (i) Aerodrome layout, physical characteristics and visual aids, (ii) Airspace structure, (iii) Applicable rules, procedures and source of information, (iv) Air navigation facilities, (v) Air traffic control equipment and its use, (vi) Terrain and prominent [landmarks] [Substituted 'land marks' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).], (vii) Characteristics of air traffic, (viii) Weather phenomena, (ix) Emergency, search and rescue plans and (x) Any other subject considered appropriate for the [particular Air Traffic Services unit] [Substituted 'particular place' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (b) Experience. - He shall produce a certificate of his having undergone on-the-job training [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'under the supervision of an instructor or authorised Air Traffic Controller's Licence holder' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] for a period of not less than one and a half month, during which at least ninety hours of training has been completed, at the unit for which the rating is sought: [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'Proviso' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (c) Skill. - He shall have been assessed successful by a Board or examiner regarding his skill, judgement and performance to provide a safe, orderly and expeditious aerodrome control service, including the recognition and management of threats and errors and the assessment shall be conducted as soon as possible after the completion of on-the-job training requirement.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**2. Validity. - The rating shall become invalid if an air traffic controller has not exercised the privileges of the rating for a period exceeding six months.**

**3. Revalidation. - The rating shall be revalidated as provided in rule 110.**

**4. Privileges. - (a) The privileges of the holder of the rating shall be to provide or to supervise the provision of Aerodrome Control Service at the aerodrome for which he is rated.**

(b) Before exercising the privileges, the holder of the rating shall be familiar with all pertinent and current information.

**SECTION E APPROACH CONTROL PROCEDURAL RATING**

**1. Requirements for issuing rating. - An applicant for an Approach Control Procedural Rating shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-**

(a) Knowledge. - He shall hold an Air Traffic Controller's Licence or a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence and shall have demonstrated the required level of knowledge by passing the examination at least in the following subjects for Approach Control Unit at a particular place, namely:- (i) Airspace structure (ii) Applicable rules, procedures and source of information (iii) Air navigation facilities (iv) Air traffic control equipment and its use (v) Terrain and prominent [landmarks] [Substituted 'land marks' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (vi) Characteristics of air traffic and traffic flow (vii) Weather phenomena (viii) Emergency and search and rescue plans (ix) Any other subject considered appropriate for the [particular Air Traffic Services unit] [Substituted 'particular place' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (b) Experience. - He shall produce a certificate of his having undergone on-the-job training [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'under the supervision of an instructor or authorised Air Traffic Controller's Licence holder' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] for a period of not less than three months, during which at least one hundred and eighty hours of training has been completed, at the unit for which the rating is sought: [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'Proviso' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (c) Skill. - He shall have been assessed successful by a Board or examiner regarding his skill, judgement and performance to provide a safe, orderly and expeditious approach control service, including the recognition and management of threats and errors and the assessment shall be conducted as soon as possible after the completion of on-the-job training requirement. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**2. Validity. - The rating shall become invalid if an air traffic controller has not exercised the privileges of the rating for a period exceeding six months.**

**3. Revalidation. - A rating shall be revalidated as provided in rule 110.**

**4. Privileges. - (a) The privileges of the holder shall be to provide or to supervise the provision of Approach Control Service within the [airspace jurisdiction or portion thereof] [Substituted 'airspace jurisdiction' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] of the unit**

**for which he is rated.**

(b) Before exercising the privileges, the holder of the rating shall be familiar with all pertinent and current information. SECTION Approach Control Surveillance Rating

**1. Requirements for issuing rating. - An applicant for an Approach Control Surveillance Rating shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-**

(a) Knowledge. - He shall hold an Air Traffic Controller's Licence or a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence and shall have demonstrated the required level of knowledge by passing examination in at least the following subjects in relation to the area of responsibility at a particular place, namely:-(i) Airspace structure (ii) Applicable rules, procedures and source of Information (iii) Air navigation facilities (iv) Air traffic control equipment and its use (v) Terrain and prominent [landmarks] [Substituted 'land marks' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]. (vi) Characteristics of air traffic and traffic flow (vii) Weather phenomena (viii) Emergency and search and rescue plans (ix) Principles, use and limitations of appropriate Air Traffic Services Surveillance Systems and associated equipment (x) Procedures for the provision of Air Traffic Services Surveillance Service, as appropriate, including procedures to ensure appropriate terrain clearance (xi) Any other subject considered appropriate for the [particular Air Traffic Services unit] [Substituted 'particular place' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]. (b) Experience. - He shall produce a certificate of his -(i) having satisfactorily completed an approved training course on the surveillance system; and (ii) [having undergone on-the-job training for a period of not less than three months, during which at least one hundred and eighty hours of training has been completed, at the unit for which the rating is sought: [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].] Provided that the requirement as specified in sub-clause (i) shall not be required for an air traffic controller holding or having held an Approach/Area Surveillance Rating for any other aerodrome. (c) Skill. - He shall have been assessed successfully by a Board or examiner regarding his skill, judgement and performance to provide a safe, orderly and expeditious approach control service, including the recognition and management of threats and errors and the assessment shall be conducted as soon as possible after the completion of on-the-job training requirement. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].

**2. Validity. - The rating shall become invalid if an air traffic controller has not exercised the privileges of the rating for a period exceeding six months.**

**3. Revalidation. - A rating shall be revalidated as provided in rule 110.**

**4. Privileges. - (a) The privileges of the holder shall be to provide or to supervise the provision of Approach Control Service with the use of applicable Air Traffic Services surveillance [systems for the aerodrome or aerodromes] [Substituted 'systems for the unit' by Notification No. G.S.R.**

**1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] for which he is rated, within the airspace or portion thereof, falling under the jurisdiction of the unit providing Approach Control Service.**

(b) Before exercising the privileges, the holder of the rating shall be familiar with all pertinent and current information. SECTION GAREA CONTROL PROCEDURAL RATING

**1. Requirements for issuing rating. - An applicant for an Area Control Procedural Rating shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-**

(a) Knowledge. - He shall hold an Air Traffic Controller's Licence or a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence and shall have demonstrated the required level of knowledge by passing the examination in the following subjects in relation to the relevant Area Control Unit, namely: -(i) Airspace structure (ii) Applicable rules, procedures and source of information (iii) Air navigation facilities (iv) Air traffic control equipment and its use (v) Terrain and prominent [landmarks] [Substituted 'land marks' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (vi) Characteristics of air traffic and traffic flow (vii) Weather phenomena (viii) Emergency and search and rescue plans (ix) Any other subject considered appropriate for the [particular Air Traffic Services unit] [Substituted 'particular place' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (b) Experience. - He shall produce a certificate of his having undergone on-the-job training [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'under the supervision of an instructor or authorised Air Traffic Controller licence holder' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] for a period of not less than three months, during which at least one hundred and eighty hours of training has been completed, for the unit for which the rating is sought: [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'Proviso' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (c) Skill. - He shall have been assessed successful by a Board or examiner regarding his skill, judgement and performance to provide a safe, orderly and expeditious area control service, including the recognition and management of threats and errors and the assessment shall be conducted as soon as possible after the completion of on-the-job training requirement. [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**2. Validity. - The rating shall become invalid when an air traffic controller has not exercised the privileges of the rating for a period exceeding six months.**

**3. Revalidation. - A rating shall be revalidated as provided in rule 110.**

**4. Privileges. - (a) The privileges of the holder shall be to provide or to supervise the provision of Area Control Service within the airspace jurisdiction of the control area or portion thereof for which he is rated.**

(b) Before exercising the privileges, the licence holder shall be familiar with all pertinent and current information. SECTION HAREA CONTROL SURVEILLANCE RATING

# **1. Requirements for issuing rating - An applicant for an Area Control Surveillance Rating shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-**

(a) Knowledge. - He shall be the holder of an Air Traffic Controller's Licence or an Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence and shall have demonstrated the required level of knowledge by passing the examination in at least the following subjects in relation to the area of responsibility of the particular unit, namely:- (i) Airspace structure (ii) Applicable rules, procedures and source of information (iii) Air navigation facilities (iv) Air traffic control equipment and its use (v) Terrain and prominent [landmarks] [Substituted 'land marks' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]. (vi) Characteristics of air traffic and traffic flow (vii) Weather phenomena (viii) Emergency and search and rescue plans (ix) Principles, use and limitations of applicable Air Traffic Services Surveillance Systems and Associated equipment (x) Procedures for the provision of Air Traffic Services Surveillance Service, as appropriate, including procedures to ensure appropriate terrain clearance (xi) Any other subject considered appropriate for the [particular Air Traffic Services unit] [Substituted 'particular place' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]. (b) Experience. - He shall produce a certificate of his having - (i) satisfactorily completed an approved training- course on the surveillance system; (ii) [ undergone on-the-job training for a period of not less than three months, during which at least one hundred and eighty hours of training has been completed, at the unit for which the rating is sought: [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].] Provided that the requirement as specified in sub-clause (i) shall not be required for an air traffic controller holding or having held an Approach/Area Surveillance Rating for any other aerodrome. (c) [ Skill. - He shall have been assessed successful by a Board or examiner regarding his skill, judgement and performance to provide a safe, orderly and expeditious area control service, including the recognition and management of threats and errors and the assessment shall be conducted as soon as possible after the completion of on-the-job training requirement.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**2. Validity. - The rating shall become invalid when an air traffic controller has not exercised the privileges of the rating for a period exceeding six months.**

**3. Revalidation. - A rating shall be revalidated as provided in rule 110.**

**4. Privileges. - (a) The privileges of the holder shall be to provide or to supervise the provision of Area Control Service with the use of applicable air traffic services surveillance systems, within the control area or portion thereof, for which the licence holder is rated.**

(b) Before exercising the privileges, the licence holder shall be familiar with all pertinent and current information. [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'Section I' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] SECTION JOCEANIC CONTROL RATING

## **1. Requirements for issuing rating. - An applicant for an Oceanic Control Rating shall satisfy the following requirements, namely:-**

(a) Knowledge. - He shall have an Air Traffic Controller's Licence or a Student Air Traffic Controller's Licence and shall have demonstrated a level of knowledge by passing the examination at least in the following subjects for an Oceanic Control Unit in the area of his responsibility at a particular place, namely:-(i) Airspace structure (ii) Applicable rules, procedures and source of information (iii) Air navigation facilities (iv) Air traffic control equipment and its use (v) Principles, uses and limitations of surveillance systems if any and associated equipment (vi) Terrain and prominent [landmarks] [Substituted 'land marks' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (vii) Characteristics of air traffic and traffic flow (viii) Weather phenomena (ix) Emergency and search and rescue plans (x) Any other subject considered appropriate for the [particular Air Traffic Services unit] [Substituted 'particular place' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (b) Experience. - He shall produce a certificate of his having -(i) satisfactorily completed an [area] [Substituted 'oceanic' by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] control training course; (ii) undergone on-the-job training [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'under the supervision of an instructor or authorised Air Traffic Controller' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] for a period of not less than three months during which at least one hundred and eighty hours of training has been completed, at the unit for which the rating is sought: [\*\*\*] [Omitted 'Proviso' by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 12.3.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).] (c) Skill. - He shall have been assessed successful by a Board or examiner regarding his skill, judgement and performance to provide a safe, orderly and expeditious air traffic control service, including the recognition and management of threats and errors in the Oceanic Control Center and the assessment shall be conducted as soon as possible after the completion of on-the-job training requirement.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 1089(E), dated 5.11.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**2. Validity. - The rating shall become invalid when an air traffic controller has not exercised the privilege of the rating for a period exceeding six months.**

**3. Revalidation - A rating shall be revalidated as provided in rule 110.**

**4. Privilege - (a) The privilege of the holder shall be to provide or to supervise the provisions of Oceanic Control Service within the airspace jurisdiction of Oceanic Control or portion thereof for which the licence holder is rated.**

(b) Before exercising the privilege, the licence holder shall be familiar with all pertinent and current information.][SCHEDULE IV] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 31(E) dated 14.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)](See rule 119) AERONAUTICAL TELECOMMUNICATION



**1. Aeronautical Facility Requirements. - An applicant for certification of a communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility to be established or used at an Aeronautical Telecommunication Station shall establish a procedure to ensure that-**

(i)each facility intended to be included in the certificate of the applicant before commissioning -(a)is designed and installed to meet the applicable operational specification specified for that facility;(b)conforms with the applicable system, characteristics and specification standards specified by the Director-General;(c)has been allocated a Radio Frequency Operating License in compliance with the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885) and rules made thereunder; and(d)has been allocated an identification code or call sign.(ii)each facility listed in the certificate of the applicant is installed with suitable power supplies and means to ensure continuity of operation appropriate to the needs of the air traffic service or radio navigation service being supported; and(iii)an applicant for certification of communication, navigation and surveillance of air traffic management facility to be established or used at an Aeronautical Telecommunication Station who intends to operate a temporary aeronautical facility to carry out site tests shall establish a procedure for conducting those tests.

**2. Communication, navigation and surveillance manual. - The communication, navigation and surveillance manual in addition to any other relevant information shall contain the following information and particulars, namely :-**

(a)General. - General information including purpose and scope of the manual, management and organization structure of the holder of the certificate, legal requirement for certification of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility, conditions for the use of the certificate, availability of aeronautical information system for disseminating information regarding status of facility.(b)Requirement of personnel. - (i) Appropriate details of proficient personnel to ensure each service listed in the certificate of the applicant in a safe, efficient, continuous and sustainable manner and the number of personnel required to maintain facilities shall be specified appropriately in the manual as per policy;(ii)Procedure for employing or authorising proficient personnel, for maintenance and operation of the facility or to place into operational service any of the facility listed in the certificate which shall clearly specify the system to -(a)assess the competence of proficient personnel;(b)maintain the continued competence of proficient personnel; and(c)scope of authorisation for proficient personnel.(c)Standards of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility.-(i) Details of the technical standards relating to design, installation, commissioning and testing, operation and maintenance that are applicable to facility;(ii)It shall also include any standard specified for such facility by the manufacturer;(iii)Where compliance with a relevant standard is not achieved, the same shall be clearly indicated, and a statement of the reason for non-compliance and its impact on the service provided in terms of the performance of the facility and its impact on air traffic services and aircraft operation;(d)Technical description of facility. - Basic performance descriptors (functional specification) for each of the communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic

management facility.(e)Operation and maintenance plan. - Operation and maintenance plan for each of the communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility alongwith the documentation of the facility required by the manufacturer, relevant documentations by International Civil Aviation Organisation or documents developed or varied by the holder of certificate based on its knowledge of the performance and maintenance requirements of each facility.(f)Safety management system. - Information on systematic and appropriate safety management system to ensure that safety is maintained in the provision of the communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facility.(g)Test equipments. - (i)Details of test and measuring equipments, including their calibration status, necessary for the operation, performance, inspection, and maintenance, of all of its facilities;(ii)The facility operation and maintenance plan or the instructions of operating and maintenance for each facility shall specify the test equipment requirements for each level of operation and maintenance.(h)Interruption to service - Details of the procedure to be used if operation of communication, navigation and surveillance of air traffic management facility is interrupted.(i)Procedures. - Procedure for conducting all the activities related to installation, operation, maintenance and other matters of communication, navigation, surveillance facilities clearly specifying the duties and responsibilities of each concerned.(j)Procedure for change. - (i) The procedure for change to be made for a facility, its operation and maintenance plan.(ii)The change of procedure shall establish an appropriate authority within the holder of the certificate organization to assess and authorise any changes to operation and maintenance procedures and the procedures for removal and return of facilities to operational service and;(iii)The logistics support of services and the amendment of relevant documentation including the operations manual.(k)Document control. - The manual shall describe the document control process of the holder of service certificate concerning the requirements in this regard.(l)Quality control. - For the use and guidance of personnel, the details of information concerning policies, procedure, practice and quality control method relating to provision of communication, navigation, surveillance or air traffic management facilities and activities of that organization.(m)Security. - (i) The holder of certificate shall ensure that reasonable measures are made for the security of equipment and installation at aeronautical telecommunication stations.(ii)The aeronautical telecommunication stations located outside the aerodrome shall also have provision of suitable security fencing.[\*\*\*] [Omitted 'Schedule V' by Notification No. G.S.R. 732(E), dated 2.11.2004.][Schedule VIA] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 327(E), dated 13.5.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](See rule 161)Punishment and Compounding of Offences

**1. Offences punishable under the Aircraft Rules, 1937 with imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or with fine not exceeding one crore rupees, or with both and amount for compounding thereof: -**

Table 1

SI. No.	Nature of offence	Relevant rule	Amount for compounding of offence committed by individual (in rupees)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

1.	Flying an aircraft without registration.	Clause (a) of rule 5	Twenty-five Lakh
2.	Contravention of clause (1) of rule 5A.	Clause (1) of rule 5A	Twenty-five Lakh
3.	Non-compliance with rule 6 by a person (except Student Pilot of Flying Training Organisation) who has not been licenced under these rules.	Rule 6	Twenty Lakh
4.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 7A.	Rule 7A	Five Lakh
5.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 8.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 8	Non-compoundable
6.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 12.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 12	Five Lakh
7.	Aerial survey photography from an aircraft in flight without permission.	Rule 13	Two Lakh
8.	Contravention of rule 21A.	Rule 21A	Five Lakh
9.	Contravention of clause (a) of rule 22.	Clause (a) of rule 22	Fifty Thousand
10.	Contravention of clause (b) of rule 22.	Clause (b) of rule 22	Twenty-five Thousand
11.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 23.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 23	One Lakh
12.	Consumption of intoxicating and psychoactive substances in the course of flight.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 24	Non-compoundable
13.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 24 by the passenger.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 24.	Twenty-five Thousand
14.	Contravention of sub-rule (3) of rule 25	Sub-rule (3) of rule 25.	Ten Thousand
15.	Carriage of persons in unauthorised parts of aircraft without permission.	Rule 27	Twenty Lakh
16.	Flying an aircraft in contravention of rule 28.	Rule 28	Five Lakh
17.	Contravention of the provisions of rule 29.	Rule 29	One Lakh
18.	Imparting of training by unapproved Flying Training Organisation in contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 41B.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 41B	Twenty-five Lakh
19.	Non-surrender of Licence under sub-rule (3) of rule 39A.	Sub-rule (3) of rule 39A	Fifty Thousand
20.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 65.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 65	Five Lakh

21.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 65.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 65	One Lakh
22.	Non-compliance with the direction to extinguish or screen false lights.	Rule 66	Two Lakh
23.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 90.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 90	Fifty Thousand
24.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 90.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 90	Two Lakh
25.	Operation of a scheduled air transport service without permission.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 134	Twenty-five Lakh
26.	Operation of non-scheduled air transport service without the special permission or Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit	Sub-rules (1) or (2) of rule 134A	Fifteen Lakh
27.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 134B by the person other than the person having any Licence or Certificate or Approval issued under these rules.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 134B	Five Lakh
28.	Contravention of provisions of rule 157.	Rule 157	Ten Lakh
29.	Contravention of rule 158.	Rule 158	Ten Lakh
30.	Contravention of rule 158A.	Rule 158A	Ten Lakh
31.	Obstructing any person acting in the exercise of his powers or in discharge of his duties under the provisions of the Aircraft Rules, 1937.	Rule 159	Five Lakh

**2. Amount for compounding of offences punishable under sections 10, 11, 11A, 11B and section 12 of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934): -**

Table 2

SI.No.	Offence and relevant section	Amount for compounding of offence committed by individual (in rupees)
1	Offence punishable under sub-section (1) of section 10 (except the offences related to carriage of arms and explosives)	Twenty-five Lakh
2	Offence punishable under sub-section (1A) of section 10	Twenty-five Lakh
3	Offence punishable under section 11	Twenty-five lakh
4	Offence punishable under section 11A	Twenty-five lakh
5	Offence punishable under section 11B	Twenty-five Lakh
6	Penalty for abetment of offences and attempted offences	Amount provided for such

under section 12

offences

### 3. Where such offence has been committed by the organisation, the amount for compounding of offences shall be as under:

Table 3

Contravention committed by	Number of employees	Amount for compounding of offences (in rupees)
Organisation (Small)	Up to fifty employees	200% of the amount as provided for such offences by the individual in paragraph 1 and 2, as applicable.
Organisation (Medium)	More than fifty and up to one hundred employees	300% of the amount as provided for such offences by the individual in paragraph 1 and 2, as applicable.
Organisation (Large)	More than one hundred employees	400% of the amount as provided for such offences by the individual in paragraph 1 and 2, as applicable.

Note: - (1) "Individual" means a natural person. (2) "Organisation" means a body corporate or an association of individuals whether registered or not. (3) "Employee" means an individual appointed, employed or engaged by the organisation whether contractual, temporary or permanent.

### 4. Procedure for compounding of offences. -

(a) An application for compounding of an offence shall be made by the applicant to the Director-General or any officer specially empowered by the Central Government in this behalf in Form A along with the fee of one thousand rupees in the manner as laid down by the Director-General. (b) On receipt of the application for compounding, such officer shall examine the application based on the documents submitted and submissions made in the application. (c) Such officer may call for any information, record or any other document from the applicant, if the same is considered relevant to the compounding proceedings and in case the contravener fails to submit the additional information or documents called for within the specified period, the application for compounding shall be liable for rejection. (d) Such officer may issue notice to all the concerned of the case to participate in the proceedings. (e) During the compounding proceedings, such officer after giving due opportunity to the applicant of being heard, shall determine the amount for compounding of offence in accordance with the Tables of paragraphs 1, 2 and paragraph 3 and where the decision of such officer in respect the amount so determined is not acceptable to the applicant then the applicant shall submit the same in writing to such officer within three days or within such reasonable period as determined by such officer. (f) After such submission by the applicant or non-submission within such reasonable time, the compounding proceedings shall cease and the matter shall be proceeded further in accordance with the provisions of the Aircraft Act, 1934 and these rules and the Officer shall prepare a report in respect of these proceedings. (g) The amount for which the contravention is compounded shall be paid in the manner as specified by the Director-General within the thirty days of the date of decision of

compounding.(h)In case a person fails to pay the amount for compounding within thirty days of the order, he shall be deemed to have never made an application for compounding of any offence under the provisions of the Aircraft Act, 1934 and these rules.(i)The process of compounding of offences shall be completed expeditiously and not later than sixty days from the date of application and this period of sixty days may be extended up to ninety days by the Director-General, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in exceptional circumstances.

#### FORM A(See rule 161)Application for compounding of Offence

1. Name(s) of the Applicant
2. Address
3. Email Address
4. Phone No.
5. The Authority before whom the case is pending :
6. Contravention of sections or rules
7. Brief facts of the case
8. Any other information relevant to the case
9. Prayer of the Applicant
10. Fee and transaction details
11. Attachment, if any

VerificationI\_\_\_\_\_, the applicant, do hereby declare that what is stated above is true to the best of my information and belief.Name and Signature of the ApplicantDate:Place:[Schedule VIB] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 327(E), dated 13.5.2021 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].(See rule 162)Penalties

### 1. Classification of severity levels of contravention and penalty thereof: -

Table 1

SI. No.	Severity Level (in rupees)	Individual	Organisation (Small)	Organisation (Medium)	Organisation (Large)
Up to fifty employees	More than fifty and up to one hundred employees	More than one hundred employees			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Level 1	Ten Thousand			One Lakh

			Fifty Thousand	Seventy-five Thousand	
2.	Level 2	Twenty Thousand	One Lakh	One Lakh Fifty Thousand	Two Lakh Fifty Thousand
3.	Level 3	Fifty Thousand	Two Lakh	Three Lakh	Five Lakh
4.	Level 4	Seventy-five Thousand	Three Lakh	Five Lakh	Ten Lakh
5.	Level 5	One Lakh Fifty Thousand	Five Lakh	Ten Lakh	Twenty Lakh
6.	Level 6	Three Lakh	Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand	Fifteen Lakh	Thirty Lakh
7.	Level 7	Five Lakh	Ten Lakh	Twenty-five Lakh	Fifty Lakh
8.	Level 8	Ten Lakh	Twenty Lakh	Thirty-five Lakh	Seventy Lakh
9.	Level 9	Twenty Lakh	Thirty-five Lakh	Fifty Lakh	Eighty-five Lakh
10.	Level 10	Twenty-five Lakh	Fifty Lakh	Seventy-five Lakh	One Crore

Note: - (1) "Individual" means a natural person.(2)"Organisation" means a body corporate or an association of individuals whether registered or not.(3)"Employee" means an individual appointed, employed or engaged by the organisation whether contractual, temporary or permanent.

## 2. Contravention of rule(s) and severity level thereof, for determination of penalty amount by the designated officers or the appellate officer, as the case may be.

Table 2

SI. No.	Nature of contravention	Relevant rule (s)	Severity level of contravention/ violation/noncompliance
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Flying an aircraft not bearing nationality and registration marks.	Clause (b) of rule 5	Level 10
2.	Flying an aircraft in prohibited territory under clause (2) of rule 5A.	Clause (2) of rule 5A	Level 5
3.		Rule 6	Level 5

Non-compliance with rule 6 by a person (except Student Licenceholder) holding licences, rating and medical fitness assessment issued under these rules but the validity of the same is either expired or the privileges of the same have been restricted under the provisions of these rules.

4.	Non-compliance with rule 6A (except Students Pilot Licence)	Rule 6A.	Level 5
5.	Non-carriage of documents as required by rule 7.	Rule 7	Level 4
6.	Non-carriage of Cock-pit Check Lists and Emergency Check Lists.	Rule 7B	Level 4
7.	Non-compliance with sub-rules (2) or (3) of rule 8.	Sub-rules (2) or (3) of rule 8	Level 6
8.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 9.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 9	Level 4
9.	Contravention of sub-rules (1), (2) or (3) of rule 11.	Sub-rules (1), (2) or (3) of rule 11	Level 10
10.	Contravention of sub-rules (2), (3) or (4) of rule 12.	Sub-rules (2), (3) or (4) of rule 12	Level 5
11.	Photography at a Government aerodrome without permission.	Rule 13	Level 3
12.	Unauthorised use of aircraft for aerial work.	Rule 14	Level 8
13.	Non-compliance with clause (i) and/or proviso of rule 15.	Clause (i) or proviso to rule 15	Level 10
14.	Non-compliance with clause (ii) or (iii) of rule 15.	Clause (ii) or (iii) of rule 15	Level 6
15.	Non-compliance with clause (iv) of rule 15.	Clause (iv) of rule 15	Level 4
16.	Non-compliance with the rules of the air.	Rule 16	Level 3



17.	Non-production of the documents as required by rule 17 within the prescribed time.	Rule 17	Level 2
18.	Contravention of directions issued under sub-rule (1) of rule 18.	sub-rule (1) of rule 18	Level 8
19.	Contravention of rule 21	Rule 21	Level 8
20.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 24 by the Operator.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 24.	Level 10
21.	Contravention of rules 24A, 24B or 24C.	Rules 24A, 24B or 24C	Level 2
22.	Contravention of sub-rules (1) or (2) of rule 25.	Sub-rules (1) or (2) of rule 25	Level 2
23.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 25A.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 25A	Level 4
24.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 25A.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 25A	Level 3
25.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 25B.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 25B	Level 5
26.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 25B.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 25B	Level 4
27.	Contravention of any of the provision of rule 26	Rule 26	Level 7
28.	Contravention of the conditions specified under proviso (b) of rule 27	Proviso (b) of rule 27	Level 6
29.	Flying an aircraft in contravention of any of the provision of rule 28A.	Rule 28A	Level 7
30.	Contravention of rule 29A.	Rule 29A	Level 7
31.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 29B.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 29B	Level 7
32.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (3) of rule 29B.	Proviso of sub-rule (3) of rule 29B	Level 7
33.	Fly or assist in flying of aircraft without obtaining permission under clause (b) of rule 33.	Clause (b) of rule 33	Level 6
34.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 37 other	Other than sub-clause	Level 2

	thanthe sub-clause (b) of clause (2) of rule 37.	(b) of clause (2) of Rule37	
35.	Non-compliance of sub-clause (b) of clause (2) rule 37.	Sub-clause (b) of clause (2) of rule 37.	Level 7
36.	Contravention of any of the provision of rule 37A.	Rule 37A	Level 6
37.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 38A.	Sub-rules (1), (2) or (3) of rule 38A	Level 5
38.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (1), (2), (4) or (7) of rule 38B.	Sub-rules (1), (2), (4) or (7) of rule 38B	Level 7
39.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (3), (5), (6) or (8) of rule 38B.	Sub-rules (3), (5), (6) or (8) of rule 38B	Level 2
39A. [ [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 38C	Sub-rule (1) of rule 38C	Level 3]
40.	Non-compliance of rule 40.	Rule 40	Level 1
41.	Non-compliance with sub-rules (6) or (7) of rule 41B.	Sub-rules (6) or (7) of rule 41B.	Level 3
41A. [ [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 289(E), dated 08.04.2022 (w.e.f. 23.03.1937).]	Contravention of sub-rule (4) of rule 41 C	Sub-rule (4) of rule 41C	Level 5]
42.	Non-compliance with sub-rules (2) or (4) of rule 42.	Sub-rules (2) or (4) of rule 42	Level 4
43.	Non-compliance with sub-rule (2) of rule 42A.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 42A	Level 3

44.	Non-compliance with sub-rule (3) of rule 42A.	Sub-rule (3) of rule 42A	Level 9
45.	Contravention of sub-rules (1) or (5) of rule 52.	Sub-rules (1) or (5) of rule 52	Level 7
46.	Non-compliance of approved maintenance schedules or approved maintenance system in respect of aircraft, aircraft component and items of equipment.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 53	Level 3
47.	Inspection and certification by un authorised persons.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 53	Level 6
48.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 53.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 53	Level 4
49.	Non-compliance of rule 53A.	Rule 53A	Level 6
50.	Non-compliance of rule 54.	Rule 54	Level 6
51.	Non-compliance of any of the provision of rule 57.	Rule 57	Level 5
52.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (1) of rule 58.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 58	Level 3
53.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 58.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 58	Level 7
54.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (1) of rule 59.	Sub-rule of rule 59	Level 5
55.	Contravention of sub-rules (3) or (5) of rule 60.	Sub-rules (3) or (5) of rule 60	Level 6
56.	Noncompliance of sub-rule (4) of rule 60.	Sub-rule (4) of rule 60	Level 3
57.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 63.	Rule 63	Level 5
58.	Non-compliance with the provisions governing the issue and maintenance of log books.	Rule 67	Level 4
59.	Contravention of any of the provision of rule 67A.	Rule 67A	Level 4
60.	Contravention of rule 67AA.	Rule 67AA	Level 2
61.	Destruction, mutilation etc. of any entry in the log books.	Rule 67B	Level 4
62.		Rule 67B	Level 6

Making of any false and fraudulent entry in the log books.

63.	Contravention of sub-rules (1), (1A) or (4) of rule 78.	Sub-rules (1), (1A) or (4) of rule 78.	Level 10
64.	Non-compliance any of the provision of rule 81.	Rule 81	Level 3
65.	Denial of access to an authorised person for inspection.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 82	Level 3
66.	Contravention of sub-rule (2) of rule 8	Sub-rule (2) of rule 83	Level 6
67.	For not maintaining an aerodrome in a fit state with adequatemarkings and not informing the Director- General of anyun-service ability.	Sub-rule (5) of rule 83	Level 5
68.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 93.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 93	Level 10
69.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 97.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 97	Level 8
70.	Non-compliance of rule 98.	Rule 98	Level 6
71.	Contravention of rule 102.	Rule 102	Level 3
72.	Exercise of the privileges of the licence in the absence of avalid medical fitness assessment.	Rule 105	Level 5
73.	Contravention of any of the provision of rule 106.	Rule 106	Level 4
74.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (1) of rule 107.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 107	Level 6
75.	Contravention of rule 108.	Rule 108	Level 4
76.	Contravention of rule 113	Rule 113	Level 3
77.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (2), (5) or (6) of rule 114.	Sub-rules (2), (5) or (6) of rule 114	Level 5
78.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 115.	Rule 115	Level 5
79.	Non-compliance of rule 116	Rule 116	Level 2
80.	Contravention of rule 117	Rule 117	Level 5
81.	For permitting or cause to be	Sub-rule (1)	Level 6

	permitted any sub-rulecommunication, navigation and surveillance of air trafficmanagement equipment facility to be established or used withoutbeing certified by the Director-General.	of rule 119	
82.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 122.	Rule 122	Level 3
83.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (2) or (4) of rule 125.	Sub-rules (2) or (4) of rule 125	Level 5
84.	Non-compliance of rule 126.	Rule 126	Level 2
85.	Non-compliance of rule 127.	Rule 127	Level 2
86.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 128.	Rule 128	Level 5
87.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 129.	Rule 129	Level 3
88.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 130.	Rule 130	Level 2
89.	Non-compliance of rule 131.	Rule 131	Level 3
90.	Non-compliance with the directions issued under rule 133A.	Sub-rule (3) of rule 133A	Upto Level 6. In case penalty has already beenprovided in any rule for the same contravention, then, thepenalty as specified for that rule shall prevail.
91.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (2) of rule 133B in respect offacilities including necessary equipment for tests and inspectionaids.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 133B	Level 5
92.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (2) of rule 133B in respect ofqualified and trained staff.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 133B	Level 7
93.	Conduct of activities as mentioned in clause (a) of sub-rule(1) without obtaining prior approval under sub-rules (3) or (3B)of Rule 133B.	Sub-rules (3) or (3B) of rule 133B	Level 8
94.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (4) or (5) of rule 133B.	Sub-rules (4) or (5) of rule 133B.	Level 3

95.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (6) or (7) of rule 133B.	Sub-rules (6) or (7) of rule 133B	Level 4
96.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (8) of rule 133B.	Sub-rule (8) of rule 133B	Level 5
97.	Contravention of or non-compliance with any of the conditions specified in the order under sub-rule (1A) of rule 134.	Sub-rule (1A) of rule 134	Level 8
98.	Contravention of or non-compliance with the conditions attached to the permission under the bilateral agreement or to the temporary authorisation.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 134	Level 3
99.	Non-compliance with any of the term and condition imposed under rule 134A.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 134A	Level 6
100.	Contravention of sub-rule (1) of rule 134B by the person having Directorate General of Civil Aviation licence or certificate or approval.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 134B	Level 8
101.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (2), (2A), (2B), (3) or (5) of rule 135.	Sub-rules (2), (2A), (2B), (3) or (5) of rule 135	Level 3
102.	Non-compliance of rule 140A.	Rule 140A	Level 3
103.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 140B.	Rule 140B	Level 3
104.	Non-compliance of rule 140C.	Rule 140C	Level 5
105.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (1) of rule 141.	Sub-rule (1) of rule 141	Level 3
106.	Non-compliance of sub-rule (2) of rule 141.	Sub-rule (2) of rule 141	Level 1
107.	Non-compliance with any of the provision of rule 155.	Rule 155	Level 5
108.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (1) or (2) of rule 155A.	Sub-rules (1) or (2) of rule 155A.	Level 5
109.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (3)	Sub-rules (3)	Level 3

	or (4) of rule 155A.	or (4) of rule 155A.
110.	Non-compliance of sub-rules (5), (6) or (7) of rule 155A.	Sub-rules (5), (6) or (7) Level 5 of rule 155A.
111.	Denial of access to an authorised person.	Sub-rule (5) Level 6 of rule 156

### 3. Procedure for adjudication of penalty by designated officers: -

(a)The designated officer upon his satisfaction that a person has contravened any of the rule as specified in the Table 2 under paragraph 2 above, he may, after giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard to such person, by an order in writing, impose penalty in accordance with Tables 1 and 2 under paragraphs 1 and 2 respectively, upon such person, stating the nature of contravention, the provision of rules which have been contravened and the reasons for imposing such penalty along with the demand notice.(b)The designated officer shall not proceed for imposition of penalty against a person, where it comes to his notice that the proceeding for suspension or cancellation of license, certificate or approval as the case may be, has been initiated in pursuance of the section 10B of the Aircraft Act, 1934, for contravention of same rule on same cause of action.(c)A copy of penalty order passed along with the demand notice by the designated officer shall be served upon such person by a recognised mode of service.(d)The person aggrieved by the order issued under clause (a), may prefer an appeal in the Form B along with the fee of one thousand rupees in the manner as laid down by the Director-General, within thirty days from the date on which the copy of order issued by the designated officer is received by such person.(e)The appellate officer may, after giving an opportunity of being heard to the appellant, pass a speaking order, confirming, modifying or setting aside the order issued by the designated officer.(f)The copy of appellate order passed by appellate officer shall be provided to the appellant and the concerned designated officer.(g)The designated officer, within thirty days from the date of the receipt of such order passed by the appellate officer, shall grant the effect to the order by issuing a revised demand notice to the person against whom the order has been passed for the amount of penalty imposed in the order.(h)The penalty thus imposed shall be paid by such person in the manner as laid down by the Director-General within thirty days of the service of demand notice upon the person.(i)In case the person on whom the penalty is imposed fails to pay such amount of penalty within the time as stipulated in demand notice, then, the proceeding for cancellation or suspension of any licence, certificate, authorisation, permit or approval, as the case may be, may be initiated under these rules.

Form B(See rule 162)Form of appeal to the Appellate Officer

1. Name(s) of the Appellant
2. Address
3. Email Address
4. Phone No.
5. Order No. with Date,against which the appeal is

- preferred(copy of the order to be enclosed)
6. Name and Post of the designated Officer by whom the order is passed
  7. Contravention of rules for which order was passed
  8. Operative part of order
  9. Date on which the copy of order received by the appellant
  10. Date of completion of 30 days Limitation period
  11. Brief facts of the case
  12. Grounds of Appeal
  13. Prayer of the Appellant
  14. Fee and transaction details Form B

Verification I \_\_\_\_\_, the appellant, do hereby declare that what is stated above is true to the best of my information and belief. Name and Signature of the Appellant Date: Place: [\*\*\*][\*\*\*][\*\*\*][\*\*\*][Schedule XI] [The whole Schedule XI was inserted by G.S.R. No. 1087 dated 19-7-1965.] Grant of Permission to Operate Schedule Air Transport Services [See sub-rule (1) and (1A) of rule 134]

**1. [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "Permission" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] to operate Scheduled air transport services in pursuance of sub rule (1) and (1A) of rule 134 (hereinafter referred to as the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]) may be granted either-**

(i) to a citizen of India, or (ii) to a company or a body corporate provided that-(a) it is registered and has its principal place of business within India; (b) the Chairman and at least two-thirds of its Directors are citizens of India; and (c) its substantial ownership and effective control is vested in Indian nationals. [Explanation. - For the purposes of clause (c), the expression 'Indian nationals' includes a citizen of India who is residing outside India but shall not include an 'Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder' within the meaning of section 7A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955) or 'Persons of Indian Origin Cardholders' deemed as 'Overseas Citizen of India Cardholders' under notification number 26011/01/2014-IC.I. dated 09th January, 2015 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary under Part I, Section 1 dated the 9th January, 2015.] [Inserted by Notification No. G.S.R. 192(E), dated 20.3.2020 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**2. The Director-General shall be the authority to examine the applications for [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] and for issuing cancelling or suspending such [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].**



[\*\*\*] [Omitted 'Paragraph 3 and 4' by Notification No. G.S.R. 897(E), dated 14.9.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**5. [ (1) An application for Air Operator Certificate shall be made to the Director-General, not less than six months before the date on which it is proposed to commence the air transport services, in such form and manner as may be specified by the Director-General which shall be signed by the applicant or by a person duly authorised in that behalf by the applicant and the application.**

(2)The applicant shall, before making the application to the Director-General, obtain a no objection certificate for his proposed air transport services from the Central Government by making an application to it in such form and manner as may be specified by the Director-General.(3)The Central Government shall consider the application for no objection certificate received under subparagraph (2) taking into account the factors such as the financial soundness of the applicant, his operational plan, the clearance from security angle of the applicant organisation including its Directors, and any other factor that may have a bearing on the proposed air transport services from policy angle.(4)The no objection certificate granted by the Central Government shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issue.(5)A fee of two lakh rupees shall be payable for making the application for no objection certificate.

**6. An Air Operator Certificate for air transport services under this Schedule may be granted in the following categories, namely: -**

(a)scheduled air transport services (passenger);(b)scheduled commuter air transport services (passenger); and(c)scheduled Air Transport Services (Cargo).Explanation. - The scheduled commuter air transport services shall be operated between airports and/or helipads as may be specified by the Director-General from time to time.

**7. Only multi-engine aircraft with maximum certified take off mass of not less than 5700 Kilograms in case of aeroplanes and 3175 Kilograms in case of helicopters shall be used for operations by the holder of the Air Operator Certificate under this Schedule and the aircraft shall meet the requirements as may be specified by the Director-General, from time to time:**

Provided that the operator of scheduled commuter air transport services (passenger) may use aircraft with certified take off mass from below 5700 Kilograms but not exceeding 40000 Kilograms:Provided further that turbine-powered single engine aeroplane having maximum certified take off mass below 5700 Kilograms and turbine-powered single engine helicopter having maximum certified take off mass below 3175 Kilograms may be used for operations under the scheduled commuter air transport services subject to the following conditions, namely: -(i)the number of certified passenger seats shall not exceed nine;(ii)the aeroplane shall be equipped with

minimum equipment for operation at night and instrument meteorological conditions; and(iii)the helicopter shall be flown under day Visual Flight Rules (VFR) only.]

**8. [(1) The Director-General shall consider the application for the Air Operator Certificate as speedily as possible and upon being satisfied that the applicant meets the laid down requirements, shall grant the Air Operator Certificate subject to such conditions as may be specified therein.]**  
**[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 897(E), dated 14.9.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]**

[\*\*\*] [Omitted 'sub-paragraph (2)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 897(E), dated 14.9.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](3)The Director-General may, at any time, require the applicant to furnish any information which the Director-General considers necessary for deciding the application. The Director-General may also require the applicant to produce evidence in support of any information that the applicant may have furnished.

**9. [ (1) The Air Operator Certificate shall be valid for a period not exceeding five years as may be specified therein and may be renewed by the Director-General for a period not exceeding five years at a time upon being satisfied that the applicant has been performing the services under the certificate satisfactorily and has the capability to continue the services.**

(2)A fee of twenty lakh rupees shall be payable for the grant of an Air Operator Certificate and ten lakh rupees for renewal thereof:Provided that in case of issue of an Air Operator Certificate to operate the scheduled commuter air transport service, the fee payable shall be ten lakh rupees and five lakh rupees for renewal thereof.(3)The fees payable under this paragraph shall be paid in the manner as may be specified by the Director- General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 897(E), dated 14.9.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

**10. [ The Air Operator certificate shall contain such information as prescribed by the Director General] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**11. The grant of [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] shall not be construed as in any way absolving any person from the obligation of complying with the provisions of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934), the Carriage by Air Act, 1972 (69 of 1972) or with the rules made there under or with any other statutory provisions.**

**12. Any schedule air transport service operated in accordance with this schedule shall comply with the safety requirements with respect to air routes, aircraft and aircrew specified by the Director General.**

Omitted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)[Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 897(E), dated 14.9.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).]

13. (1) The holder of a permit shall maintain an Operations Manual in the form approved by the Director-General.(2) The Operations Manual shall, in addition to any other relevant information, contain the following particulars, namely :-(a) instructions outlining the responsibilities of operations personnel pertaining to the conduct of flight operations.(b) the flight crew for each stage of all routes to be flown including the designation of the succession of command.(c) in-flight procedure,(d) emergency flight procedure,(e) the minimum safe flight altitude for each route to be flown,(f) the circumstances in which a radio listening watch is to be maintained,(g) a list of the navigational equipments to be carried,(h) any other information required to be included by the Director-General.(3) A copy of the Operations Manual, or such part of the Manual as may be prescribed by the Director-General, shall be carried on all aircraft engaged in scheduled air transport service.14. All aircraft engaged in scheduled air transport service shall carry a 'Route Guide' which shall, in addition to any other relevant information, contain the following particulars, namely :-(a) communication facilities, navigation aids and a list of aerodromes, available on the route to be flown,(b) instrument 'let down' procedure for aerodromes on the route, or, those likely to be used as 'alternates',(c) meteorological minima for each of the aerodromes on the route to be flown and that are likely to be used as regular or alternate aerodromes,(d) specific instructions for computation of the quantities of fuel and oil to be carried on each route having regard to all the circumstances of operation, including the possibility of the failure of one or more engines of the aircraft, and(e) any other information required to be included by the Director-General.

**15.**

(1)If the Director-General is satisfied that there is sufficient ground for doing so, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, cancel the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] or suspend it for any specific period. He may also, during the investigation of any matter, suspend the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].(2)Without prejudice to the generality of the power in sub-paragraph (1), the Director-General may cancel or suspend the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] for such period as he thinks fit, if he is satisfied-(a)that any of the conditions of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] has not been complied with and the failure is due to any wilful act or default on the part of the holder of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] or by any of his servants, or agents, irrespective of whether or not such wilful act or default of the servant or agent was with the knowledge or approval of the holder of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f.

23.3.1937)]; or(b)that the holder of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] has failed to establish a safe, efficient and reliable service; or(c)that having regard to the financial resources of the holder of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] or the losses incurred by him, he cannot be relied upon to continue the operation of the service in a safe, efficient and reliable manner; or[\*\*\*] [Omitted '(d)' by Notification No. G.S.R. 897(E), dated 14.9.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](e)[ that the air transport certificate was obtained by fraud; or [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 897(E), dated 14.9.2018 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937).](f)that the security clearance of the company or the body corporate has been withdrawn or denied by the Central Government.](3)Before any action is taken under sub-paragraph (1) or sub-paragraph (2), the Director-General shall give to the holder of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] not less than fifteen days' notice in writing specifying the ground or grounds upon which it is proposed to cancel or, as the case may be, suspend the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] and shall give him an opportunity of showing cause either in writing or by appearing in person before the Director-General against the action proposed to be taken.(4)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-paragraph (3), the Director-General, may, if he has reason to believe on reliable information that it is expedient in the interest of public safety so to do, summarily suspend the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] with a view to make further enquiry and take action.(5)The [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] shall cease to be in force from the date of such cancellation or suspension unless otherwise directed.

**16. The Director-General may, at any time, whether of his own motion or on application made by any party, correct clerical or typographical error in any of his orders arising from any accidental slip or omission.**

[\* \* \*] [Omitted words "The Director-General shall cause to be published in the Official Gazette his decision regarding cancellation or suspension of the permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]

**18. Any [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] granted under this Schedule shall not be capable of being transferred or assigned except with the specific permission of the Director-General :-**

Provided that in the event of death, or bankruptcy of the holder of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] or of the appointment of a receiver, manager or trustee, in relation to the business of the holder, the person for the time being carrying on that business shall, if he makes an application within 14 days of the said event to the Director-General for a new [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)], be entitled to continue

the operation of the scheduled air transport service until the application is disposed of, or unless the Director-General has directed otherwise in the interest of public convenience.[\* \* \*] [Omitted sub-rule 19 words "Nothing herein contained shall be construed as conferring upon the holder of a permit on its expiry any right to the issue of a new permit for the operation of a service on the same route or to the continuance of any other benefits under this Schedule:" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] Provided, however, that if the holder of a [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] applies for a new [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] to continue the operation for a further period and if the Director-General is satisfied that the scheduled air transport service has been operated efficiently and in the best interests of the public and that the Corporations or their associates do not propose to operate on the route, the Director-General shall give preference to the holder of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)].

## 20.

(1) The [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] shall be kept at the principal office of the holder thereof and shall be produced for inspection on demand by any Magistrate, any Police Officer not below the rank of a Deputy Superintendent of Police, any officer of customs, any Gazetted officer of the [Directorate General of Civil Aviation] [Substituted words "Civil Aviation Department" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)], or any other person authorised by the Central Government or the Director-General by special or general order in writing in this behalf. (2) A copy of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] shall be displayed at a conspicuous place in the principal traffic office of the holder of the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]. (3) On the expiration of a [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)], whether by efflux of time or in consequence of a decision of the Director-General under this Schedule or when a [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] is suspended by the Director-General, the holder shall surrender the [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] to the Director-General for cancellation or endorsement as the case may be.

**21. [ The holder of an Air Operator Certificate shall perform such services for conveyance of mail or any other items as specified by the Director General.] [Substituted by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)]**

**22. Every person to whom a [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)] has been granted under this Schedule shall submit to the Director-General in such form as may be prescribed by him :-**

(a)monthly returns regarding the operation of the permitted air transport service and other air transport operations so as to reach the Director-General not later than 45 days after the expiry of the month to which the return relates;(b)annual return showing the financial results of the services or operations during each calendar year so as to reach the Director-General not later than three months after the expiry of the year to which the return relates; and(c)such other statements or returns as may be required by the Director-General.

**23. Any applicant or a holder of a [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)], aggrieved by an order of the Director-General rejecting the application, cancelling or suspending such [Air Operator Certificate] [Substituted words "permit" by Notification No. G.S.R. 32 (E) dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 23.3.1937)], as the case may be, may, within a period of thirty days from the date of such order, prefer an appeal to the Central Government and the decision of the Central Government on such appeal shall be final.**

## **XII**

[\*\*\*] [Schedule XII Omitted by Notification No. 636(E), dated 22.9.2004.]