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#### **SUBPART 1: GENERAL**

##### **Applicability**

**68.01.1 (1)** This Part applies to –

(a) the issuing, validation and re-issuing of South African glider pilot licenses including the privileges and limitations of such licences and ratings, and matters related thereto; and

(b) the validation of foreign pilot licenses and ratings issued by a Contracting State.

(2) The privileges of a glider pilot licence or a validation issued in terms of this Part may only be exercised within the Republic, unless specifically authorised by the appropriate authority of another State to exercise some or all of such privileges within its airspace.

##### **Authority to act as pilot**

**68.01.2 (1)** No person shall act as the pilot of a glider whilst in or over any part of the Republic or the territorial waters thereof unless such person –

(a) holds a valid appropriate pilot licence and rating issued in terms of this Part;  
or

(b) holds a valid pilot licence and rating in terms of this Part, Part 62 or Part 61;  
or

(c) if the aircraft is of a foreign nationality, –

(i) holds a validated national pilot licence and rating in terms of 68.01.1(1)(b); or

(ii) Has obtained a special authority to fly in terms of Part 24.02.7(3) and

(iii) has obtained the permission of the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.

(2) The holder of a glider pilot license shall not exercise any privileges other than the privileges granted by the appropriate license and rating or validation held by such holder.

(3) The holder of a validation of a foreign pilot license shall adhere to all the requirements and limitations prescribed by this Part in respect of the holder of a glider pilot license when exercising the privileges of his or her validation as a glider pilot license.

### Ratings for glider pilots

**68.01.3** The ratings for glider pilots are –

- (a) class ratings:
  - (i) conventional gliders by type as endorsed in the pilot's logbook.
    - ~~(aa) Long wing span – flapped;~~
    - ~~(bb) Short wing span – flapped;~~
    - ~~(cc) Short wing span – un-flapped;~~
  - (ii) self-launch and sustainer gliders by type as endorsed in the pilot's logbook.
  - (iii) Touring motor gliders by **type** as endorsed in the pilot's logbook.
- (b) ratings for special purposes:
  - (i) aero tow launch ;
  - (ii) winch launch ;
  - (iii) auto tow launch; and
  - (iv) aerobatic
    - (aa) basic aerobatic rating
    - (bb) advanced aerobatic rating.
  - (v) Test flight
    - (aa) post maintenance test flight rating
    - (bb) test flight rating
  - (vi) professional rating
  - (vii) designated examiners

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### (c) Glider pilot instructor rating

- (i) Grade C
- (ii) Grade B and
- (iii) Grade A

## Period of validity

**68.01.2** (1) A glider pilot licence shall be valid for period of 2 years: Provided that the privileges of the licence shall not be exercised by the holder thereof unless they –

- (a) either hold a valid Class 4 or higher class medical certificate issued in terms of Part 67,;
- (b) comply with the provisions of this regulation; and
- (c) holds an appropriate valid class and type rating as applicable.

(2) A class or type rating by name or a rating for special purposes as applicable, shall be valid for as long as the national pilot licence itself remains valid, with the proviso that the privileges of the class or type rating shall not be exercised by the holder thereof unless they comply with the provisions of regulation **68.01,10**

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## Maintenance of competency and recency

**68.01.3** (1) The holder of a glider pilot licence or rating shall not exercise the privileges granted by the licence or rating unless such holder maintains competency and recency by complying with the appropriate requirements prescribed in this part, and

- (a) have acted as PIC of an aeroplane in the applicable category for a minimum of **5 hours or 10 flights in the** 12 months immediately preceding the intended flight. Such minimum flight time may include flights undertaken by the pilot whilst receiving training appropriate to the category; or
- (b) has passed a skills test referred to in (a) with an appropriately rated flight instructor within 90 days immediately preceding the intended flight; and

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(2)(a) The holder of a national pilot licence shall not exercise the privileges of that licence unless they have successfully passed a skills test in the same class of aircraft.

- (b) (i) The holder of a national pilot licence shall undergo a renewal skills test for each class rating they may hold no later than 12 months from the initial issue, and thereafter within a period of 24 months of each previous renewal skills test.

(d) The renewal shall include a confirmation of knowledge on all subjects and knowledge of applicable regulations, CATS, NOTAMs, AICs and AIP's.

(e) The provisions of sub-regulations (6) and (7) shall apply with the necessary changes in respect of the annual renewal skills test.

(f) An application for the renewal of a national pilot's license shall be submitted to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149 as the case may be.

(2) In the event of the maintenance of competency requirements of a GPL not being complied with, the holder of a GPL may automatically continue to exercise the privileges of a student's licence, subject to the requirements of flight authorisation by a flight instructor under an approved ATO or RATF.

(3) Where a pilot holds or held a license issued in terms of this Part or a license issued in terms of Part 61 or 62, they may exercise the privileges of a student's licence for the purpose of training towards a GPL class rating.

(4) Where the holder of a glider pilot licence in a particular category who has not maintained competency by passing the renewal skills test in the same category of aircraft within the 24 months following the issue or renewal of such licence, he or she shall comply with the following requirements –

- (a) in the case of a holder of a GPL where the maintenance of competency has lapsed by not more than 24 months, the licence holder shall be required to:
  - (i) undergo sufficient theoretical and flight training at an approved ATO or RATF to reach the standard required for the renewal skills test of a GPL and meet the recency requirements to act as PIC; and
  - (ii) pass a renewal skills test, including a confirmation of knowledge on all theoretical subjects.
  
- (b) in the case of a holder of a GPL where the maintenance of competency has lapsed by more than 24 months but less than 60 months, the licence holder shall be required to:
  - (i) rewrite the air law examination and any examinations required for an initial licence which have not been previously passed;
  - (ii) undergo sufficient theoretical and flight training at an approved ATO or RATF to reach the standard required for the skills test of a GPL and meet the recency requirements to act as PIC; and
  - (iii) pass a renewal skills test, including a general confirmation of knowledge on all theoretical subjects.
  
- (c) in the case of a holder of a GPL where the maintenance of competency has lapsed by more than 60 months he or she shall be required to –
  - (i) rewrite the Air Law examination and any examinations required for an initial licence which have not been previously passed;
  - (ii) undergo sufficient theoretical and flight training at an approved ATO to reach the standard required for the renewal skills test of a GPL and meet the recency requirements to act as PIC; and
  - (iii) undergo a navigation planning exercise and a dual navigation flight of 60 minutes or more, and
  - (iv) pass an initial skills test, including a general confirmation of knowledge on all theoretical subjects.

(5) The skills test referred to in sub-regulation (2) may be conducted by a grade A or B glider flight instructor who is the holder of the appropriate class or type rating.

(6) The skills test referred to in sub-regulation (2) shall consist of a skills test without the need for a cross country flight test as defined in Document SA-CATS 68, to be conducted in an aircraft of the same class for which he or she is licensed.

(7) (a) The person conducting the skills test shall enter the outcome of the skills test in the pilot's logbook and sign it accordingly, and the pilot shall submit the relevant test report to the Director, or to the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be. The following rules shall apply –

- (i) In the event of circumstances interrupting a skill or renewal skills test, then a Notice of Discontinuance shall be issued. This notice will allow an applicant to complete those aspects of the test not yet assessed within a period of 30

days. The notice shall accompany the relevant skills test report and application. Failure to continue the test within this period shall result in the entire test being repeated.

- (ii) If the skills test or renewal skills test is conducted within 90 days prior to the expiry date of competency, then the new expiry date will be calculated from the date of expiry.
  - (iii) If the skills test or renewal skills test is conducted more than 90 days prior to the expiry date of competency, then the new expiry date will be calculated from the last day of the month in which the test or check was conducted.
  - (iv) No flight test shall be conducted before successful completion of any applicable theoretical examination.
  - (v) The navigation element of the skills test for the issuing of a GPL may be conducted as a separate flight within a maximum period of 30 days.
- (b) The test report referred to in paragraph (a) shall be countersigned by the pilot and the pilot concerned shall be provided with a copy thereof, and the pilot shall submit the test report to the Director, or the designated body in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.
- (8) Where a pilot fails a skills test –
- (a) the pilot must undergo remedial training with a flight instructor, other than the person who conducted such skills test, before submitting themselves for a re-skills test
  - (b) no retest shall be conducted without a letter of recommendation by the flight instructor referred to in paragraph (a).

(9) Recency, the holder of a glider pilot licence shall not act as PIC:

- (a) where the pilot has not operated an aircraft as PIC in the preceding 6 months of an aircraft in a particular class and where the licence and category are still valid, they shall undergo a dual check with any appropriately rated flight instructor. The dual check shall comprise of a minimum of one launch in an aircraft in the same class. The dual check shall be endorsed in the pilot's logbook;
- (b) if transporting a passenger unless such pilot has within the 90 days immediately preceding the flight on which a passenger is to be carried, has executed not less than one launch in an aircraft in the same class.

### Skills test and confirmation of knowledge

68.01.4 (1) Skills test shall be;

- (a) an initial skills test which shall include;
- (i) in the case of a glider a practical flight test as defined in Document SA-CATS 68 of which the duration of the flight shall be not less than 60 minutes; and

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(ii) a navigational skills test including navigational planning as defined in Document SA-CATS 68 of a duration of not less than 60 minutes, without the use of a GPS; or

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(iii) in the case of a TMG, a practical flight test as defined in Document SA-CATS 62 of which the duration of the flight shall be not less than 60 minutes; and

(iv) a triangular navigational skills test including navigational planning as defined in Document SA-CATS 62 of a duration of not less than 90 minutes which includes a full stop landing at a point other than the point of departure or final destination without the use of a GPS.

(b) a renewal skills test which shall include.

(i) in the case of a glider, a practical flight test as defined in Document SA-CATS 68 of which the duration of the flight shall be not less than 60 minutes, or

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(ii) in the case of a TMG, a practical flight test as defined in Document SA-CATS 68 of which the duration of the flight shall be not less than 60 minutes, and

(iii) a comprehensive evaluation and confirmation of a student's or pilot's knowledge and understanding of flight and navigation planning, pre-flight preparation and inspections, radiotelephony procedures, taxiing or ground handling as applicable, pre- and post-take-off and landing procedures, general flying and emergency procedures including airmanship as defined in Document SA-CATS 68, and

(iv) Notwithstanding (b) above, where a pilot demonstrates exceptional skill, knowledge and experience, and has maintained a high level of recency, prior to a renewal skills test, the testing instructor may reduce the duration of the practical flight test to not less than 40 minutes, together with a written motivation why in the opinion of the testing instructor the pilot being tested was awarded a reduced duration of practical flight testing.

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(v) Where time does not permit it, the requirements in (b) (i) and (iii) above may be conducted in two parts within a period not exceeding 30 days,

(vi) The results of the evaluation and test in (i) and (iii) above shall be submitted together with the application forms to the Director or body designated in terms of art 149 as the case may be.

(2) (a) The holder of a glider pilot licence shall pay annually the applicable currency fee as prescribed in Part 187 on the anniversary date of his or her licence.

(b) The fee shall be paid to the Director, or to the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may, and shall be accompanied by a summary of his or her logbook for the previous 12 months.

(c) The summary shall be in the format prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68 and be signed, certifying it to be a true reflection of his or her flying experience during the period summarised.

(3) [The renewal skills test for a conventional, sustainer or self-launch glider pilot licence shall be conducted using the class of glider appropriate to the licence.](#)

(4) Notwithstanding (3) above, in the case where a pilot is rated and has maintained recency in both a TMG and glider, a TMG may be used for the renewal skills test for the renewal of the applicable class of glider license by the holder of a Grade A or Grade B instructor who also holds a glider and TMG class ratings and has maintained recency in both classes.

#### **Failure to maintain minimum standards**

**68.01.5** (1)(a) If the Director, or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, suspects that a person, licensed in terms of this Part, has failed to maintain the minimum standard required to exercise the privileges of the national pilot licence or any of the ratings that he or she holds, the Director or the said organisation must give the holder a reasonable written notice of such suspicion.

(b) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, may then require the person to undergo, remedial training and a skills test with a designated examiner including all or some of the theoretical knowledge examinations by a specified date prescribed in this Part in respect of such licence or rating.

(2) Should the skills tests or examinations, referred in sub-regulation (9), show that the standard of the licence or rating holder is below that required for the licence or rating concerned, the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall suspend the holder from exercising all or any of the privileges of that licence or rating until such time as the holder can show that he or she is again able to meet the skills and theoretical knowledge requirements for that licence or rating.

(3) If the person, who has been duly notified in terms of sub-regulation (8), fails without reasonable cause to present himself by the specified date to undergo the test or examination prescribed, their standard shall be deemed to be below that required for the licence or rating concerned and the provisions of sub-regulation (12) shall apply.

(4) The holder of a lapsed or expired pilot licence issued in terms of Part 61, Part 68 or Part 68, or where such holder may not exercise the privileges of his or her licence due to non-compliance with the currency or recency requirement, may for the purpose of renewing their licence or rating as contemplated in sub-regulation (2) above, exercise the privileges of the glider pilots student licence provided for in Part 68 provided that the holder have an appropriate current medical certificate.

#### **Medical fitness**

**68.01.6** (1) An applicant for, or holder of, a glider pilot licence shall hold an appropriate valid medical certificate issued in terms of Part 67, and he or she shall submit an original or certified copy thereof to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.

(2) The medical fitness certificate, prescribed in sub-regulation (1), shall not be older than three months when submitted.

(6) The holder of a national pilot licence issued in terms of this Part shall—

(a) not exercise the privileges of that licence —

(i) unless that person —

(aa) holds an appropriate valid medical certificate or medical fitness certificate, as the case may be; and



(bb) complies with all medical endorsements on that medical certificate or medical fitness certificate;

(ii) while he or she is aware of having a medical deficiency that would make him or her unable to meet the medical standards for his or her medical certificate or medical fitness certificate, until he or she has been assessed medically fit again by an aviation medical examiner designated in terms of Part 67.

### **Language**

**68.01.7** The applicant for a glider pilot licence, to be issued under this Part, shall have demonstrated his or her ability to use the English language as set out in Document SA-CATS 68.

### **Logging of flight time**

**68.01.8** (1)(a) The holder of a national pilot licence shall maintain a true and accurate record of all his flight time and instruction time.

(b) Electronic logbooks may be used, provided that the electronic data is printed onto paper at least every 90 days and the printed pages are filed and numbered sequentially in a binder.

(2) The form and information to be contained in the logbook referred to in sub-regulation (1), and the manner in which such logbook shall be maintained, are as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

(3) (a) Entries in pilot logbooks shall be made within seven days after the completion of the flight to be recorded.

(b) Where a pilot is engaged in flight operations away from the base where the pilot logbook is normally kept, the periods specified in paragraph (a) may be extended to 48 hours after return to base.

(4) Pilot logbooks shall be retained by their holders for at least 60 months from the date of the last flight recorded therein.

(5) Flight time during which the holder of a glider pilot licence is –

(a) receiving dual instruction shall be logged as dual flight time with the instructor as PIC and shall include a record of the air exercises undertaken;

(b) the designated PIC, shall be logged as pilot-in-command time.

(6) The holder of a national student pilot licence may log as solo flight time only the flight time when the student is the sole occupant and PIC of the aircraft.

(7) A national flight instructor shall log the time spent in a glider occupying a pilot seat with access to all the controls, whilst acting as a flight instructor, as flight instructor time, and may log all flight time whilst acting as such as PIC time.

(8)(a) A glider flight instructor, acting as an examiner while occupying a pilot seat with access to all the flight controls, may log all flight time whilst acting as such as PIC, and shall make the entry EXAMINER in the remarks column.

(b) Such time shall not be logged as flight instructor time.

### Crediting of flight time and theoretical knowledge

**68.01.9** (1) Flight time, entered in a logbook that has been lost or destroyed, shall only be accepted for crediting purposes by the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, if the flight time can be substantiated by means acceptable to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.

(2) A person acting as pilot of an aircraft for which he or she does not hold the prescribed qualifications shall not credit that flight time for any purpose, unless he or she is under approved flight instruction.

(3) An applicant for a glider pilot licence or any rating thereto may be credited with any previously acquired flight time in any category of aircraft to the extent recommended by the flight instructor, signing out the skill test report prescribed for the issue of the licence or rating, to the Director or the organisation designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.

(4) An applicant for a glider pilot licence or any rating thereto, who is or who during the five years immediately preceding the application, has been the holder of a pilot licence issued in terms of Part 61 or by the South African Air Force, may be exempted from certain cross-country requirements prescribed in this Part, if any, at the discretion of the flight instructor signing out the skill test report prescribed for the issue of the licence or rating.

(5) Where the holder of a glider pilot licence applies for an additional class or type rating, they may be credited with certain theoretical knowledge or experience previously acquired in obtaining the licence or any rating, provided such theoretical knowledge or experience meets or exceeds the standard of theoretical knowledge or experience of the class being applied for, at the discretion of the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation 68.01.9 an applicant with reasonable experience in a particular class who wants to obtain an additional class rating shall complete not less than 10 launches including 1 solo flight of a minimum of 30 minutes

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (3) and (5) in the case of an applicant with reasonable experience in a particular class of glider who wants to obtain a class rating for touring motor gliders shall complete not less than:

(a) 10 take off and landings;

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### Recognition and validation of pilot licences and ratings issued by an appropriate Authority of a Contracting State

**68.01.16** (1) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, may recognise through a skills validation and confirmation of knowledge, a pilot licence and rating issued by or on behalf of an appropriate authority of a State where the standard of such foreign licence or rating is deemed to be equivalent to, or higher than, the South African qualification being sought, and on the basis of recency and competence by the holder.

(2) (a) Validation of foreign licences shall apply for flights in South African aircraft, where such privileges are required for a limited period, not to exceed one year.

(b) Purposes for which a certificate of validation may be issued include:

- (i) to exercise the privileges of a glider pilot licence in a South African registered aircraft;
- (ii) to conduct demonstration flights in a South African registered aircraft;
- (iii) to conduct endorsement training of South African flight crew; or
- (iv) to participate in sporting, competition or special air events, organised by or under the auspices of ARO's and sections of the recognised national aero sport body.

(c) The privileges of the validated foreign licence may not be exercised in professional aerial work, recreational adventure flights or general air transport operations.

(3) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, may if deemed necessary, require an applicant for a validation to undergo additional theoretical or practical assessments with a designated examiner to ensure compatibility with the relevant South African licensing standards.

#### **Application for and issuing of a validation of a foreign pilot licence and ratings**

**68.01.17** (1) The holder of a licence or rating, similar to, or higher than, a glider pilot licence issued in terms of this Part, Part 61 or Part 62 or equivalent issued by or on behalf of the appropriate authority of a State, who desires to exercise the privileges of such licence or rating as PIC of a South African registered aircraft, may apply to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, on the appropriate prescribed form, for the recognition and validation of such pilot licence or rating.

(2) No validation will be considered in terms of sub-regulation (1) if the applicant has –

- (a) been refused a South African pilot licence or validation before; or
- (b) had a South African pilot licence or validation revoked in the past,

or for any reasons determined by the Director or body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149, as the case may be, other than failing a skills test, a competency test, or a theoretical knowledge test.

(3) Where, in the opinion of the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, the requirements for the issue of a pilot licence by a particular State are lower than those set by South Africa the applicant shall be required to meet the higher requirement before granting a validation.

(4) A pilot licence and rating issued by or on behalf of an appropriate authority of a State may be validated by the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149

- (a) subject to the same restrictions which apply to such pilot licence and rating;
- (b) subject to such conditions and limitations as the Director or the designated body may deem necessary in the interest of aviation safety;
- (c) in accordance with and subject to the requirements and conditions as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68; and
- (d) in the appropriate prescribed form as ,

but shall not permit privileges in excess of the equivalent South African national pilot licence or rating.

(5) The application for a validation referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be accompanied by –

- (a) the appropriate fee as prescribed in Part 187;
- (b) a certified copy of the pilot licence and rating to which the validation refers;
- (c) a certified copy of a valid medical certificate or valid medical fitness certificate;
- (d) a certified copy of the radiotelephony certificate (if applicable), or, in the case where the State does not prescribe such certificate for its licence holders, certified proof that the applicant has passed a practical skills test with an approved radiotelephony examiner;
- (e) a summary of the applicant's logbook, certified by the applicant to be a true reflection of the hours flown; and
- (f) any other document that may have been prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68 or as required by the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149 –

(6) The minimum knowledge, experience and skill requirements for the issue of a certificate of validation for the various pilot licences and ratings are those prescribed for the South African glider pilot licence and associated ratings in Document SA-CATS 68.

(7) The required skills test shall be undertaken in an aircraft of the class or type, appropriate to the glider pilot licence category for which a certificate of validation is sought.

(8) The holder of a validation issued by the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149 shall comply with all the applicable provisions prescribed in these regulations.

(9) None of the privileges of an additional rating may be exercised in terms of the certificate of validation before the appropriate authority as applicable has endorsed such privileges on the applicant's foreign pilot's licence, however, due regard shall be given to the provision of regulation 68.01.14(2)(c).

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(10) The period of validity of a certificate of validation issued by the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall be the lesser of –

- (a) twelve months calculated from the date of issue of such certificate of validation by the Director or the organisation designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149; or
- (b) the period of validity of the pilot licence and rating to which the validation applies.

(11) In exceptional cases such as demonstration flights, skills development or specific instruction on aircraft or types new to or where no suitable pilot or instructor is rated in the Republic, the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, may consider the recognition or validation of a foreign licence or foreign instructor to meet short-term operational requirements by exempting the applicant from all or some of the requirements of this Part, subject to conditions set by the Director or body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, for the particular situation.

### **Conversion of a foreign pilot licence and ratings**

**68.01.18** (1) The holder of a valid South African validation issued in terms of this part may apply for the conversion of their licence to a GPL, without having to pass the theoretical knowledge or practical skills tests required by Part 68 provided that –

- (a) the validation had been held for an uninterrupted period of 2 years or more, and
- (b) the holder has acquired not less than 100 hours flight time in the two years referred to in paragraph (a) above.

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(2) The application for the issuing of a South African GPL or any rating on the strength of a foreign pilot licence or rating must be made in the prescribed form and the applicant must meet all the requirements laid down in sub-regulation (3).

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulations (1) and (2), an applicant applying for the conversion of his or her foreign pilot licence must attach to his application the following documentation-

- (a) a letter of motivation for conversion of the licence;
- (c) his or her logbook containing -
  - (i) the last 12 months' summary;
  - (ii) endorsements of all class or type ratings; and
  - (iii) endorsements of the last revalidation of his licence, class or type ratings;
- (d) their licence; and
- (e) a valid South African medical certificate, as applicable.

(4) All new applicants for the conversion of a licence shall be required to pass the theoretical examination at the appropriate level as prescribed below –

- (i) Air Law
- (ii) Meteorology
- (iii) Navigation.

#### **Training for the conversion of a licence, rating or validation**

(5) The applicant shall be required to attend training at an approved ATO or RATF and receive tuition at the discretion of the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) with respect to differences in South African airspaces, flight performance and planning and typical Southern Africa weather patterns. The CFI shall issue a letter of recommendation to the applicant to gain entry to the on-line examinations.

#### **Skills tests for the conversion of a licence, rating or validation**

(6) The applicant for the conversion of a licence shall be required to undergo a skills test with a Grade A or B flight instructor who has been approved for the purpose by the CFI of the ATO or RATF.

#### **Documentation**

**68.01.19** The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall ensure that a national pilot licence and rating is issued in such a manner that the validity thereof may readily be determined by any appropriate authority.

#### **Register of licences**

**68.01.20** (1) The Director, or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall maintain a register of all national pilot licences and ratings issued or validated in terms of this Part.

(2) The register shall contain the following particulars:

- (a) The full name of the holder of the licence;
- (b) date of birth;
- (c) the postal and residential address of the holder of the licence;
- (d) the number of the licence;
- (e) the date on which the licence was issued or validated;
- (f) particulars of the ratings held by the holder of the licence;
- (g) the nationality of the holder of the licence; and
- (h) in the case of a validation, the authority that issued the validated licence or rating.

(3) The particulars referred to in sub-regulation (2) shall be recorded in the register within seven days from the date on which the licence or rating is issued or validated.

(4) The register shall be kept in a safe place at the office of the Director or of the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149 as the case may be.

#### **Aviation training providers**

**68.01.21** (a) All *ab initio* training, remedial training, foreign validations, type conversions and renewal skills tests and skills tests required by this Part shall be provided only by the holder of an ATO or RATF approval issued in terms of Part 141 or Part 51.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) type conversions and renewal skills tests may be performed by a grade A or B instructor or a designated examiner approved for the purpose by the Director or body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149 as the case may be, away from base without an approved ATO or RATF on receipt of a written application as per Document SA-CATS 68.

#### **Payment of currency fee**

**68.01.22** (a) The holder of a glider pilot licence shall pay the currency fee as prescribed in Part 187, applicable to the type of licence, on the anniversary date of the licence to either the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.

(b) Where applicable, the payment shall be accompanied by the summary as prescribed by regulation 68.01.9(8).

#### **Radiotelephony certificates**

**68.01.23** (a) A holder of a glider pilot licence may be required to be the holder of a radiotelephony operators certificate as contemplated in section 31 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005). The radiotelephony operator's certificate shall be issued as an endorsement on the NPL license document by the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.

(b) The requirements for their issue are prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

### **SUBPART 2: GLIDER STUDENT PILOT LICENCE**

## Requirements for the glider pilot student licence

**68.02.1** (1) An applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot student licence shall –

- (a) be not less than 16 years of age, providing written consent has been obtained from the applicant's legal guardian where the applicant has not yet reached an age of majority (18 years of age),
- (b) (i) hold a valid medical certificate appropriate to the category of licence ultimately being trained for issued in terms of Part 67; or
  - (ii) in the case of hang-gliding or paragliding, hold a medical fitness certificate, dated not less than three months before the date of application;
- (c) have successfully completed the training referred to in regulation 68.02.2; and
- (d) have passed the theoretical knowledge examination referred to in regulation 68.02.3.

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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (1), an applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot student shall provide proof that written consent has been obtained from the applicant's legal guardian where the applicant has not yet reached an age of majority.

## Practical Training

**68.02.2** An applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot student licence shall have undergone:

- (a) basic training on pre-flight inspections; and
- (b) basic training on airmanship and safe conduct around aircraft and airfields; and
- (c) an introductory air experience flight.

## Theoretical knowledge examination

**68.02.3** (1) Prior to a student pilot performing their first solo flight they shall have completed the following:

- (a) have in their possession their glider pilot student licence
- (b) passed a written aircraft technical test on the category and type of aircraft being used for training;
- (c) passed a written pre-solo test which shall include basic air law appropriate to student glider pilot;
- (d) passed a written test on the local rules appropriate to the airfield in use as well as the surrounding areas.

## Certificate of competency

**68.02.4** (1) If the student pilot, in terms of these Regulations, is required to operate radio apparatus while flying solo, a glider pilot student licence may be issued to the applicant who is not in possession of a radiotelephony certificate of competency (aeronautical), provided that an endorsement as per Document SA-CATS is entered into the student pilot's logbook and signed by a Grade A or B flight instructor which shall state that:

- (a) the student pilot has undergone basic training in the use and procedures of the radio apparatus installed in the aircraft in which they are being trained; and
- (b) passed an introductory written test on basic radiotelephony and emergency broadcast procedures

- (c) the student pilot is considered competent of operating such radio apparatus satisfactorily to undertake solo flights –
  - (i) within the circuit area of the aerodrome or approved site where the training flights originate and terminate;
  - (ii) within the associated general flying area of such aerodrome or approved site;
  - (iii) on cross-country flights.

(2) The basic training and knowledge requirements to be met shall be based on the communication syllabus prescribed in document SA-CATS 68.

(3) The certificate of competency referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be valid for as long as the glider student licence is valid.

#### **Application for glider pilot student licence**

**68.02.5** (1) An application for the issuing of a glider pilot student licence in a category, other than hang-glider or paraglider, shall –

- (a) be made to the Director or the body, designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, in the appropriate prescribed form; and
- (b) be accompanied by –
  - (i) an original or certified copy of –
    - (aa) the identity of the applicant; and
    - (bb) proof of the age of the applicant;
  - (ii) a valid medical certificate appropriate to the category of licence ultimately being trained for issued in terms of Part 67;
  - (iii) a certificate of competency referred to in regulation 68.02.4, or a valid radiotelephony operator's certificate;
  - (iv) certified copies of the applicant's passed examinations referred to in regulation 68.02.3 (b), (c) and (d)
  - (v) an application for the appropriate category and type rating;
  - (vi) one recent passport size photographs of the applicant; and
  - (vii) the appropriate fee prescribed in Part 187.

#### **Issuing of glider pilot student licence**

**68.02.6** (1)(a) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall issue a glider pilot student licence if the applicant complies with the requirements referred to in regulation 68.02.1.

(2) A glider pilot student licence shall be issued in the prescribed format.

(3) Upon the issuing of a glider pilot student licence the holder thereof shall forthwith affix his or her signature in ink in the space on the certificate provided for such purpose.

#### **Period of validity**



**68.02.7** (1) A glider pilot student licence is valid for the period of one year from the date of issue.

(2) The holder of a valid glider pilot student licence may not exercise the privileges of that licence unless he or she –

- (a) is in the possession of a valid medical certificate, issued to him or her in terms of Part 67; and
- (b) has submitted a copy of the medical certificate to the licensing authority.

#### **Privileges and limitations of glider pilot student licence**

**68.02.8** (1) The holder of a valid glider pilot student licence shall be entitled to fly solo only for the purpose of training for the applicable glider pilot licence or rating –

- (a) in the class and type of aircraft in which he or she is undergoing training;
- (b) after being authorised thereto and while under supervision, as prescribed in sub-regulation (2);
- (c) without carrying any passengers;
- (d) in VMC by day only;
- (e) on a cross country flight after being authorised, other than an international flight.

(2)(a) A student glider pilot shall not fly solo unless authority is granted for a flight, or for a sequence of flights, as prescribed in the relevant practical training course syllabus in Document SA-CATS 68, by the holder of a grade A or B flight instructor rating who is to supervise the solo flight.

(b) The authority to fly solo shall be approved by the holder of a grade A or B flight instructor rating in writing and the logbook has been endorsed to fly solo as per document SACATS 68 in their presence before such flight or sequence of flights is about to commence.

(3) A student glider pilot shall not fly solo in the circuit unless they have successfully completed the practical and theoretical knowledge training and examinations as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68, and their logbook has been endorsed to fly solo in the circuit.

(4) A student glider pilot shall not fly solo outside of the circuit or in the general flying area unless they have successfully completed the practical and theoretical knowledge training and examinations as prescribed in sub-regulation (3) above and in Document SA-CATS 68, and his or her logbook has been endorsed to do so.

(5) A student glider pilot shall not fly solo on a cross-country flight unless he has successfully completed the practical and theoretical knowledge training and examinations as prescribed in sub-regulations (3) and (4) above and in Document SA-CATS 68, and his or her logbook has been endorsed to do so.

(6) (a) Except in an emergency, no student glider pilot shall land or take-off in an aircraft from an area other than an aerodrome or an approved site.

(b) If a student glider pilot does execute an emergency landing in an aircraft in an area other than an aerodrome or an approved site, only the holder of a glider pilot licence with a Grade

A or B instructor rating with the appropriate class and type rating, or a pilot approved for the purpose by the Director or the designated body, may fly the aircraft from the area.

(c) Notwithstanding 6(a) and (b) above, out landings with conventional and sustainer gliders are considered as standard operations and not shall not be deemed to be an emergency landing.

### **SUBPART 3: GLIDER PILOT LICENCE**

#### **Requirements for glider pilot licence**

**68.03.1** (1) An applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot licence in the respective classes shall –

- (a) hold a valid glider pilot student licence, or a valid pilot licence issued in terms of Part 61 or Part 68; and
- (b) hold a valid radiotelephony operator's certificate (aeronautical); and
- (c) hold a valid Class 4 or higher class medical certificate issued in terms of Part 67; and,
- (d) be not less than 18 years of age; and
- (g) have successfully completed the theoretical and practical flight training; and
- (h) have passed the theoretical knowledge examinations; and
- (i) have successfully passed the skills test; and
- (h) be a member of an [applicable](#) approved aviation recreation organization

#### **Training**

**68.03.2** (a) An applicant for the issuing of an initial glider pilot licence with a category, class and type rating shall have successfully completed the appropriate theoretical and practical flight training as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

- (a) Theoretical training referred to in (a) shall be presented by an instructor, or a person approved by the approved ATO's or RATF's CFI for purposes of theoretical instruction.

#### **Experience**

**68.03.3** (1) An applicant for the issuing of an initial class rating for gliders shall have completed not less than the following hours of flight time.

- (a) in the case of conventional, self-launch or sustainer gliders;
  - (i) a minimum of 40 flights in a conventional glider; of which
  - (ii) a minimum total of 20 solo flights; and
  - (iii) a minimum of 10 flights accumulated per launch method; and
  - (iv) a minimum of 6 hours of solo flight; of which
    - (aa) one flight shall be at least two hours duration; and
    - (bb) one flight of a minimum of 30 minutes continuous or engine off as applicable flight time, and –
    - (cc) a launch, or shutdown as applicable not exceeding 3000ft AGL of the intended landing site; and

- (dd) an ascent of at least two times the launch or engine off as applicable height.
- (b) in the case of touring motor gliders;
  - (i) a minimum of 35 hours of flight time in a TMG;
  - (ii) a minimum total of 15 solo flights; and
    - (aa) one flight of a minimum of 30 minutes continuous or engine off as applicable flight time, and –
    - (bb) the launch or shutdown as applicable not exceeding 3000ft AGL of the intended landing site; and
    - (cc) an ascent of at least two times the launch or engine off as applicable height.
  - (iii) a [soaring circuit and engine off landing](#); and
  - (iv) one dual navigational flight of a duration of not less than 45 minutes; and
  - (v) one triangular dual instructional navigational flight of a duration of not less than 90 minutes, which includes a full stop landing at a point other than the point of departure or final destination; and
  - (vi) a minimum of one dual flight under instruction in controlled airspace and into and out of a controlled airport, this flight may be included in paragraph (iv) or (v); and
  - (vii) one solo navigational flight of a duration of not less than 45 minutes; and
  - (viii) one triangular solo navigational flight of a duration of not less than 90 minutes, which includes a full stop landing at a point other than the point of departure or final destination;

### **Theoretical knowledge training and examination**

**68.03.4** (1) An applicant for the issuing of an initial glider pilot licence with the applicable category, class and type rating shall have completed the theoretical training and passed the written examinations as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68 in the following subjects:

- (a) Civil Aviation Regulations and Technical Standards; and
- (b) Aircraft Technical and General; and
- (c) Principles of Flight; and
- (d) Human Performance; and
- (e) Navigation; and
- (f) Meteorology; and
- (g) Radiotelephony; and
- (h) Category specific examinations in one of the following:
  - (i) Conventional glider; or
  - (ii) Motor gliding for TMG.

(2) The applicant must have passed all the theoretical knowledge examinations for GPL referred to in (1) within a period of 12 months of obtaining the first credit, and must have passed the final theoretical knowledge examination within 24 months preceding the skills test.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (1), the applicant with extensive experience, who is the holder of a pilot licence issued in terms of Part 61 or Part 62 be given credit for all subjects successfully passed, must successfully pass the examination referred to in (1)(h)(i) or (ii) as applicable

#### **Skills test**

**68.03.5** (1) An applicant for the issuing of an initial glider pilot licence with the applicable category rating shall have demonstrated the procedures and manoeuvres as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68 to a valid Grade A or Grade B glider flight instructor; or

(2) The applicant shall pass the initial skills tests referred to in sub-regulation 68.01.11 within 12 months of passing the final theoretical knowledge examinations referred to in regulation 68.03.4 and within 60 days immediately preceding the date of application.

(3) The testing instructor referred to in (1) performing the initial skills tests in (2) shall not be the student's regular training flight instructor, or an instructor that has provided more than 5 hours of flight instruction to the applicant during the course of their training.

#### **Application for glider pilot licence**

**68.03.6** An application for the issuing of a glider pilot licence shall –

- (a) be made to the Director or to the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, on the appropriate prescribed form within 60 days of passing the skills test; and
- (b) be accompanied by –
  - (i) copy of student licence or current foreign licence
  - (ii) certified copy of South African ID or passport
  - (iii) one color passport-sized photograph
  - (iv) original or certified copy of either a valid Class 4 or higher medical issued in terms of Part 67, or in the case of an application in the category hang-glider or paraglider, a valid medical fitness certificate;
  - (v) original or certified proof that the applicant meets the requirements for the issue of at least one of the category ratings which will include a copy of the logbook showing all training and an accurate summary of all hours flown.
  - (vi) the appropriate fee as prescribed in Part 187 or by the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, provided that any fee set by the latter may not exceed those prescribed in Part 187; and
  - (vii) a signed copy of the skills test report as referred to in regulation 68.03.5 by Grade A or B instructor.

#### **Issuing of glider pilot licence**

**68.03.7** (1) The Director, or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall issue a glider pilot licence if the applicant complies with the requirements referred to in regulation 68.03.1.

(2) A class rating for a glider pilot licence shall be issued in the format prescribed in SA-CATS 68.

#### **Privileges and limitations of a glider pilot licence**

**68.03.8** (1) The holder of a glider pilot licence may act as PIC of an aircraft registered in the Republic of South Africa for which he or she holds the appropriate valid class and type rating and which is not for reward or remuneration –

- (a) under VMC by day; and
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of Part 91 and Part 94 as applicable.

(2) The holder of a glider pilot licence may act as PIC of an aircraft in the appropriate class and type rating by name for which they are rated:

- (a) within uncontrolled airspace; or
- (b) within controlled airspace providing
  - (i) prior permission has been obtained from the responsible ATSU to enter such airspace; and
  - (ii) such two-way radio communication as the said unit may require, is established; and
  - (iii) continuous radio watch is maintained; and
- (c) while within an aerodrome traffic zone, the appropriate radio position reporting procedure is complied with; or
- (d) in the case of an emergency
- (c) notwithstanding (b) may not enter into controlled airspace or controlled airports, unless they have completed a minimum of one dual flight under instruction in controlled airspace and into and out of a controlled airport.

(3) The holder of a glider pilot licence shall be entitled to exercise the privileges of the licence for the special purposes referred to in regulation 68.01.8.

- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (1) –
  - (b) the holder of a glider pilot licence may exercise the privileges of their licence for reward or remuneration in an aeroplane approved in terms of Part 96, provided that they are the holder of a valid glider pilot professional rating issued in terms of Subpart 14 of this Part, together with the appropriate air service licence and AOC approval, or a recreational adventure flying operation approval from the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be;
  - (c) the holder of a valid glider flight instructor rating may conduct flight training, skills tests, conversion training for remuneration under the auspices of an appropriately rated and approved ATO or RATF.

#### **Requirements for the issue of a class rating**

**68.03.9** (a) For the applicant for, or the holder of a pilot licence to be issued with a first or an additional class rating, he or she shall meet the requirements for the issue of a class or type rating in that particular class.

- (e) When issued with a class rating, a type rating in that class is automatically included.

#### Requirements for the issue of an additional class or type rating

**68.03.10** (1) The Director, or the organisation designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall issue a class or type rating by name for glider pilot licenses if the applicant complies with the requirements referred to in regulation 68.

2) An applicant for the issue of an additional class or type rating by name as applicable; shall

(a) undergo conversion training and skills test with a Grade A or B instructor with the appropriate class and type rating; and

(f) with the instructor at the dual controls, or under direct supervision in the case of a single-seater aeroplane, perform at least 3 take-offs or launches and 3 landings and any other exercise considered necessary; and

(g) pass the technical examinations as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

(3) Notwithstanding (2) above, in the case of the issue of an initial type rating in the class touring motor gliders for the holder of a pilot's license in terms of Part 61 or Part 62 Subpart 17, the applicant is required to do one solo flight of at least 30 minutes duration with the engine off and shutdown not below 3000ft AGL.

#### Requirements for the issue of a special purpose rating

**68.03.11** (1) For the holder of a glider pilot licence to be issued with a special purpose rating, they shall meet the requirements for the issue of the particular special purpose rating.

(a) For the additional launch method rating (aerotow, winch and autotow), a holder of a glider pilot license shall:

(i) complete both the theoretical knowledge examinations and skills test, referred to in regulations 68.02.4 and 68.02.5, specific launch method; and

(ii) complete at least 10 launches using the launch method applied for.

#### Crediting of flight time

68.03.12 (1) for conventional, sustainer or self-launch gliders the holder of a licence issued in terms of Part 61 or Part 62 subpart 16 as the case may be, endorsed with -

(a) in the category PPL fixed wing; may-

(i) be credited in full with all solo and dual instruction flight time; The additional hours shall consist of;-

(aa) a minimum of 10 launches per launch method; and

(bb) one solo flight of at least 2 hours duration; and

(ii) shall have completed the theoretical training in the subjects principles of flight and engines and airframes and passed the theoretical knowledge gliders examination prescribed for a glider pilot licence endorsed for the category GPL;

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(b) in the category LSA; may-

(i) be credited in full with all solo and dual instruction flight time; The additional hours shall consist of; in the case of conventional, sustainer or self-launch gliders –

- (aa) a minimum of 10 launches per launch method; and
- (bb) one solo flight of at least 2 hours duration; and

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(ii) shall have completed the theoretical training in the subjects principles of flight and engines and airframes and passed the theoretical knowledge gliders examination prescribed for a glider pilot licence endorsed for the category GPL;

(c) in the category GYR and WCM may –

(i) be credited with not more than 15 hours flight time. The additional hours shall consist of –

- (aa) a minimum of 30 launches per launch method; and
- (bb) one solo flight of at least 2 hours duration; and

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(ii) shall have completed the theoretical training in the subjects principles of flight and engines and airframes and passed the theoretical knowledge gliders examination prescribed for a glider pilot licence endorsed for the category GPL;

(d) the category CCM; may –

(i) be credited with not more than 20 hours flight time. The additional hours shall consist of –

- (aa) a minimum of 30 launches per launch method; and
- (bb) one solo flight of at least 2 hours duration; or

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(ii) shall have completed the theoretical training in the subjects principles of flight and engines and airframes and passed the theoretical knowledge gliders examination prescribed for a glider pilot licence endorsed for the category GPL;

(1) for TMG the holder of a licence issued in terms of Part 61 or Part 62 subpart 16 as the case may be, endorsed with –

(a) in the category PPL fixed wing; may-

(i) be credited with not more than 30 hours flight time. The additional hours shall consist of –

- (aa) a minimum of 3 hours dual flying; and
- (bb) a minimum of 2 hours solo flying; of which
- (cc) one solo flight of at least 30 minutes duration with the engine off and shutdown not below 3000ft AGL.

(b) the category LSA; may –

- (i) be credited with not more than 30 hours flight time. The additional hours shall consist of –
  - (aa) a minimum of 3 hours dual flying; and
  - (bb) a minimum of 2 hours solo flying; of which
  - (cc) one solo flight of at least 30 minutes duration with the engine off and shutdown not below 3000ft AGL; and
- (c) in the Part 62 category TMG, may –
  - (i) be credited with all flight time acquired in a touring motor glider; and
  - (ii) shall have completed the theoretical training in the subjects principles of flight and engines and airframes and passed the theoretical knowledge gliders examination prescribed for a glider pilot licence endorsed for the category GPL;
- (d) in the category GYR and WCM may –
  - (i) be credited with not more than 15 hours flight time. The additional hours shall consist of –
    - (aa) a minimum of 15 hours dual flying; and
    - (bb) a minimum of 5 hours solo flying; of which
    - (cc) one solo flight of at least 30 minutes duration with the engine off and shutdown not below 3000ft AGL; and
  - (ii) shall have completed the theoretical training in the subjects principles of flight and engines and airframes and passed the theoretical knowledge gliders examination prescribed for a glider pilot licence endorsed for the category GPL;
- (e) the category CCM; may –
  - (i) be credited with not more than 25 hours flight time. The additional hours shall consist of –
    - (aa) a minimum of 10 hours dual flying; and
    - (bb) a minimum of 5 hours solo flying; of which
    - (cc) one solo flight of at least 30 minutes duration with the engine off and shutdown not below 3000ft AGL; and
  - (ii) shall have completed the theoretical training in the subjects principles of flight and engines and airframes and passed the theoretical knowledge gliders examination prescribed for a glider pilot licence endorsed for the category GPL;

## Renewal

62.03.13 an application for the renewal of the applicable category rating shall be submitted to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149 as the case may be.

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**SUBPART 4: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF A GLIDER FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATING**

**General**

**68.04.1** (1) The applicant for the issue of a glider flight instructor rating shall –

- (a) be the holder of a valid glider pilot licence issued in terms of this Part;
- (b) hold at least a valid Class 4 medical certificate issued in terms of Part 67;
- (c) have acquired the experience referred to in regulation 68.04.2;
- (d) have successfully completed the theoretical and practical flight training referred to in regulation 68.04.3;
- (e) have passed the theoretical knowledge examination referred to in regulation 68.04.4;
- (f) have undergone the practical skills test referred to in regulation 68.04.5; and
- (g) in the case of a glider flight instructor rating, be the holder of a valid recognised certificate of competency in first aid.

**Experience**

**68.04.2** (1) The applicant for the issuing of a glider flight instructor rating shall have the following experience –

(a) for a Grade C glider flight instructor rating:

- (i) a minimum of 300 flights of which at least 100 hours PIC shall be in gliders; and
- (ii) at least 10 hours of practical flight instruction pattern and 30 hours of logged theoretical class teaching are required;

(b) for a Grade B glider flight instructor rating:

- (i) at least twelve months experience as a Grade C flight instructor under supervision of a grade A or B flight instructor; and
- (ii) not less than 300 hours of flight instruction of which at least 100 hours shall be instruction in gliders.

(c) for a Grade A glider flight instructor rating:

- (i) at least three years' experience as a Grade B flight instructor; and
- (ii) not less than 500 hours of flight instruction time, of which at least 200 hours of flight instruction time shall be instruction in gliders.

(2) The applicant for the issuing of a touring motor glider flight instructor rating shall have the following experience –

(a) for a Grade C TMG flight instructor rating:

- (i) a minimum of 300 flights of which at least 100 hours PIC, or which at least 50 hrs shall be in touring motor gliders; and

- (ii) at least 10 hours of practical flight instruction pattern and 30 hours of logged theoretical class teaching are required;
- (b) for a Grade B TMG flight instructor rating:
- (i) at least twelve months experience as a Grade C flight instructor under supervision of a grade A or B flight instructor; and
  - (ii) not less than 200 hours of flight instruction of which at least 100 hours shall be instruction in TMG.
  - (iii) in the case of a PPL fixed wing or LSA category instructor not more than 50 hours of instructional experience gained in terms of PPL or LSA instruction may be credited towards obtaining a TMG instructor Grade B rating.
- (c) for a Grade A TMG flight instructor rating:
- (i) at least three years' experience as a Grade B flight instructor; and
  - (ii) not less than 500 hours of flight instruction time, of which at least 200 hours of flight instruction time shall be instruction in gliders.
  - (iii) in the case of a PPL fixed wing or LSA category instructor not more than 100 hours of instructional experience gained in terms of PPL or LSA instruction may be credited towards obtaining a TMG instructor Grade A rating.
- (3) Notwithstanding (2)(a) in the case of the holder of a Part 61 fixed wing pilots or Part 62 LSA license, all flying experience logged may be credited towards the hourly requirements in category for TMG, at the discretion of the CFI.

### **Training**

**68.04.3** The applicant for the issuing of a glider flight instructor rating shall have successfully completed the appropriate theoretical and practical flight training as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

### **Theoretical knowledge examination**

**68.04.4** (1) The applicant for the issuing of a glider flight instructor rating shall have passed the appropriate instructor theoretical written examination as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

### **Skills test**

**68.04.5** (1) The applicant for the issuing of a glider flight instructor rating shall have demonstrated to an appropriately rated Grade A flight instructor the ability to perform as a flight instructor the procedures and manoeuvres as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68 for the class and type of glider for which the instructor rating is sought, with a high degree of competency appropriate to the privileges granted to the holder of a glider flight instructor rating.

- (i) For Grade C, the holder of a Grade A glider flight instructor rating.

- (ii) for a Grade B rating, the holder of a Grade A glider flight instructor rating.
- (iii) for a Grade A rating, a designated examiner.

(3) The skills test, referred to in sub-regulation (1), shall be demonstrated in a glider of the class for which the glider flight instructor rating is sought.

(4) The applicant shall undergo the skill test, referred to in sub-regulation (1), within 12 months of passing the theoretical knowledge examination, referred to in regulation 68.04.4, and within the 90 days immediately preceding the date of application.

### Application

**68.04.6** An application for the issue of a glider flight instructor rating shall be made to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, on the appropriate prescribed form, and be accompanied by –

- (a) a copy of the valid licence held by the applicant;
- (b) certified proof that the applicant has successfully completed the theoretical and practical instructor training requirements as prescribed in documents SA-CATS 68;
- (c) certified proof that the applicant has passed the theoretical knowledge examination, referred to in regulation 68.04.4;
- (d) the skill test report as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68; and
- (e) the appropriate fee as prescribed in Part 187 of the Regulations.

### Issuing of the glider flight instructor rating

**68.04.7** The Director, or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall issue the appropriate glider flight instructor rating if the applicant complies with the requirements referred to in regulation 68.04.1, on the appropriate prescribed form.

### Privileges and limitations

**68.04.8** (1) The holder of a valid glider flight instructor rating may conduct flight instruction for reward under the auspices of an appropriately rated ATO, approved in terms of Part 141 or RATF approved in terms of Part 51, in an aircraft for which he or she holds a valid class and type rating by name, to the extent of the privileges of the particular glider flight instructor rating held as follows –

- (a) in the case of a Grade C glider flight instructor under direct supervision by a Grade B or Grade A instructor –
  - (i) to conduct *ab initio* training under the supervision of a Grade A or B instructor on only those aeroplanes for which he or she holds an instructor rating on type as per Document SA-CATS 68; and
  - (ii) conduct theoretical ground school lectures; and
  - (iii) prior to conducting initial or introductory air experience flights, shall have gained a minimum of 50 hours of *ab initio* training; and
  - (iv) invigilate progress tests and online examinations
- (b) in the case of a Grade B glider flight instructor –
  - (i) to exercise all the privileges of a Grade C glider flight instructor; and

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- (ii) to conduct all stages of flight training, including initial and introductory air experience flights for initial students; and
  - (iii) to authorise a glider pilot student pilot for their first solo flight; and
  - (iv) to conduct initial flight tests for the issuing of a class and type rating for which they hold the appropriate category and type or class rating; and
  - (v) conduct renewal skills tests, including Grade C instructor renewal skills tests; and
  - (vi) sign application forms and certificates of competency; and
  - (vii) supervise Grade C instructors; and
  - (viii) to conduct additional type conversion training for the holder of a glider pilots licence or instructor rating;
- (iii) in the case of a Grade A glider flight instructor –
- (aa) to exercise all the privileges of a Grade B glider flight instructor; and
  - (bb) to conduct instructor training, including in flight pattern training for a Grade B or Grade C glider flight instructor; and
  - (cc) to conduct the initial skills test for a Grade B or Grade C glider flight instructor, and renewal skills test for a Grade A instructor; and
  - (dd) to conduct the training required for other special ratings.

## Renewal

**68.04.9** To renew a glider flight instructor rating; shall –

- (i) in the case of gliders have provided not less than 30 instruction launches within the two years preceding the date of expiry, of which not less than 10 launches shall have been within the 12 months immediately preceding the date of expiry of such rating; or
- (ii) in the case of TMG have provided not less than 50 hours of flight instruction within the two years preceding the date of expiry, of which not less than 25 hours shall have been within the 12 months immediately preceding the date of expiry of such rating; or
- (iii) have attended an approved flight instructor refresher training program or completed a continuous learning program as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68 within the two years immediately preceding the date of expiry of such rating; and
- (iv) shall undergo a renewal skills test referred to in regulation 68.04.5 within 60 days prior to date of expiry;

## Period of validity

**68.04.10** A glider flight instructor rating shall be valid for a period of two years, calculated from the end of the month following the date of issue, reissue, or upgrade, or from the date of expiry of the rating if such rating is revalidated in accordance with the provisions of regulation 68.04.10.

## Crediting of flight time and theoretical knowledge

**68.04.11** (1) a glider flight instructor may be credited with all instructional flight time acquired while conducting flight instruction provided he or she holds the appropriate category, class or type rating.

**(Renewal of instructor rating, where such ratings have expired**

**68.04.12)**

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## **SUBPART 05: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF GLIDER POST MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR TEST FLIGHT RATING AND A GLIDER TEST FLIGHT RATING**

### General

**68.05.1** (1) No person shall act as a test pilot of a glider or TMG unless he is the holder of a valid glider pilot's licence endorsed with the appropriate class glider or type test flight rating.

(2) Note: a glider test flight rating is not the same as a Test Pilot rating and may not exercise the privileges of a Test Pilot.

(3) A test flight will be required as referred to below.

(a) All test flights shall be done in line with the aircraft manufacturer's requirements and limitations.

(4) Note: a systems acceptance flight is not a test flight and may be performed by a pilot suitably rated in class and on type.

### Requirements

**68.05.2** (1) An applicant for a glider post maintenance test flight rating in the categories shall –

- (a) hold at least a valid glider pilot licence;
- (b) be the holder of the appropriate glider class rating;
- (c) have at least 300 hours total flight time of which not less than 200 hours must be PIC in a glider in the same class for which a test flight rating is applied for;
- (e) have acquired the experience referred to in regulation 68.05.3;

(2) An applicant for a glider test flight rating for gliders and TMG shall –

- (a) hold at least a valid glider pilot licence;
- (b) be the holder of the appropriate glider class rating;
- (d) have at least 700 hours total flight time of which not less than 500 hours must be PIC a glider in the same class for which a test flight rating is applied for;
- (e) have acquired the experience referred to in regulation 68.05.3;

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulations (1) and (2), a holder of a Grade I or II test pilot rating issued under Part 61 shall have the same privileges as a pilot issued with a test flight rating under Part 68, providing the also hold the appropriate glider class ratings and meet the requirements in(1) and (2)

## **Experience**

**68.05.3** An applicant shall –

- (a) in the case of an application for a post maintenance test flight rating, attend a basic test flying techniques course as set out in Document SA-CATS 68;
- (b) In the case of an application for a test pilot rating, attend the general test flying techniques course as set out in Document SA-CATS 68.

## **Application**

**68.05.4** An application for the issuing of a post maintenance test flight rating or a test flight rating shall be made to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, on the appropriate form and accompanied by –

- (a) the appropriate fee prescribed in Part 187; and
- (b) a copy of his or her logbook, duly summarised, showing the required flying experience.

## **Issuing**

**68.05.5** The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall endorse the applicant's Glider Pilot Licence with either a test flight rating or a post maintenance test flight rating if the applicant complies with the requirements referred to in regulation 68.05.2.

## **Privileges and limitations**

**68.05.6** (1) The holder of a post maintenance test flight rating may act as PIC of an aircraft, in the class for which the pilot has a valid post maintenance test flight rating to conduct a post maintenance test flight, or proving flights once the initial proving flights have been successfully completed by the holder of a test flight rating as set out in Document SA-CATS 68 or Class 1 Test Pilots rating.

(2) The holder of a test flight rating may act as PIC of an aircraft to conduct post maintenance test flights, proving test flights and initial test flights on aircraft with known performance parameters as set out in Document SA-CATS 68.

## **SUBPART 06: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF A AERO TOW RATING**

### **General**

**68.06.1** An applicant for the issuing of a aero tow rating shall –

- (a) be the holder of a valid aeroplane pilot licence issued under Part 61, or a glider pilot licence issued in terms of this Part, with the appropriate TMG class rating and type rating for the tug aeroplane to be used;
  - (b) have acquired the experience referred to in regulation 68.06.2;
  - (c) have successfully completed the training referred to in regulation 68.06.3;
  - (d) have passed the theoretical knowledge examination referred to in regulation 68.06.4;
- and

(e) have successfully passed the skills test referred to in regulation 68.06.5.

### **Experience**

**68.06.2** (1) An applicant for a aero tow rating shall have acquired at least 100 hours as PIC.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (1), the hour requirement may be reduced to 50 hours as PIC of a microlight aeroplane or light sport aeroplane if the applicant is the holder of a valid tug pilot rating issued in terms of Part 61 and is the holder of a valid pilot licence.

### **Training**

**68.06.3** An applicant for aero tow rating shall complete successfully under supervision of an appropriately rated flight instructor or a person designated for the purpose in writing by the Director or an body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be a minimum of 10 aero-tows.

### **Theoretical knowledge examination**

**68.06.4** An applicant for a aero tow rating shall have passed the appropriate written examination as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

### **Skills test**

**68.06.5** An applicant for a aero tow rating shall within the 30 days immediately preceding the date of application have demonstrated to an appropriately rated flight instructor or a person designated for the purpose in writing by the Director or an body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, the ability to satisfactorily execute the skills as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

### **Application**

**68.06.7** An applicant for a aero tow rating shall submit together with his or her application, a certificate signed by an appropriately rated flight instructor, confirming that the applicant has passed the theoretical knowledge examination and skills test, referred to in regulations 68.06.4 and 68.06.5 respectively, and is considered to be fit to act as PIC of a while towing a glider.

### **Issuing**

**68.06.8** The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall endorse the applicant's pilot licence with the aero tow rating if the applicant complies with the requirements prescribed regulation in 68.06.1.

### **Privileges and limitations**

**68.06.9** The holder of a pilot licence with the aero tow rating shall be entitled to act as PIC of an aircraft of an appropriate type by name or in the appropriate class.

## **SUBPART 07: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF A GLIDER PILOT PROFESSIONAL RATING**

### **Applicability:**

**68.07.1 (1)** This subpart applies to the approval of professional ratings endorsed on glider pilot licenses issued in terms of this Part.

(2) The requirements for an authorisation as applicable to the operations and aircraft types which may be operated by a glider pilot licensed in terms of Part 68 are set out in this Subpart:

### **General**

**68.07.2 (1) (a)** Part 96 regulates the commercial use of non-type certified aircraft.

(b) Non-type certified aircraft, issued with an authority to fly in terms of Part 24 do not meet ICAO standards and, therefore, may only be operated within the borders of the Republic, unless specifically authorised by the responsible authority for the foreign airspace.

(c) As non-type certified aircraft may not be operated in international commercial air transport operations, ICAO requirements in respect of pilot licensing do not apply.

(d) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149, as the case may be, may determine standards and regulate such operations for domestic operations.

(2) In accordance with paragraphs (1) the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149, as the case may be, may authorise the holder of a valid glider pilot licence to conduct commercial operations with aircraft operated with part 68 licenses or non-type certificated aircraft in terms of Part 115 on conditions prescribed by the Director, or the body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149, as the case may be.

### **Requirements for a glider pilot professional rating**

**68.07.3** An applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot professional rating shall –

- (a) be not less than 21 years of age;
- (b) hold at least a valid Class 2 medical certificate issued in terms of Part 67;
- (c) hold at least a valid radiotelephony operator's certificate;
- (d) hold a valid glider pilot licence issued in terms of Part 68;
- (e) have acquired the experience referred to in regulation 68.07.4;
- (f) have successfully completed the training referred to in regulation 68.07.5;
- (g) have passed the theoretical knowledge examination referred to in regulation 68.07.6;  
and
- (h) have undergone the skills test referred to in regulation 68.07.7.

### **Experience**

**68.07.4** An applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot professional rating shall –

- (a) in the case of the class glider and TMG as the case may be –
  - (i) have 200 hours flight time as pilot of which not less than 100 hours shall be as PIC in class; or



- (ii) have 200 hours in an aeroplane with a MCM of 5 700 kg or less and at least 100 hours as PIC of a glider in the same class for which a glider pilot professional rating is sought;

### **Training**

**68.07.5** An applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot professional rating shall have successfully completed the appropriate training as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

### **Theoretical knowledge examination**

**68.07.6** An applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot professional rating shall have passed the appropriate written examination as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

### **Skills test**

**68.07.7 (1)** An applicant for the issuing of a glider pilot professional rating shall have demonstrated to an approved designated examiner, the ability to perform, as PIC of a glider in the class for which the authorisation is sought, the procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68 with a degree of competency appropriate to the privileges granted to the holder of a glider pilot professional rating.

(2) The applicant shall undergo the skills test referred to in sub-regulation (1) within six months of passing the theoretical knowledge examination referred to in regulation 68.07.5 and within the 90 days immediately preceding the date of application.

### **Application for a Glider pilot professional rating**

**68.07.8** An application for the issuing of a glider pilot professional rating shall –

- (a) be made to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, on the appropriate form as prescribed by the Director; and
- (b) be accompanied by –
  - (i) the original or certified true copy of a valid Class 2 or Class 1 medical certificate issued in terms of Part 67;
  - (ii) original or certified proof that the applicant has passed the theoretical knowledge examination referred to in regulation 68.07.5;
  - (iii) original or certified proof that the applicant has the practical experience referred to in regulation 68.07.3;
  - (iv) the skills test report as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68; and
  - (vi) the appropriate fee as prescribed in Part 187.

### **Issuing of Glider pilot professional rating**

**68.07.9 (1)** The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall issue a glider pilot professional rating to the applicant if he or she complies with the requirements referred to in regulation 68.07.2.

(2) The glider pilot professional rating shall be issued in the appropriate format as prescribed by the Director, or the body designated in terms of part 149, as the case may be.

### **Period of validity**

**68.07.10** A glider pilot professional rating shall be valid for a 24 month period, provided that the privileges of the authorisation may not be exercised by the holder thereof unless he or she –

- (a) holds a valid Class 2 medical certificate issued in terms of Part 67;

- (b) holds an appropriate valid category and type rating;
- (c) complies with the provision of regulation 68.07.11; and
- (d) is the holder of, or operates under a valid AOC or RAFOC and its MOP as approved by the Director, or the body designated in terms of part 149 as the case may be.

#### **Privileges of a Glider pilot professional rating**

**68.07.11** (1) The holder of a glider pilot professional rating shall be entitled to –

- (a) exercise all the privileges of his or her pilot licence; and
- (b) act as PIC of an aircraft for remuneration in terms of Part 115 operations in any aircraft for which he or she holds a valid class and type rating approved for the purpose.

(2) The holder of the licence shall be entitled to exercise the privileges of the authorisation for any of the special purposes for which he or she holds the appropriate valid rating.

#### **Maintenance of competency**

**68.07.12** The holder of a glider pilot professional rating shall not act as PIC unless they comply with the currency requirements prescribed for his or her pilot licence and the category, class, and type rating of which they are the holder.

### **SUBPART 15: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF EXAMINERS (DE)**

#### **Categories of DE's**

**68.08.1** (1) Designation of examiners may be appointed in one or more of the following categories –

- (a) Glider; or
- (b) TMG;

(2) Examiners may be designated in more than one of the aircraft classes referred to in sub-regulation (1) provided that they meet the qualification and experience requirements set out in this Subpart for each of the aircraft categories for which designation is sought.

(3)(a) To provide for exceptional circumstances, the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, may on written application appoint a pilot of a Contracting State to act as an official flight examiner for a period not exceeding 12 months, for the purpose of renewals, in category, class and initial type ratings, where no suitably qualified South African designated examiner is available.

(b) The official flight examiner referred to in sub-regulation (3)(a) shall comply with the validation requirements of regulation 68.01.17.

(4) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149 as the case may be, may issue the designation referred to in sub-regulation (3) in writing, subject to the payment of the applicable fee as prescribed in Part 187.

(5) In order to be considered for the designation, a candidate shall meet at least the following minimum experience and qualification levels:

- (a) Hold the equivalent examiner designation, or qualifications as those prescribed in regulation 68.08.2 issued by the appropriate authority of a

Contracting State acceptable to the Director, or the body designated in terms of Part 149, as the case may be; or

- (b) Hold at least a valid glider pilot instructor rating Grade A or equivalent in the applicable category or class; and
- (c) Have accumulated not less than 1 500 flying hours, of which at least:
  - (i) 500 shall be instructional hours; and
  - (ii) 100 hours on type in the class for which designation is sought.

## Requirements

**68.08.2** (1) In order to be considered a candidate designated examiner shall –

- (a) be at least 21 years of age;
- (b) be currently active in the field of aviation for which the designation is sought; and
- (c) hold at least a valid glider instructors rating Grade A in the class for which a designated examiner status may be considered for a minimum of 5 years; or
- (d) hold a CPL issued in terms of Part 61 with at least an Instructor Grade II rating; and
- (e) have accumulated in aeroplanes not less than 1 500 flying hours, of which at least 500 are instructional hours and 100 in class for which designation is sought.
- (f) have no known record of unsafe or non-compliant conduct

## Application

**68.08.3** (1) An application for consideration as a designated examiner shall be submitted to the Director or to the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149-, as the case may be, on the prescribed form and be accompanied by –

- (a) a certified copy of the pages of not less than 5 years the candidates flying logbook indicating flying experience;
- (b) proof of holding the required valid licence and rating;
- (c) a complete summary of all flying experience and ratings;
- (d) a letter to motivate the reasons why the applicant believes he or she should be considered for designation; and
- (e) the applicable fee as prescribed in Part 187.

## Approval and appointment of designation

**68.08.4** (1) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, may appoint a person as a designated examiner if the applicant –

- (a) meets the requirements prescribed in this Subpart;
- (b) has a good record of maintaining a high standard of safe conduct, airmanship and history of compliance as a pilot and as flight instructor and adherence to regulations are concerned; and
- (c) signs an undertaking to abide by the code of conduct for designated examiners as prescribed in Document SA-CATS 68.

(2) Once appointed, the designation as examiner shall be issued by the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149-, as the case may be, on the prescribed form, indicating the period for which the designation is valid, its category, and any endorsements, restrictions or limitations that may apply.

### **Period of validity**

**68.08.5** Appointment as a designated examiner is issued for a maximum period of 24 months from the date of appointment.

### **Renewal of designation**

**68.08.6** An application for the renewal of a designated examiner status shall be made every 24 months on the prescribed form, to the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149 as the case may be, not less than 30 days prior to the beginning of the month in which the designation expires, and must be accompanied by the fee prescribed in Part 187.

### **Designation, oversight, suspension and withdrawal**

**68.08.7** (1) A designated examiner is appointed at the discretion of the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149, as the case may be, to conduct oversight, flight tests, evaluations, or checks to determine a pilot or instructors skill, knowledge, standards and airmanship and to supply reports and recommendations to or on behalf of the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be.

(2) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall exercise oversight in respect of designated examiners for the purposes of maintenance of flight, testing, knowledge and safety standards.

(3) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, may suspend or withdraw at any time an appointment of a designated examiner where there is reasonable grounds to suspect misconduct, which could lead to the compromising of standards or flight safety.

(4) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall provide in writing, reasons for the suspension or withdrawal of an appointment of a designated examiner referred to in sub-regulation (3).

### **Privileges and limitations**

**68.08.8** (1) The Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of Part 149, as the case may be, shall determine the privileges and limitations of a designated examiner dependent upon the appointee's qualifications, recent and total flight experience and shall indicate these privileges and limitations on the certificate issued.

(2) The designated examiner is the *de facto* representative of the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149 as the case may be, and shall uphold at all times all laws, regulations, standards, ethics, and airmanship as related to aviation, and shall at all times maintain high standards and any requirements as agreed upon by the examiner and the Director or the body designated for the purpose in terms of part 149, as the case may be.