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LICENSING

Part 62 / Part 68 / Part 69 - Glider and Balloon license holders.

Effective Date: 08 December 2011

The new Civil Aviation Act 13 of 2009 took effect early last year with some sections of the Act having been phase in gradually.

This implementation resulted in some challenges, due to the current Civil Aviation Regulations as amended, not having been issued in terms of the new Act.

These Regulations were subsequently republished for comment, and with some changes made by the Regulation Committee, submitted to the Minister of Transport to be promulgated.

This “new” Civil Aviation Regulation is expected to take effect about April 2012, and will be known as the Civil Aviation Regulation of 2011,

This bulletin serves to inform the industry of the important and functional changes that will take effect, once implemented.

RAASA, as member of the Civil Aviation Regulation Committee, thank you for your valuable contributions to this project. The Aero Club of South Africa has been very helpful with their full representation of the recreational aviation industry.

Part 62

Structure:

Part 62 has had a few structural changes to bring it in line with Part 61 and also to make is easier to read.

Additional sub-regulations:

Part 62 has had a number of additional sub-regulations added, these include:

- Subpart 10 – National test flying rating(s)
- Subpart 17 – Touring motor gliders

Important changes:

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- License renewal requirements after certain periods of lapsing.
- Removal of restriction that the privileges may only be exercised on Non-type certified aircraft.
- Clearing up confusion that a license is issued for an initial period of 12 months and for further periods of 24 months thereafter.
- Addition of recognition of flight time and theoretical knowledge from other categories within Part 62 and other license.
- Bringing the gyroplane instructors ratings in line with the rest of the categories in Part 62.
- Addition of flight time credits for a gyroplane category rating from other categories or licenses.
- Addition of National post maintenance and repair test flight rating and National test flying rating for Part 62 and Part 68.
- Amendment to the requirements to apply for a Part 96 authorisation (rating) on the Part 62 license.
- Amendment to the requirements to apply for a Part 62 Designated Examiner.
- Addition of the category Touring motor gliders under subpart 17 – this subpart will also apply to Part 68.

Part 68 – Glider pilot license:

Due to the lack of any regulations for glider pilots in the current regulations, and the transfer of the administration for such licenses to RAASA a new Part was developed.

This Part's structure, licensing requirements and administration is in line with the other personnel licensing parts.

The part was developed using previous submissions to CARCOM and input from the gliding community.

Part 69 – Free Balloon pilot license:

The requirements for the issue of a Free balloon pilot license had the same problem as that of the glider licenses.

The Part was thus also developed with the input from the ballooning community.

At the time of writing it is still uncertain if the issuing of the free balloon pilots licenses will be done either by the CAA or RAASA.