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Notice of Deferment of New and Current Applications for UK Flight Radiotelephony Examiner's Certificate

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

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Air Traffic Controllers and Flight Information Service Officers
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	Not primarily affected
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All ATO's, All Registered Facilities, All Instructors and all Examiners

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Currently, the UK experiences some 700 airspace infringements per annum. On reviewing these incidents, it is evident that navigation and communication skills and operating procedures are a significant factor in both the number and the nature of airspace infringements in the UK. The risk position of airborne conflict resulting from these events can be improved by reducing the number of infringements and improving communication skills during such incidents.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Information Notice is to bring to the attention of all pilots and Air Traffic Controllers and Flight Information Service Officers applying for, or intending to apply for qualification as an **Examiner for the UK Flight Radio Telephony Operators Licence (FRTOL)**, that applications will be deferred pending review of training for pilots in navigation and communication skills and operating procedures.

2 Scope

- 2.1 The process for qualification and application as an RT examiner is currently part of a wider review of training in these areas. All current RT examiners will be contacted shortly and asked to provide their latest contact information and operating locations to facilitate the updating of the list of examiners on the CAA website. This review is not expected to be complete until summer 2015.

- 2.2 Please note, as an effect of this review CAA will not be accepting applications for certification as an RT Examiner until the new arrangements have been subject to a consultation and published in either CAP 804 or in a revised Standards Document.
- 2.3 Any applications received will be returned to the applicant and no fees will be taken.
- 2.4 Examiners wishing to revalidate their current certificate during this process should contact examiners@caa.co.uk prior to application.

3 Current Arrangements

- 3.1 The requirement to hold and the privileges of the FRTOL are detailed in Article 50 and Schedule 7 of the Air Navigation Order (ANO) 2009 (as amended).
- 3.2 The current requirements to gain and hold the FRTOL are detailed in CAP 804.
- 3.3 A list of currently certificated RT examiners is available at www.caa.co.uk/rtexaminers. Applicants for the UK RT licence may approach any of the examiners currently listed to undertake the test for RT licence issue.

4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to examiners@caa.co.uk

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 31 August 2015.