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**Type Rating Instructor (Aeroplane) (TRI(A)) &
Synthetic Flight Instructor (Aeroplane) (SFI(A)) Revalidation and Renewal**

This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness. It replaces IN-2013/032 version 2 and IN-2014/048 which are now cancelled.

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	
Air Traffic:	
Airspace:	
Airworthiness:	
Flight Operations:	AOCs
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	ATOs, TRI(A)s, SFI(A)s, SFE(A)s and TRE(A)s

1. Introduction

- 1.1 UK policy for the revalidation and renewal of SFI authorisations and TRI ratings was developed by reference to JAR-FCL. The revalidation and renewal process always involved some element of assessment of the instructor's skill, either during an examiner's EAAC or by a separate observation by a TRIE or SE.
- 1.2 Part-FCL requires SFIs and TRIs to revalidate their instructor certificate by satisfying the requirements detailed in FCL.940.TRI or FCL.940.SFI.
- 1.3 To ensure that the revalidation and renewal processes for both SFIs and TRIs satisfy the EASA requirements, and are practicably applicable, the UK has determined the following policy.
- 1.4 FCL.940 – SFI and TRI certificates shall be valid for a period of 3 years.

2. Revalidation TRI(A)

- 2.1 For the revalidation of a TRI(A) certificate the applicant shall, within the last 12 months preceding the expiry date of the certificate, fulfil one of the following three requirements:

- i) Experience (FCL.940.TRI(a)(1)(i))

Conduct at least 3 hours of instruction in a simulator:

- As part of a complete type rating course, or;
- Recurrent or remedial training, as determined by the ATO, for the issue, revalidation or renewal of a type rating.

or

Conduct one air exercise of at least 1 hour, including a minimum of 2 take-offs and landings:

- As part of a complete type rating course, or;
- Recurrent or remedial training, as determined by an ATO, for the issue, revalidation or renewal of a type rating.

ii) Refresher Training (FCL.940.TRI(a)(1)(ii))

Receive instructor refresher training as a TRI at an ATO. The instructor refresher training for the TRI must be determined by the ATO on an individual basis. The procedure for determining the extent and content of the training shall be detailed within the ATO's training manual.

Since instructor refresher training for a TRI revalidation will only be required when the TRI has not met the TRI experience requirements detailed in FCL.940.TRI(a)(1)(i), the TRI is likely to be out of practice in the role. The refresher training should therefore address all elements of the TRI role including briefing, practical training, debriefing and completion of all associated paperwork. Since refresher training is an alternative to an Assessment of Competence as a means of revalidation, the ATO must ensure that the TRI has been trained to a proficient standard.

The ATO shall record the training delivered and issue a course completion certificate as evidence of this refresher training having been completed.

iii) Assessment of Competence (AoC),(FCL.940.TRI(a)(1)(iii); FCL.935)

Pass an assessment of competence; it shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Standards Document 43 and the relevant appendix. When the AoC is conducted in a simulator the assessment should include a minimum of 3 hours of flight instruction. When the AoC is conducted in an aeroplane the assessment should include a minimum of 1 hour of flight instruction.

For at least each alternate revalidation of a TRI(A) certificate, the holder shall have to pass the assessment of competence as detailed in (iii) above.

2.2 If a person holds a TRI(A) certificate on more than one type of aeroplane, the assessment of competence taken on one of those types shall revalidate the TRI(A) certificate for the other types held.

Note 1: When an AoC is conducted in a simulator the TRI privileges shall be restricted to instruction in a FSTD.

Note 2: When an instructor holds both simulator and aircraft privileges, an AoC in an aircraft, conducted in accordance with Standards Document 43, revalidates both the simulator and aircraft privileges.

3. Revalidation SFI(A)

3.1 For the revalidation of an SFI(A) certificate the applicant shall, within the validity period of the certificate, fulfil two of the following three requirements:

i) Experience (FCL.940.SFI.(a)(1))

Complete 50 hours as an instructor or an examiner in FSTDs, of which 15 hours shall be within the 12 months preceding the expiry date of the SFI certificate.

ii) Refresher Training(FCL.940.SFI.(a)(2)):

Receive instructor refresher training as a SFI at an ATO. The instructor refresher training for the SFI must be determined by the ATO on an individual basis. The procedure for determining the extent and content of the training shall be detailed within the ATO's training manual.

An ATO may deem it acceptable that refresher training is planned for a group of instructors in a seminar style in a classroom. However, the ATO shall ensure that the refresher training adequately addresses the needs of the individual instructor and should include practical training where necessary.

The ATO shall record the training delivered and issue a course completion certificate as evidence of this refresher training having been completed.

iii) Assessment of Competence (AoC), (FCL.940.SFI.(a)(3)):