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Helicopter Pilot Licences – Changes to Type Ratings for the Sikorsky S76 Helicopter

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Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All Helicopter Operators Operating Sikorsky S76 Helicopters
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Helicopter Pilots; All Helicopter ATOs

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this IN is to explain alterations to the type rating endorsements to be included in a licence and adjustments to the training for type ratings for the Sikorsky S76 family of helicopters and the background to these changes.
- 1.2 EASA completed an Operational Evaluation Board (OEB) Report for the S76D in February 2015. The OEB Final Report can be viewed at:
[**Operational Evaluation Board Report for the S76D**](#)
- 1.3 As a result of the evaluation, EASA recommended a change to the helicopter type rating list and licence endorsement list. What was previously a single type rating for all variants of the Sikorsky S76 family is now split into two separate type ratings (SK 76 and S76) with effect from 27 March 2015. The lists may be viewed at:
[**Type Ratings List Licence Endorsement List.**](#)
- 1.4 The single rating that has been superseded is 'SK 76'.

1.5 The previous, now **superseded**, entry in the list was as follows:

Manufacturer	Helicopter*		Licence endorsement
Sikorsky			
- ME Turbine -	S 76 A	(D)	SK 76
	S 76 A+		
	S 76 A++		
	S 76 C		
	S 76 C+		
	S 76 C++		

1.6 The **new** entries with the new licence endorsements (shown in the right hand column) are as follows:

Manufacturer	Helicopter*		Licence endorsement
Sikorsky			
- ME Turbine -	S 76 A	(D)	SK 76
	S 76 A+		
	S 76 A++		
	S 76 B		
	S 76 C	(D)	S76
	S76D		
	S 76 C+		
	S 76 C++		

- * While a type rating will appear in the pilot's licence as per the endorsement in the right hand column, the pilot may not fly variants that share a common rating but are separated by the horizontal lines in the second column (other than the variant on which s/he initially qualified) until s/he has completed the required differences training on those variants.

2 Consequences for Pilots

2.1 Pilots without a type rating for a member of the S76 group of helicopters

The new type ratings are being used with immediate effect. The variant on which an applicant completes his/her type rating training and test determines the type rating for which the applicant should apply. For example, if the training and skill test are conducted in an S76D, the applicant should apply for the S76 type rating. Applicants are reminded that they must meet all of the applicable requirements for type rating issue before applying for the inclusion of the rating in their licences.

2.2 Pilots with the single type rating for the SK 76 group of helicopters in a United Kingdom (UK) or UK issued JAR-FCL helicopter pilot licence

2.2.1 Type Ratings

2.2.1.1 The single type rating referred to in the title to this section means the superseded type rating described in paragraph 1.5.

2.2.1.2 Pilots with a valid existing single type rating for the SK 76 group of helicopters in a UK issued JAR-FCL or Part-FCL helicopter pilot licence are entitled to continue to exercise the privileges of that rating until the licence is replaced or re-printed for any reason. This means that they may fly the S76 C+, S76 C++ or S76D with their existing rating (subject to differences training) until the licence is re-printed. In the case of a UK issued JAR-FCL licence, re-issue as a Part-FCL equivalent will be required whenever the licence is submitted to the CAA for amendment