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Publication of CAP 1251 'Air Traffic Controllers - Licensing'

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:	All ATC, ANSPs and ITOs
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	Not primarily affected
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All ATCOs and Student ATCOs

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this Information Notice (IN) is to advise industry of the publication of CAP 1251 'Air Traffic Controllers - Licensing' on 1 July 2016, with an effective date of 30 November 2016. This supersedes CAP 744 and follows the introduction of Regulation (EU) No. 2015/340 (the air traffic controllers' (ATCO) licensing and certification regulation).

2 Purpose of CAP 1251

- 2.1 CAP 1251 contains guidance for air traffic controllers, air traffic control training organisations (ATCOs) and air traffic service providers to assist understanding and application of the various training and licensing process requirements laid down in Regulation (EU) No. 2015/340 and is available through the CAA website - [CAP 1251](#). All student air traffic controllers and air traffic controllers are required to familiarise themselves with the contents of CAP 1251, in particular the new licensing requirements contained therein.
- 2.2 CAP 1251, together with CAP 584 'Air Traffic Controllers – Training', the CAP 624 series, 'Air Traffic Controllers – Performance Objectives' and CAP 794 'Air Traffic Controllers – Initial Performance Objectives', represents the United Kingdom's compliance with European Regulation (EU) No. 2015/340 and should be read in conjunction with that regulation and its associated EASA Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material.

3 Further Information

- 3.1 Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2015/340 and supporting material can be found at:
- [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No. 2015/340 \(the ATCO licensing regulation\)](#).
 - [EASA Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material supporting Regulation \(EU\) No. 2015/340](#).
 - [EASA 'easy access rules for ATCO'](#) (EASA consolidation of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2015/340, Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material).
 - The EASA website also contains a number of ATCO Licensing FAQs that can be found at <https://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/faqs/atco-licensing>.
- 3.2 The CAA intends to publish through its web pages further guidance relating to UK processes and procedures associated with the application of Regulation (EU) No. 2015/340 on 1 August 2016.

4 Queries

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

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 31 December 2016.