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## Training of Rescue and Firefighting Service (RFFS) Personnel

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| Applicability:                        |                                                                      |
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| <b>Aerodromes:</b>                    | All Aerodrome Licence/Certificate Holders<br>RFFS Training Providers |
| <b>Air Traffic:</b>                   | Not primarily affected                                               |
| <b>Airspace:</b>                      | Not primarily affected                                               |
| <b>Airworthiness:</b>                 | Not primarily affected                                               |
| <b>Flight Operations:</b>             | Not primarily affected                                               |
| <b>Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:</b> | Not primarily affected                                               |

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this Information Notice (IN) is to advise industry that following a comprehensive review of the CAA's *Framework for the competence of rescue and fire fighting service personnel* (CAP 699) the CAA is carrying out a short consultation, seeking views from industry on the draft, revised CAP 699.

### 2 CAP 699 Review

- 2.1 The CAA previously consulted with Industry following changes to RFFS training brought about by the introduction of [EU Aerodrome Regulation \(Commission Regulation \(EU\) No. 139/2014\)](#) communicated in IN-2014/133.
- 2.2 The consultation, which consisted of an online survey, showed a strong desire by industry to retain CAP 699 as guidance material for aerodrome RFFS personnel, but to bring it up to date.
- 2.3 The scope of the CAA's recent review was to consider all relevant National Occupational Standards, industry standards, and update CAP 699 as required.
- 2.4 The Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the development of RFFS training standards were delegated to the Airport Operators Association's (AOA) RFFS working group, working in conjunction with the CAA (AAA Aerodromes).

### 3 Consultation

- 3.1 Having updated CAP 699, we are consulting Aerodrome Operators, representative associations, and RFFS training providers, by providing a draft copy before publication.
- 3.2 We would like your views and invite you to:
- a) Review the draft CAP 699 which can be found at: [www.caa.co.uk/CAP699D](http://www.caa.co.uk/CAP699D).
  - b) Please consider commenting on the following:
    - 1) Review chapter 1 – Establishing a training and proficiency check programme, and comment as required.
    - 2) Review chapter 2 – Managing a training and proficiency check programme and comment as required.
    - 3) Review chapter 3 – Do the core and role related units detailed in the Firefighter framework adequately cover the requirements of **CAP 168** and EASA?
  - c) Refer to the guidelines for commenting and provide feedback using the comments response tool, which can be found at: <https://consultations.caa.co.uk/aerodrome-standards-department/review-of-cap699>.
- 3.3 The review will close on Friday, 18 November 2016.

### 4 Queries

- 4.1 Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to:

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### 5 Cancellation

- 5.1 This Information Notice will remain in force until 18 November 2016.

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