

**EXEMPTION FROM PARAGRAPHS 404.03(2)(a) AND (b) AND 404.04(1)(b) OF THE
CANADIAN AVIATION REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to subsection 5.9(2) of the *Aeronautics Act*, and after having taken into account that the exemption is in the public interest and is not likely to adversely affect aviation safety or security, I hereby exempt **holders of medical certificates (MC) Category 1, 2, 3 or 4 with a validity period ending on or after March 17, 2020** from the requirements of paragraphs 404.03(2)(a) and (b) and 404.04(1)(b) of the *Canadian Aviation Regulations* (CARs) subject to the conditions set out below.

The above-mentioned provisions and other related provisions are reproduced in **Appendix A**.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this exemption is to enable telemedicine as an option for aviation medical certificate renewals.

More specifically, subject to the conditions set out below, this exemption will enable the renewal of medical certificates by telemedicine consultation to holders of medical certificates Category 1, 2, 3, or 4 with a validity period ending on or after March 17, 2020.

This exemption extends, for five (5) additional years, the regulatory relief previously granted under exemption NCR-062-2020, CAME-002-2021, CAME-002-2022 and CAME-002-2023 issued on June 3, 2020, March 2, 2021, and March 3, 2022, for twelve (12) months, and on March 1, 2023, for twenty-four (24) months, respectively.

APPLICATION

This exemption applies to **holders of medical certificates (MC) Category 1, 2, 3, or 4 with a validity period ending on or after March 17, 2020**.

This exemption is applicable solely for the renewal of MCs that were last renewed through an in-person medical examination. This exemption does not apply to the initial issuance of a MC.

This exemption ceases to apply to a MC holder who breaches a condition of this exemption.

CONDITIONS

This exemption is subject to the following conditions:

1. MCs may be renewed by telemedicine consultation if, pursuant to exemption CAME-001-2025, the Civil Aviation Medical Examiner (CAME) deems a telemedicine consultation sufficient to determine that the medical certificate holder is fit.
2. Holders of a MC **not** bearing the limitation –Not valid for CAME renewal– shall retain a copy of the Civil Aviation Fit Certificate completed by the CAME who conducted the medical examination via telemedicine, confirming that the holder is fit, with their original medical certificate or aviation document booklet.
3. Using the contact information below, holders of a MC bearing the limitation –Not valid for CAME renewal– shall request a copy of a certificate from an officer of the Civil Aviation Medicine branch, confirming that the holder is fit, and retain this copy with their original MC or aviation document booklet.

Email: NCRCivAvMedicineInquiries-EnquetesMedecineAeroCivRCN@tc.gc.ca

Toll-free: 1-800-305-2059

Local: 613-990-1311

Facsimile: 613-990-6623

4. The validity period of the MC renewed under this exemption shall be as follows:
 - a. Until the first day of the month that follows a 12-month period after the date of the telemedicine consultation:
 - i. for holders of a MC subject to the table to subsection 404.04(6) (Reproduced in Appendix A)
 - ii. for holders of a MC subject to subsection 404.04(6.1) (Reproduced in Appendix A)
 - b. Until the first day of the month that follows a 6-month period after the date of the telemedicine consultation for holders of a MC subject to subsection 404.04(6.2) of the CARs. (Reproduced in Appendix A)

VALIDITY

This exemption is in effect from March 4, 2025, at 00:00 (EST) until the earliest of the following:

- a. March 3, 2030, at 23:59 (EST); or
- b. The date on which an Internal Process Bulletin (IPB) on telemedicine for aviation medical examinations is published; or
- c. The date on which this exemption is cancelled in writing by the Minister where he is of the opinion that it is no longer in the public interest or that it is likely to affect aviation safety or security.

DATED at Ottawa, Ontario, this 24th day of February 2025, on behalf of the Minister of Transport.

“Original signed by”

Félix Meunier,
Director General,
Civil Aviation
Transport Canada

Appendix A

Pertinent provisions of the *Canadian Aviation Regulations*

Division II — Medical Certificate

Requirement to Hold a Medical Certificate

404.03(2) A medical certificate that is issued in the form of a booklet label is not valid unless

- (a) the label is affixed in an aviation document booklet;
- (b) the booklet number displayed on the label matches the number of the booklet; and
- (c) [...]

Issuance, Renewal, Validity Period and Extension of a Medical Certificate

404.04 (1) Subject to subsection (2) and subsection 404.05(1), the Minister shall issue or renew a medical certificate on receipt of an application therefor if

- (a) where the applicant is applying for a medical certificate in connection with an application for a student pilot permit-aeroplane, pilot permit — recreational, pilot or student pilot permit — ultra-light aeroplane, a pilot licence — glider or student pilot permit — glider, the applicant has completed and submitted a medical declaration, in accordance with the personnel licensing standards, that attests to the fact that the applicant is medically fit to exercise the privileges of the permit or licence that is applied for; or
 - (b) in any case not referred to in paragraph (a), it is established, by means of a medical examination conducted by a physician referred to in section 404.16, that the applicant meets the medical fitness requirements specified in the personnel licensing standard.
- (6)** Subject to subsection (9), the validity period of a medical certificate for a permit, licence or rating that is set out in column 1 of the table to this subsection is set out in column 2 if the holder of the permit, licence or rating is under 40 years of age and in column 3 if the holder of the permit, licence or rating is 40 years of age or older.

TABLE

| | Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
|------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Item | Permit, licence or rating | Under 40 years of age | 40 years of age or older |
| 1 | Private pilot licence | 60 months | 24 months |
| 2 | Pilot licence — glider | 60 months | 60 months |
| 3 | Pilot licence — balloon | 60 months | 24 months |
| 4 | Pilot permit — recreational | 60 months | 24 months |
| 5 | Pilot permit — gyroplane | 60 months | 24 months |
| 6 | Pilot permit — ultra-light aeroplane | 60 months | 60 months |
| 7 | Flight instructor rating — glider | 60 months | 60 months |
| 8 | Flight instructor rating — ultra-light aeroplane | 60 months | 60 months |
| 9 | Passenger-carrying rating — ultra-light aeroplane | 60 months | 24 months |
| 10 | Flight engineer licence | 12 months | 12 months |
| 11 | Air traffic controller licence | 24 months | 12 months |
| 12 | Student pilot permit | 60 months | 60 months |

(6.1) The validity period of a medical certificate for a commercial pilot licence, a multi-crew pilot licence — aeroplane and an airline transport pilot licence, if the holder of the licence is acting as a flight crew member for hire or reward, is 12 months.

(6.2) However, the validity period of a medical certificate referred to in subsection (6.1) is reduced to 6 months if

(a) the holder of the licence is 40 years of age or older and is conducting a single-pilot operation with passengers on board; or

(b) the holder of the licence is 60 years of age or older.

(6.3) [...]

(9) The Minister shall endorse a shorter validity period on a medical certificate if

(a) a physician referred to in section 404.16 recommends the shorter validity period in their medical report; and

(b) it is warranted by the results of an assessment conducted in accordance with subsection

404.11(1)

AND

Medical Standards Flexibility — Limitations and Restrictions

404.05 (1) The Minister may, in accordance with the personnel licensing standards, issue a medical certificate to an applicant who does not meet the requirements referred to in subsection 404.04(1) where it is in the public interest and is not likely to affect aviation safety.

(2) Where the Minister issues a medical certificate under subsection (1), the Minister shall endorse the certificate with any limitation or restriction that is necessary to ensure aviation safety