

CAA Examination Requirements Timetable

	Class 1		Class 2		Class 3	
	1st	Subsequent Exam	1st	Subsequent Exam	1st	Subsequent Exam
General medical examination	✓	Age < 40: Yearly Age 40 and over: 6 monthly for SPAOPAX*. Else yearly	✓	Age < 40: 5 yearly Age 40 and over: 2 Yearly	✓	Age < 40: 4 yearly Age 40 and over: 2 yearly
12-lead ECG	✓	Age: 40, 45, 50, 52, 54, etc. ->70, 71, 72, 73, etc. Yearly	✓	Age: 50, 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly	✓	Age: 50, 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly
Cardio-vascular risk estimation	✓ if 40yr and over.	Age: 40, 45, 50, 55 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 71, 72, etc. Yearly	✓ if 50yr and over	Age: 50, 55 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly	✓ if 50yr and over	Age: 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly
Blood lipids estimation & Blood sugar estimation	✓	Age: 40, 45, 50, 55 60, 62, 64, etc. 2 yearly	✓	Age: 50, 55 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly	✓	Age: 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly
Chest X-ray (CXR)	✓ if indicated, see CXR note	Clinical indication only	✓ if indicated, see CXR note	Clinical indication only	✓ if indicated, see CXR note	Clinical indication only
Spirometry	✓	If smoked past 5 years Age 55 OR Clinical indication only	✓*	* If smoked past 5 years Age 55 OR Clinical indication only	✓*	* If smoked past 5 years and Clinical indication only
Audiometry	✓	Age: 40, 50, 55 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly	✓ if indicated, see note	Age: 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, etc. 5 yearly , but only if IFR flights undertaken, if not medical certificate must be endorsed: "Not valid for IFR flight".	✓	Age: 40, 50, 55 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly
Special vision examination	✓	Age: 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly		Clinical indication only	✓	Age: 60, 65, 70, 72, 74, etc. 2 yearly
Colour-vision screening examination	✓	Clinical indication only	✓	Clinical indication only	✓	Clinical indication only

SPAOPAX * Single-pilot air operation carrying passengers.

CXR Note: Only if the applicant's history indicates a high likelihood of asymptomatic pulmonary disease.

For Tests: The relevant age is the current age, and any age in between, since the last assessment. Refer to GD: "Timetable for Routine Examinations" – Section 9

CAA Medical Standards

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Distance Visual Acuity Corrected or uncorrected at 6m	Each: 6/9 or better Binocular: 6/6 or better	Each: 6/12 or better Binocular: 6/9 or better	Each: 6/9 or better Binocular: 6/6 or better
Intermediate Visual Acuity Corrected or uncorrected at 1m	Binocular: N14 or better	N/A	Binocular: N14 or better
Near Visual Acuity Corrected or uncorrected at 30–50cm	Binocular: N5 or better	Binocular: N5 or better	Binocular: N5 or better
Colour-Perception Ishihara 24 plate book	Reads the first 17 plates with ONE error or less. Refer to GD "Examination Procedures - Section 12" (Check medical examination report)		
Audiometry	If any threshold values are within the shaded area when mapped on the "Audiometry Report Form - 24067-203": Refer to the medical manual (i) 35 dB, at any of the frequencies of 500 Hz, 1000 Hz or 2000 Hz; or (ii) 50 dB at the frequency of 3000 Hz		
Cardiovascular risk estimation PREDICT calculation	10% or more 5yr CV risk requires excluding reversible ischaemia. Must be calculated using the PREDICT cardiovascular assessment tool described in the NZ ministry of Health 'Cardiovascular Disease Risk Assessment and Management for Primary Care' published by the NZ Ministry of Health (2018) https://cvdcalculator.com/		
Spirometry	If FEV1 < 80% of predicted or history of asthma or lung disease, do also post bronchodilator. Refer to GD: "Examination procedures – Section 9		
Validity of Tests	All routine investigations required as per GD: "Timetable for Routine Examinations" have a validity period of: 1. 90 days for the General Medical Examination; 2. One year in all other cases; Note: Tests may be repeated if considered reasonably necessary, under s27B(5) of the Act.		
Who is a smoker?	Smoking status has different categories, based on the risk assessment assumptions: 1. PREDICT CV risk assessment: Stated as per General Direction Examination Procedures 5.2.2(b), a smoker means someone who has smoked tobacco in the last 12 months 2. Spirometry: Stated as per General Direction Timetable for Routine Examinations means someone who has smoked tobacco in the last 5 years		

Critical Dates:

- **60 days:** maximum duration of **certificate extensions**. Once only, from expiry date and providing all conditions met – see section 27E of the Act.
- **30 day "grace" period:** Certificates issued within 30 days of expiry may have a new expiry date based on the previous expiry date (as long as certificate has **NOT** already been extended). This avoids annual "slippage" see CAR 67.61(c) and (d).