

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to this newsletter, containing a number of process clarifications.

Review Options

- **Suspension and suspension extension** – actions taken under section 271 (1) and 271 (2)(a)(c) are not reviewable under section 27L of the Civil Aviation Act 1990. Please refer to MIS 005 [What are my review options?](#) It is not appropriate to include review options when a suspension is issued or extended.
- **Disqualification** – this action is taken by CAA and is a reviewable decision by the Convener. CAA will provide the review options document to accompany the letters.
- **Any medical certificate** issued under section 27B(1) is reviewable, therefore, *Review Options* can be provided with medical certificate renewals or initial issues.
- **Accredited Medical Conclusion (AMC)** – At the time of request for identification of experts, a decision has not been made and review options are not applicable. Once the certificate has been issued or declined the review options are available and information should be provided.
- **Conditions added post certification** – if conditions are added under section 271 the initial notice of conditions is temporary (the equivalent of a suspension) and CAA will provide the *review options* document when the conditions are confirmed.

Under section 27P and section 66 of the Civil Aviation Act 1990 an appeal can be made to the District Court. The above, while referencing the Convener, are equally applicable to the District Court.

GME over 90 days

When the GME needs to be repeated a new Medical Examination report must be completed. **Please ensure the Medical Assessment Report displays the updated GME date.**

Colour Vision Testing

Beware of people using colour correcting spectacles/contact lenses for Ishihara. These are not permissible.

If you have an Air Traffic Controller who fails Ishihara screening testing and the D15 test, please contact us on how next to proceed.

Calculating Expiry Dates

Expiry dates should be calculated from **date of assessment** not the date of General Medical Examination (GME) or date of AMC request.

Please refer to chapter 2 of the Medical Manual for more information.

https://www.aviation.govt.nz/assets/publications/medical-manual/Med_Man_Part-2.pdf

Medical application form

Please ensure participants' email address and contact information is provided in full on application forms.

Sending assessments to CAA

Reminder: Assessments must be sent to the CAA Medical Team within **5 working days**.

ME training

An online session is scheduled for **Wednesday 28 June 2023**. Topic – **“Would you fly with this pilot”**.

This year we will be holding our face-to-face education day at Air NZ, Auckland airport, on 8 September. This is the day before the AMSNZ meeting.

Expiry of Delegation

If your delegation has expired you will not be able to examine, issue or exercise any of your delegated powers. Please check your delegation expiry dates and ensure that you renew your delegation well in advance to avoid any inconvenience.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Recruitment

We will shortly be advertising the position of Chief Medical Officer (formerly called Principal Medical Officer).

Neurologist Consultants

We can confirm we now have Riddiford Neurologist Specialists as our external consultants to provide an opinion on any complex Neurological cases. Riddiford consists of five consultants with varying areas of expertise:

<https://riddifordneurology.co.nz/home>

Payment Reconciliation

We have several participants who paid their medical application fee, but we do not appear to have received documentation relating to these payments. If a medical examiner has been identified at the time of paying the fee, we will be in touch with each medical examiner to confirm if assessments were completed.

Regulatory Training

Regulatory Training was conducted for new Medical Examiners from February to May 2023. We had seven attendees both local and international. On 27-28 April we held a successful regulatory training conference in Wellington. Next training is scheduled in 2025.

CAA Optometry Training

On 11-12 April, Claude and Tim facilitated a CAA Accredited Optometry training in Auckland. This is the first training we have held in a number of years. There were 16 attendees who will be listed on the website once they have completed their accreditation under NZAO.

<https://www.nzao.nz/home/find-an-optometrist/>

Best regards

Aviation Medicine Team

Review options table

Action	Reviewable	Review options provided by	Comments
27I(1) and 27I(2)(a)(c) Suspension and suspension extension	No	NA	Actions taken under section 27I(1) and 27I(2)(a)(c) are not reviewable decisions
27I(1) Disqualification	Yes	CAA	Action taken by CAA - CAA provides Review Options
27B(2) AMC	Yes	CAA or ME	Once AMC has been completed and certificate issued or declined
27B(1) renewals or initial issues.	Yes	ME	<i>Review Options</i> should be provided with medical certificate
27I(1)(b) and 27I(2)(c) Conditions	Yes	CAA	CAA will provide the <i>Review Options</i> when the definitive action is taken. <i>NB: Conditions are added under section 27I, the initial notice is temporary (the equivalent of a suspension)</i>