

Dear Colleagues,

The team at CAA would like to extend our best wishes to you and your families for the Holiday Season.

We appreciate the work that you do for pilots, air traffic controllers and the CAA. This is alongside your other commitments to the wider health sector.

Please take a break if you can and keep safe.

You may consider offering extension certificates – if appropriate, to applicants who have applied but where you are unable to issue their certificate before Christmas or if they are in the AMC process.

Suspensions over the holiday period

For suspensions issued throughout December/January period, ensure to take into account the working day definition as per [section 13 of the Legislation Act 2019](#) please advise the participants that the suspension timeframe will be longer.

Medical assessments

Initial applications – please provide a copy of the photo id sighted at the time of initial application, along with your completed medical assessment [Examination by the Medical Examiner | aviation.govt.nz](#)

All assessments - Please ensure you send through your eligible and **ineligible** medical assessments, including the MAR to CAA.

CAA/CASA Harmonisation meeting

CAA and CASA Medical officers met on 1 December. We discussed several administrative issues for better consistency between the two authorities' decision making. We also held a cardiology session with two Drs Kathy Ferrier and Calum Young. They presented and provided reviews on the current medical evidence in the case of coronary artery disease and aeromedical certification.

As a result, CAA has formally sought advice from Kathy and Calum in four key areas. This will assist CAA & CASA certification decisions, as well as providing updated guidance to medical examiners and participants. Expect an update next year.

Christmas Hours

The medical unit will be closed from 2pm on Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

We look forward to 2024 and furthering our Medical Examiners' engagement with regular phone calls, Teams meetings and face to face contact. You are welcome to contact us to discuss any medical certification and fitness to fly or operate issues.

Best regards

from the Aviation Medicine Team.

