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**FLIGHT CREW LICENSING GROUND EXAMINATIONS –
DISCONTINUANCE OF PENALTY MARKING
WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2007**

1 Introduction

1.1 Penalty marking, which is intended to discourage guessing by candidates, is currently a feature of Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) Flight Crew Licensing (FCL) ground examinations, using questions set in a multi-choice format.

1.2 CAAS has reviewed this penalty marking policy, and a view has been expressed that whereas this policy may prevent guessing on occasions, a more profound effect is the distortion of the candidates' actual marks and thereby losing a valuable gauge of their knowledge. It is also noted that leading authorities in the world have removed the penalty marking system. In the light of the foregoing, CAAS has decided to discontinue penalty marking in the FCL ground examinations. It is also decided that the pass mark for each paper will be increased from 70% to 75%, thereby ensuring that the levels of knowledge currently considered acceptable continue to be achieved.

2 Discontinuance of Penalty Marking

2.1 From 1 January 2007, all FCL ground examination papers set and administered by the CAAS for the grant of flight crew licences will be scored by the marks awarded for correct answers. No adjustment will be made for incorrect answers or unanswered questions. The pass mark will be 75% for each paper.

3 Partial Pass Rule

3.1 The existing partial pass rule for professional flight crew licence examinations will be maintained. This means that a candidate who passes 50% of those papers in either the Navigation Group or Aircraft Technical Group will be granted a partial pass in that particular Group. The candidate may then be allowed two further attempts to pass the outstanding papers.

4 Transitional Arrangements

4.1 The new procedures will apply to all FCL ground examinations taken on or after 1 January 2007. Examination papers taken prior to this date will not be marked/remarked under the new procedures.

4.2 Candidates already in the examination system and attempting to complete a partial pass gained prior to 1 January 2007 will be subject to the new procedures in respect of those examination papers taken on or after 1 January 2007.

5 CAAS Publications

5.1 SASP-1, SASP-2 and other documents associated with FCL ground examinations will be amended in due course.

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