

Advisory Circular

CONVERSION OF FOREIGN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE LICENCE

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GENERAL

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PURPOSE

This AC provides information to the holder of a foreign aircraft maintenance licence (AML) holder on the requirements to be satisfied for CAAS to consider a conversion of the foreign AML to a Singapore Airworthiness Requirements Part 66 (SAR-66) AML and the application process for AML conversion.

APPLICABILITY

This AC is applicable to an applicant seeking the conversion of his/her AML issued by a foreign civil aviation authority to a SAR-66 AML.

RELATED REGULATIONS

Singapore Airworthiness Requirements (SAR) Part 66, SAR-66.10.

RELATED ADVISORY CIRCULARS

AC 66-12 Acceptance of Type Training for Type Rating Endorsement on an Aircraft Maintenance Licence.

CANCELLATION

This AC supersedes AC 66-10(2). This revision updates the examination requirements for the conversion of foreign AML to a SAR-66 AML.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This AC is effective from 18 March 2022

OTHER REFERENCES

Nil

1 REQUIREMENTS FOR CONVERSION OF FOREIGN AML

- 1.1 A holder of a foreign AML who intends to apply to CAAS for conversion of the foreign AML to a SAR-66 AML must:
- (a) hold a valid AML that is issued by the licensing authority of a foreign State;
 - (b) have successfully completed aircraft type rating training conducted by the respective OEMs, SAR-147 approved Maintenance Training Organisations, training organisations approved by the licensing authorities of foreign States that have a TA-AM with CAAS, or other training providers as may be considered and accepted on a case-by-case basis;
 - (c) pass the applicable CAAS examinations mentioned in Section 2;
 - (d) have at least three years of experience in exercising the privileges equivalent to those of the relevant SAR-66 licence category/subcategory being applied for;
 - (e) provide documentation demonstrating that he/she is working for or gaining prospective employment with a relevant organisation approved by CAAS and for which he/she is required to exercise the privileges of the SAR-66 licence category/subcategory being applied for; and
 - (f) provide documentation attesting that the organisation mentioned in subparagraph (e) has assessed and is satisfied with the applicant's –
 - (i) ability to read, write and communicate to an understandable level in English in which technical documentation and procedures necessary to support the issue of certificate of release to service are written; and
 - (ii) technical competency to safely discharge the privileges on the licence and type rating endorsements under application.

2 EXAMINATIONS

Foreign AMLs issued by States with Technical Arrangement or Working Arrangement in Aircraft Maintenance (TA-AM)¹ with CAAS

- 2.1 An applicant holding an AML issued by the licensing authority of a foreign State that has signed a technical arrangement or working arrangement on aircraft maintenance with CAAS is required to pass the SAR-66 AML basic examination Module 10 (Aviation Legislation) and a Category Technical Competency (CTC) paper relevant to the SAR-66 licence category/subcategory sought. Details of the CTC examination papers are provided in [Table 1](#).

¹ As of February 2022, the licensing authorities of a foreign State having TA-AM with CAAS are CASA, CAAC, HKCAD, Member States of European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), UK CAA, FAA, TCCA and JCAB.

CTC Paper for each SAR-66 Category	SAR-66 modules ² to be tested	No. of questions	Time allotment (hr:min)
CTC- CAT A1	M3, M5, M6, M7, M11A, M15, M17	68	1:25
CTC- CAT B1.1	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M11A, M15, M17	92	1:55
CTC-CAT B1.2	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M11B, M16, M17	92	1:55
CTC-CAT B1.3	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M12, M15	92	1:55
CTC-CAT B2	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M13, M14	92	1:55

Table 1: CTC Examination Paper for each SAR-66 Licence Category/Subcategory

- 2.2 An applicant who intends to apply for conversion of foreign AML to a SAR-66 AML with licence category/subcategory that are not in Table 1 may be required to pass examinations that CAAS may specify on a case-by-case basis.
- 2.3 The applicant is only allowed a maximum of 3 attempts to pass a CTC paper. If the applicant does not pass the CTC paper after the 3 attempts, he or she will be required to pass the multiple-choice question (MCQ) examinations of all the modules listed in SAR-66 Appendix 1 that are relevant to the category/subcategory of licence under application.

Foreign AMLs issued by States that do not have a Technical Arrangement in Aircraft Maintenance or Working Arrangement (TA-AM) with CAAS

- 2.4 An applicant with an AML licence issued by the licensing authority of a foreign State that does not have a TA-AM with CAAS, may also be considered for a licence conversion if he or she passes the multiple-choice question (MCQ) papers of all the modules listed in SAR-66 Appendix 1 that are relevant to the category/subcategory of licence under application.

Registration for Examinations

- 2.5 Applicants must register and book the required SAR-66 and the CTC examinations via <https://tasman-caas-candidate.aspeq.com/Home/Index/>.
- 2.6 Applicants who fail a SAR-66 paper (which also includes Module 10) or a CTC paper in two consecutive attempts will be ineligible to sit for the same paper for a period of 3 months from the date of the last attempt, unless the period between the two attempts is more than 3 months. The passing mark for all the SAR-66 papers and the CTC paper is 75%.

3 APPLICATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF FOREIGN AML

- 3.1 An applicant who fulfils the requirements mentioned in Section 1 may submit an application for the conversion of a foreign AML to CAAS via the Civil Aviation Personnel Licensing System – CAPELS (<https://capels.caas.gov.sg>).

² The SAR-66 modules can be found in the SAR-66 Appendix 1.