

# 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) on the requirements to be satisfied for CAAS to consider a conversion of the foreign AML to a Singapore 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 Singapore AML.

### RELATED REGULATIONS

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

### RELATED ADVISORY CIRCULARS

Nil

### CANCELLATION

This AC supersedes AC 66-10(4). This revision updates the requirements for the conversion of foreign AML to a Singapore AML.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

This AC is effective from 21 January 2026.

### OTHER REFERENCES

Nil

## 1 APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF FOREIGN AML

1.1 An applicant for conversion of a foreign AML must submit an application online<sup>1</sup> and include the following:

- (a) a copy of a valid AML issued by the licensing authority of a foreign State that is relevant to the Singapore AML being sought;
- (b) evidence of passing the relevant examinations (refer to Section 2);
- (c) evidence of relevant experience<sup>2</sup> (refer to Section 2);
- (d) evidence of relevant training, in the case of conversion of type rating (refer to Section 2);
- (e) evidence of prospective employment<sup>3</sup> requiring a Singapore AML; and
- (f) evidence of assessment by the hiring organisation to ensure the applicant is proficient in reading, writing and communicating clearly in English, and demonstrates the ability to fully comprehend technical documents and written procedures necessary for the safe exercise of Singapore AML privileges.

## 2 RELEVANT EXAMINATION AND EXPERIENCE

### Category A AML

2.1 An applicant for a conversion of the foreign AML to a Singapore Category A AML must hold a valid foreign AML with privileges equivalent to a Singapore Category A AML as stated in SAR-66.20(a)(1).

2.2 The examination and experience prerequisites for the applicant mentioned in paragraph 2.1 are as follows:

- (a) have 3 or more years of Category A certifying experience in the last 5 years prior to the application; and
- (b) passes in the Category Technical Competency (CTC) Category A examination (refer to Appendix A of this AC) and the Aviation Legislation (M10) examination.

2.3 The applicant must also have passed a technical competency assessment on the relevant Category A basic skills conducted by a SAR-147 approved Maintenance Training Organisation (MTO)<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to <https://www.caas.gov.sg>.

<sup>2</sup> Certification authorisation from previous employers, logbooks or proof of relevant employment are some examples.

<sup>3</sup> Evidence may be in the form of a letter from a SAR-145 Aircraft Maintenance Organisation (AMO) or air operator approved by CAAS to carry out aircraft maintenance, indicating prospective employment as an aircraft maintenance certifying staff.

<sup>4</sup> The SAR-147 approved MTO must be approved to conduct training and assessments relevant to a CAT A licence.

## Category B AML with type rating

2.4 The experience and examination prerequisites for the applicant mentioned in paragraph 2.4 are as follows:

- (a) have 5 or more years of relevant Category B certifying experience in the last 7 years prior to the application; and
- (b) passes in the Category Technical Competency (CTC) Category B examination (refer to Appendix A of this AC) and the Aviation Legislation (M10) examination.

2.5 The applicant must also have completed the training and passed the examination and assessments as specified below:

- (a) technical competency assessment on the relevant Category B basic skills conducted by a SAR-147 approved MTO;
- (b) for the first aircraft type rating to be attached to the Singapore Category B AML, conducted by a SAR-147 approved MTO:
  - (i) *for an applicant without the type rating in the foreign AML:*
    - (A) relevant type theoretical training (Level 3<sup>5</sup>);
    - (B) relevant type theoretical examination (Level 3);
    - (C) relevant type practical training; and
    - (D) relevant type practical assessment
  - (ii) *for an applicant with less than 3 years of certifying experience in the last 5 years for the type rating:*
    - (A) relevant type theoretical training (Level 1);
    - (B) relevant type theoretical examination (Level 3);
    - (C) relevant type practical training; and
    - (D) relevant type practical assessment
  - (iii) *for an applicant with 3 or more years of certifying experience in the last 5 years for the type rating:*
    - (A) relevant type theoretical examination (Level 3);
    - (B) relevant type practical training; and
    - (C) relevant type practical assessment;
- (c) for every subsequent type rating, the required training, examination and assessments as specified below conducted by either a SAR-147 approved

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<sup>5</sup>Refer to SAR-66 Appendix 3 for definitions of Levels 1, 2 and 3 for type training and examination.

MTO or the aircraft Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM):

- (i) *for an applicant without the type rating in the foreign AML:*
  - (A) relevant type theoretical training (Level 3);
  - (B) relevant type theoretical examination (Level 3);
  - (C) relevant type practical training; and
  - (D) relevant type practical assessment
- (ii) *for an applicant with less than 3 years of certifying experience in the last 5 years for the type rating:*
  - (A) relevant type theoretical training (Level 1);
  - (B) relevant type theoretical examination (Level 3);
  - (C) relevant type practical training; and
  - (D) relevant type practical assessment
- (iii) *for an applicant with 3 or more years of certifying experience in the last 5 years for the type rating, the relevant type theoretical (Level 3) examination.*

#### Category C AML

2.6 CAAS does not accept any applications for direct conversion of foreign Category C AML to Singapore Category C AMLs.

### **3 GENERAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

3.1 Applicants may register and book the required SAR-66 and the CTC examinations online (<https://www.caas.gov.sg>).

3.2 Each applicant is only allowed a maximum of 3 attempts to pass a CTC examination. If the applicant does not pass the CTC examination within the 3 attempts, he or she will no longer be eligible to convert to a Singapore AML.

3.3 An applicant who fails the same SAR-66 examination or CTC examination in two consecutive attempts must wait 3 months from the second failed attempt before retaking the examination. For example, if an applicant fails on 1 January and fails again on 15 February (only 1.5 months later), the applicant must wait 3 months from 15 February before the next attempt. However, this waiting period is not applicable if there was already a 3-month gap between the first and second attempts. For example, if the second failure is on 15 April (3.5 months after the first failure), no additional waiting period is needed before the third attempt. The minimum passing mark for the examination is 75%.

## APPENDIX A: CATEGORY TECHNICAL COMPETENCY (CTC) EXAMINATIONS

### CTC Category A Examinations

Category	Examination	Modules Tested	Questions	Duration Time (hr:min)
A1	CTC-A1	M3, M5, M6, M7, M11A, M15, M17	68	1:25
A2	CTC-A2	M3, M5, M6, M7, M11B, M16, M17	68	1:25
A3	CTC-A3	M3, M5, M6, M7, M12, M15	68	1:25
A4	CTC-A4	M3, M5, M6, M7, M12, M16	68	1:25

### CTC Category B Examinations

Category	Examination	Modules Tested	Questions	Duration Time (hr:min)
B1.1	CTC-B1.1	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M11A, M15, M17	92	1:55
B1.2	CTC-B1.2	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M11B, M16, M17	92	1:55
B1.3	CTC-B1.3	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M12, M15	92	1:55
B1.4	CTC-B1.4	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M12, M16	92	1:55
B2	CTC-B2	M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M13, M14	92	1:55