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CONVERSION TO A SINGAPORE PROFESSIONAL PILOT LICENCE OR ENDORSEMENT OF AN AIRCRAFT RATING IN AN EXISTING SINGAPORE PROFESSIONAL PILOT LICENCE

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disruptions to the commercial aviation industry. As a result, many pilots have been retrenched by foreign air operators.

2 Recognising the challenges faced by the aviation industry during the COVID-19 pandemic, CAAS will support Singapore Citizens who hold a professional pilot licence and were recently retrenched by a foreign air operator to:

- (a) convert to a Singapore professional pilot licence; or
- (b) endorse an aircraft rating on their Singapore professional pilot licence.

3 Normally, an applicant will need to seek employment with a Singapore air operator that will arrange the necessary training and tests and the use of their aircraft. However, recognising the difficulty faced by the applicants in gaining employment with Singapore air operators during this period, CAAS has made arrangements with Aviation Training Organisations (ATOs) to conduct the flight training and tests.

4 The applicant will need to engage a CAAS approved ATO. The ATO will propose an appropriate training programme to be submitted together with the application and carry out the required training and tests. The ATO will also provide other relevant information about the training course such as the training dates/period and cost for the training and tests. The cost for the training and tests to be borne by the applicant would include the use of the flight simulator, deployment of supporting pilots (if required), instructors and flight examiners, etc.

5 The applicant will need to pass the theory examination, complete training and tests in flight simulator.¹ Should an aircraft be required for the training but is unavailable, CAAS may allow the applicant to apply for the conversion to the Singapore professional pilot licence or endorsement of the aircraft rating. A restriction will however be stated in the Singapore professional pilot licence that the holder may not conduct a flight in that specific aircraft type endorsed in the licence. This restriction may be removed when the necessary aircraft training has been completed.

¹ Refer to the Singapore Air Safety Publication (SASP) Part 2 – Licensing of Professional Pilots

6 The contacts for the CAAS approved Aviation Training Organisations that can assist with the conversion to a Singapore professional pilot licence or endorsement of an aircraft rating are as follows:

<p>Airbus Asia Training Centre Pte Ltd 12 Seletar Aerospace Crescent Singapore 797566</p> <p>Website: https://www.airbus.com/aircraft/support-services/training/training-centres-network/airbus-asia-training-centre.html</p>	<p>Authorised to conduct type rating training for a) Airbus A320 and b) Airbus A350</p>	<p>Captain Patric Fan Head of Training Telephone: 68774300 Email: contact.sales.aatc@airbus.com</p>
<p>Singapore CAE Flight Training Pte Ltd 720 Upper Changi Road East Singapore 486852</p> <p>Website: https://www.cae.com/civil-aviation/locations/cae-singapore-singapore-cae-flight-training</p>	<p>Authorised to conduct type rating training for a) Boeing B777 and b) Boeing B787</p>	<p>Captain Miglani Prabhjeev Head of Training Telephone: 64304390 Email: miglani_p@singaporeair.com.sg</p>
<p>Jetstar Asia Airways Pte Ltd 80 Airport Boulevard Road #03-80 Changi Airport Terminal 1 Singapore 819642</p> <p>Website: https://www.jetstar.com/sg/en/home</p>	<p>Authorised to conduct type rating training for a) Airbus A320</p>	<p>Captain Oscar Larrea Marion Head of Training Organisation Telephone: 63180874 Email: Oscar.Larrea@Jetstarasia.com</p> <p>Captain Nico Van Der Schyff Head of Training Telephone: Email: Nico.Vdschyff@Jetstarasia.com</p>
<p>Singapore Flying College Pte Ltd SIA Training Centre #02-B, 720 Upper Changi Road East Singapore 486852</p> <p>Website: http://www.sfcpl.com</p>	<p>Authorised to conduct MPL training for: a) Airbus A320 b) Airbus A350 c) Boeing B737-800 d) Boeing B777 e) Boeing B787</p>	<p>Captain Leslie Ganapathy Chief Simulator Instructor Telephone: 68128130 Email: leslie.ganapathy@sfcpl.com</p>

7 For further clarifications, please refer to the FAQs attached or contact CAAS PEL FCL (CAAS) CAAS_PEL_FCL@caas.gov.sg.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. Where can I find the requirements for the conversion to a Singapore professional pilot licence and endorsement of an aircraft rating into a Singapore professional pilot licence?

You may refer to the following chapters of Singapore Air Safety Publication (SASP) Part 2 – Licensing of Professional Pilots;

- a) Chapter 11 of the SASP Part 2 for foreign licence conversion; and
- b) Chapter 6 of the SASP Part 2 for endorsement of a new aircraft rating into a Singapore professional pilot licence.

You may obtain the SASP Part 2 from the CAAS website:

<https://www.caas.gov.sg/legislation-regulations/regulatory-requirements/safety-regulation/personnel-licensing-training> .

2. Can I convert my foreign professional pilot licence if my foreign medical assessment and/or aircraft rating has expired?

Yes, you may convert your foreign professional pilot licence to a Singapore professional pilot licence even if your foreign medical assessment and/or aircraft rating has expired. However, your foreign professional pilot licence must be valid and you will need to pass the CAAS Class 1 medical assessment and aircraft rating test. There may be additional examination and training requirements to be completed depending on how long the aircraft rating has lapsed.

3. Where can I complete the training and flight test?

You can approach a CAAS approved Aviation Training Organisation provided in paragraph 6 to complete the required training and flight test(s) in a Flight Simulation Training Device.

4. Can I include an aircraft type that is currently not on the Singapore aircraft register in a Singapore professional pilot licence?

No, you will not be able to include an aircraft type that is not on the Singapore aircraft register into your Singapore professional pilot licence as there will not be an approved FSTD and/or an Authorised Flight Examiner available to conduct the aircraft/instrument rating tests.

5. I am aware that I need to sit for all the CAAS ATPL examination papers. Can I start taking the examination papers before submitting my application to convert my foreign licence?

Yes, you can proceed to sit for the CAAS examinations. Do note that the examination results may only be used in the application for the Singapore licence within 36 months from the date of passing.

6. I am holding a valid aircraft rating in my foreign licence and I am current in flying. Do I have to complete the full type rating course and aircraft type technical examination in order to endorse the new aircraft type into my Singapore licence?

The aviation training organisation will review the relevance of your recent flying experience and propose an appropriate training programme for our approval. If assessed to be relevant, you may undergo an abbreviated training programme. You will still need to complete the aircraft type technical examination for the new aircraft type sought for endorsement.

7. What is the cost for flight training and tests?

The cost of flight training and tests will be advised by the aviation training organisation performing the training and tests.

8. Will I get a job as a pilot after converting to a Singapore licence?

The success of the application is dependent on whether the applicant meets the organisation's recruitment requirements. Conversion to Singapore professional licence does not guarantee employment.