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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS LICENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Air Traffic Controllers licence certifies that the holder has achieved a basic standard of knowledge and experience skill in application of the knowledge. Since the safety and regularity of Civil Aviation depend considerably on the efficiency of the Air Traffic Controller, it is his/her duty to promote a safe orderly and expeditious flow of traffic under most weather conditions.

2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 This Air Safety Circular is applicable to every Air Traffic Controller/ Student Air traffic controller.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT OF AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS LICENCE

- 3.1 The age of the applicant shall be as follows:

Air Traffic Controller/Student licence	- not less than 17 years
ATC Licence/Aerodrome Control Rating	- not less than 18 years
ATC licence/Radar/Area Control Rating	- not less than 21 years

- 3.2 The candidate must successfully complete an approved training course and have experience of not less than 3 months satisfactory service engaged in the actual control of air traffic under the supervision of an appropriately rated Air Traffic controller.
- 3.3 The applicant shall pass the Air traffic Controllers- Air Law examination
- 3.4 Candidate shall have the knowledge of principles, use and limitation of equipment used in Air Traffic Control.
- 3.5 Candidates shall possess general knowledge of principles of flight, principles of operation and functioning of aircraft, power plants and systems aircraft performances relevant to ATC operations.

3.5 The applicant shall hold a current class 3 medical assessment.

4. RATINGS

4.1 TRAINING FOR ATC RATING

The training required for the ratings must consist of acquiring familiarity with and competence in a specific environment must be accomplished by use of both knowledge training and practical training.

4.1 REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER RATINGS

4.1.1 The applicant shall have demonstrated a level of knowledge appropriate to the privileges granted in atleast the following subjects in so far as they affect the area of responsibility.

a) Aerodrome Control Rating

- 1) aerodrome layout; physical characteristics and visual aids;
- 2) airspace structure
- 3) applicable rules, procedures and source of information;
- 4) air navigation facilities;
- 5) air traffic control equipment and its use;
- 6) prominent land marks
- 7) Characteristics of Air Traffic;
- 8) weather phenomena; and
- 9) emergency and search and rescue plans;

b) Approach and area control ratings:

- 1) airspace structure;
- 2) applicable rules, procedures and source of information;
- 3) air navigation facilities
- 4) air traffic control equipment and its use.
- 5) prominent land marks
- 6) characteristics of air traffic and traffic flow
- 7) weather phenomena and
- 8) emergency and search and rescue plans

c) Approach radar, approach precision radar and area radar control ratings

The applicant shall meet the requirements specified in b) and shall have demonstrated a level of knowledge appropriate to the privileges granted, in at least the following additional subjects:

- (a) principles, use and limitation of radar, other surveillance systems associated equipment and
- (b) procedures for the provision of approach, precision approach or area radar control services, as appropriate including terrain clearance.

4.2 PRIVILEGES OF THE HOLDER OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS RATING

- (a) Aerodrome control rating: to provide or supervise the provision of aerodrome control services for the aerodrome for which the licence holder is rated.
- (b) Approach control rating: to provide or supervise the provision of approach control service for the aerodrome or aerodromes for which the licence holder is rated, within the airspace or portion thereof, under the jurisdiction of the unit providing approach control service.
- (c) Area control rating :to provide and/or supervise the provision of area control service aithin the control area or portion thereof, for which the licence holder is rated

4.3 COMPETENCY CHECK

As stipulated in CAR part 12 Air Traffic Controllers must be checked for their competency , annually. The period between two such shall not be less than 11 months and shall not exceed 13 months from the date of test. These checks shall be conducted by approved examiners of this Ministry.

4.4 RECENCY OF EXPERIENCE

A rating held by an Air Traffic Controller shall become invalid if he has not exercised the privileges of the said rating within the preceeding six months and shall remain so until the controller has been tested to his competence to exercise the privileges of the rating.



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