



Update for MEs



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A brief update from the Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation Medicine Team

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Welcome to this ME update.

Thank You

As the year draws to an end, it is time for reflection and to thank you for your contribution to aviation in 2014. We do appreciate the excellent work and your assistance when required to clarify a point on an assessment. This includes your attention for providing supplementary information in a timely manner.

Some assessments are difficult and we are always happy to assist you when required. Never hesitate to contact us if in need.

Continuous Education

This year we were able to provide a half-day education session in association with the AMSNZ conference at Nelson. We enjoyed meeting so many of you and the feedback received was very encouraging. Based on that feedback, we have every intention of offering another expanded session in 2015. We will be looking at a full day CME twice through 2015 to provide a better geographical cover and improve access for MEs. Watch this space.

We wish to know if you prefer the sessions(s) to take place as part of one of the GP conferences such as the NXMA GP conference, AMSNZ, or stand-alone, and what days in the week are more suitable for you.

A simple e-mail to med@caa.govt.nz, with the heading CME, telling us what you wish will be useful.

Medical Manual – ENT chapter

We are about to post the Otorhinolaryngology chapter of the Medical Manual on the CAA website. So, the GD Impaired Hearing and Hearing Aids will be revoked by a gazette notification probably early 2015. We will keep you posted.

This means that, when assessing an applicant for an ENT problem including a hearing problem, you are to refer to the Otorhinolaryngology chapter for guidance on the certification.

These guidelines will be amended as experience dictates to ensure clarity and effectiveness. Your ongoing feedback will help.

Medical Manual – Ophthalmology chapter

The consultation period has lapsed and we are doing the final touch up on this chapter. This requires a little more work as it is a larger and more complex document. We hope to finalise this chapter in a few weeks. You will be informed of its implementation.

Medical Manual – Central Nervous System chapter

This chapter will shortly be posted on the CAA website in a draft form for consultation. Your views on this document are welcome. We hope to have this draft published by the end of January.

Medical Manual – Respiratory chapter

This chapter has a similar status and will also soon be posted in a draft form for comments.

CAA Notifications

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Go to – other CAA information and click on Medical Matters.

A Final Word

The Aviation Medicine Team wishes you and your family, a happy and safe holiday period and may 2015 bring you all you wish.

