

## Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to this newsletter which aims to provide updates, reminders and some general regulatory and clinical aviation medicine education.

### COVID-19 – Emergency Directives

The Prime Minister has announced an end to the traffic light settings from 13 Sept 2022 therefore you may restart the Spirometry investigations, Otoloscopic and throat examination and direct Ophthalmoscopy, as necessary. The Emergency Directives of 13 Jan 2022 and 22 Oct 2021, which provided relief from these routine examinations, no longer apply.

As the new General Directions (GD) Timing of Routine examinations was effective on 3 December 2021 any deferred investigations that were required at the next assessment must be completed at their next renewal as per the old GD that was in place at that time.

If the investigation has been completed in the interim for any other reason a copy is to be provided to CAA for file and need not be repeated, unless there are clinical concerns.

For future renewals - the current GD Timing of Routine Exams will be applicable.

### Covid-19 Guidance for MEs and participants is still relevant

<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/assets/about-us/COVID-19/Guidance-following-Covid.pdf>

### Christchurch ME training day

Thank you for attending our training session in Christchurch on 2 September. See link to presentations

<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/licensing-and-certification/medical-certification/medical-examiners/cme/> Please email [med@caa.govt.nz](mailto:med@caa.govt.nz) for



the password to access the presentations.

We hope you found the day useful and enjoyable and thank you for your suggestions for topics. We hope we answered your queries.

A template was requested for declining an application following an AMC. Please see sample template letter below.

We look forward to seeing you at the next course. please feel free to email any ideas for topics to the aviation medicine team.



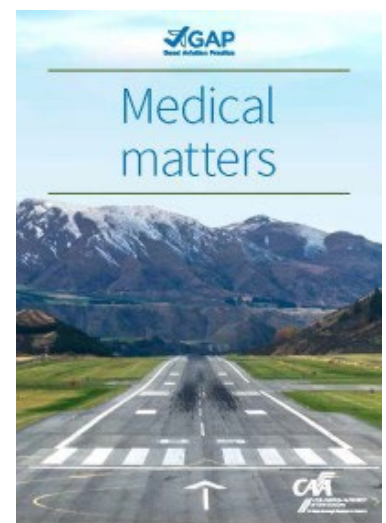
### ME on-line training

An online ME CME session is scheduled for 16 November 22 at the slightly later time of 5.30 – 6.30 pm NZ time. The topic is Renal Stones. Invites will be sent out in October.

### New Good Aviation Practice (GAP) booklet: Medical matters

Safe flying starts with you.

This new GAP booklet explains all things medical – from types of medical certificates and the application process, through to how endorsements work and how to renew your medical.



There's also information and advice about human factors, and where to look for more information.

Go to [aviation.govt.nz/education](https://www.aviation.govt.nz/education) where you can [download a digital copy](#) or [order a printed copy](#).

# Update for MEs



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A brief update from the Civil Aviation Authority  
Aviation Medicine Team

## Identification for initial issue applicants

The ME should attach a photocopy of the photographic identification produced by the applicant at the time of a first application. See Medical manual Part 2.4.2 [https://www.aviation.govt.nz/assets/publications/medical-manual/Med\\_Man\\_Part-2.pdf](https://www.aviation.govt.nz/assets/publications/medical-manual/Med_Man_Part-2.pdf)

## GD Timing of Routine Examinations 2021

Please find the updated Examination Requirements chart. Thanks to Dr Luke Luk for his contribution to this update.

<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/assets/licensing-and-certification/medical/medical-examination-requirements.pdf>

## DL9

We are working on an FAQ information sheet re reporting obligations for DL9s.

## ME Updates

Dr Jeff Brownless retires at the end of September after approximately 18 years. Thanks Jeff, we wish you all the best in your retirement 🍀

Dr Luke Luk has completed Regulatory Training and joins the team at Air New Zealand Medical Unit. 🍀

With best regards from

**The Aviation Medicine Team**

## **Sample letter of Declined application**

Dear ...

Medical reports from your recent CAA medical examination have been assessed and the Accredited Medical Conclusion (AMC) completed, unfortunately it has been concluded that you are not eligible to be issued with a class 1 or 2 medical certificate at this time.

I enclose (attach) a copy of the AMC completed by Drs....

Should you be unhappy with the decision here is a link to the information sheet outlining your review options should you wish to pursue these

<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/assets/publications/medical-information-sheets/mis005-what-are-my-review-options.pdf>

### **Right of Review**

You have the right to ask the Convener to review the decision under section 27L of the Act within 20 days of this notice.

### **Right of Appeal**

Pursuant to section 27P, you have the right to appeal the decision to a District Court under section 66 of the Act.

I am sorry that this is not the outcome that you will have hoped for. Please let me know if you have any questions.