

## Armed Forces Recognition Requirements: Flight Crew

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## General

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of Civil Aviation Rule Part 61 for Pilot Licences and Ratings and the associated Advisory Circulars, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) accepts specific military flight crew qualifications and associated flight experience towards a number of the prescribed eligibility requirements for the issue of a New Zealand pilot licence and associated ratings.

Military flight crew qualifications and associated flight experience may also be accepted towards the eligibility requirements prescribed in Civil Aviation Rule Part 63 and Advisory Circular AC 63-1 for the issue of a flight engineer licence.

- (b) This acceptance of military flight crew qualifications and flight experience applies to New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) flight crew which includes RNZAF pilots and RNZN pilots. However in some cases the acceptance only applies to RNZAF pilots.
- (c) Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) pilots who wish to gain a NZ Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) or a NZ Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL) should initially obtain a CPL or ATPL issued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia (CASA), then make application for the issue of a NZ equivalent pilot licence under the provisions of the Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Act (TTMRA).
- (d) The acceptance of military flight crew qualifications and flight experience is only applicable to flight crew who are in current military flying practice with the NZDF.
- (e) To be in current military flying practice the person must have logged military flight time in the applicable category of aircraft within the previous 12 months of applying for a log book assessment.
- (f) The log book assessments required by this document for considering the acceptability of military flight crew qualifications and associated military flight experience are carried out by Aviation Services Ltd (ASL) acting under a delegation from the Director of Civil Aviation.  
A person wishing to submit their log book for assessment in accordance with this document should contact ASL at the following address: P.O. Box 30343, Lower Hutt; Telephone 04 913 9812; or Fax 04 913 9815. Further information may be obtained from the ASL website, [www.aviation.co.nz](http://www.aviation.co.nz).
- (g) An NZDF flight crew member wishing to apply for a New Zealand pilot licence or a flight engineer licence in accordance with Civil Aviation Rule Part 61 or Part 63 and the provisions of this document must—
- (1) hold an appropriate medical certificate issued under the Civil Aviation Act in accordance with the requirements of Civil Aviation Rule Part 67; and
  - (2) meet the minimum flight experience requirements prescribed in the applicable Civil Aviation Rule Part and detailed in the associated Advisory Circular for the particular licence or rating; and
  - (3) meet the ICAO English Language Proficiency requirement as detailed in Civil Aviation Advisory Circular AC61-1; and
  - (4) submit a completed flight crew application form CAA 24061/1 to the Director together with the items listed thereon. Application fee details and provision for credit card payment are included on the form; and

- (5) submit a completed fit and proper person form CAA 24FPP to the Director together with the required reports from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and the Ministry of Justice (MOJ).
- (h) A Flight Radio Telephone Operator Rating will be granted as a matter of course with each flight crew licence issued to military personnel.

## Licence Issue

### Private Pilot Licence (Aeroplane)

#### NZDF Pilots

A NZDF pilot in current military flying practice in aeroplanes who wishes to apply for the issue of a NZ PPL(A), must meet the requirements prescribed in Civil Aviation Rule 61.153 for the issue of a PPL except for the following:

1. military flight time experience may be accepted as meeting the requirements of rule 61.153(a)(3) if the pilot produces their pilot log book for assessment and the logbook provides evidence that the pilot has accumulated the minimum flight time experience specified in the rule and detailed in AC61-3 for a PPL(A):
2. the examination pass results gained by an RNZAF pilot who has successfully completed at least the basic phase of the NZDF ground and flight training for aeroplanes will be accepted as approved equivalents to the written examinations required by rule 61.153(a)(6) for the issue of a PPL except for the required Air Law written examination. All applicants are required to pass a NZ PPL Air Law written examination:
3. in accordance with section 37 of the Civil Aviation Act, the pilot may apply for an exemption from the requirement in rule 61.153(a)(7) to successfully demonstrate competence in a flight test. The application for the exemption can be made on the basis that the action taken by having completed an RNZAF aeroplane competency test and being in current military flying practice in aeroplanes is as effective as completing a flight test required by the rule.

### Private Pilot Licence (Helicopter)

#### NZDF Pilots

A NZDF pilot in current military flying practice in helicopters who wishes to apply for the issue of a NZ PPL(H), must meet the requirements prescribed in Civil Aviation Rule 61.153 for the issue of a PPL except for the following:

1. military flight time experience may be accepted as meeting the requirements of rule 61.153(a)(3) if the pilot produces their pilot log book for assessment and the logbook provides evidence that the pilot has accumulated the minimum flight time experience specified in the rule and detailed in AC61-3 for a PPL(H):
2. the examination pass results gained by an RNZAF pilot who has successfully completed at least the basic phase of the NZDF ground and flight training for helicopters will be accepted as approved equivalents to the written examinations required by rule 61.153(a)(6) for the issue of a PPL except for the required Air Law written examination. All applicants are required to pass a NZ PPL Air Law written examination:
3. in accordance with section 37 of the Civil Aviation Act, the pilot may apply for an exemption from the requirement in rule 61.153(a)(7) to successfully demonstrate competence in a flight test. The application for the exemption can be made on the basis that the action taken by having completed an RNZAF helicopter competency test and being in current military flying practice in helicopters is as effective as completing a flight test required by the rule.

## Commercial Pilot Licence (Aeroplane)

### NZDF Pilots

A NZDF pilot who has been awarded pilot wings and is in current military flying practice in aeroplanes who wishes to apply for the issue of a NZ CPL(A), must meet the requirements prescribed in Civil Aviation Rule 61.203 for the issue of a CPL except for the following:

1. military flight time experience may be accepted as meeting the requirements of rule 61.203(4) if the pilot produces their pilot log book for assessment and the logbook provides evidence that the pilot has accumulated the minimum flight time experience specified in the rule and detailed in AC61-5 for a CPL(A):
2. the examination pass results gained by an RNZAF pilot who has successfully completed the NZDF ground and flight training for aeroplanes will be accepted as approved equivalents to the written examinations required by rule 61.203(6) for the issue of a CPL except for the required Air Law written examination.  
All applicants are required to pass a NZ CPL Air Law written examination:
3. in accordance with section 37 of the Civil Aviation Act, the pilot may apply for exemptions from the requirements in—
  - rule 61.203(2) to hold a current private pilot licence; and
  - rule 61.203(7) to successfully demonstrate competence in a flight test.

The application for the exemptions can be made on the basis that the action taken by being awarded pilot wings, being in current military flying practice in aeroplanes, and having completed an RNZAF aeroplane competency test, is as effective as holding a current private pilot licence and completing a flight test required for the issue of a CPL(A).

## Commercial Pilot Licence (Helicopter)

### NZDF Pilots

A NZDF pilot who has been awarded pilot wings and is in current military flying practice in helicopters who wishes to apply for the issue of a NZ CPL(H), must meet the requirements prescribed in Civil Aviation Rule 61.203 for the issue of a CPL except for the following:

1. military flight time experience may be accepted as meeting the requirements of rule 61.203(4) if the pilot produces their pilot log book for assessment and the logbook provides evidence that the pilot has accumulated the minimum flight time experience specified in the rule and detailed in AC61-5 for a CPL(H):
2. the examination pass results gained by an RNZAF pilot who has successfully completed the NZDF ground and flight training for helicopters will be accepted as approved equivalents to the written examinations required by rule 61.203(6) for the issue of a CPL except for the required Air Law written examination.  
All applicants are required to pass a NZ CPL Air Law written examination:
3. in accordance with section 37 of the Civil Aviation Act, the pilot may apply for exemptions from the requirements in—
  - rule 61.203(2) to hold a current private pilot licence; and

- rule 61.203(7) to successfully demonstrate competence in a flight test.

The application for the exemptions can be made on the basis that the action taken by having being awarded pilot wings, being in current military flying practice in helicopters, and having completed an RNZAF helicopter competency test is as effective as holding a current private pilot licence and completing the flight test required for the issue of a CPL(H).

### **Airline Transport Pilot Licence (Aeroplane)**

An RNZAF pilot who holds a current RNZAF green standard aeroplane instrument rating and has reached command status and is in current military flying practice on operational roles in C130, P3, B757 aircraft or holds a current RNZAF Cat A or B QFI qualification for the Beech Kingair who wishes to apply for the issue of a NZ ATPL (A), must meet the requirements prescribed in Civil Aviation Rule 61.253 for the issue of an ATPL except for the following:

1. military flight time experience may be accepted as meeting the requirements of rule 61.253(4) if the pilot produces their pilot log book for assessment together with any other necessary evidence of their command status on the C130, P3, B757 and Beech Kingair and the logbook provides evidence that the pilot has accumulated the minimum flight time experience specified in the rule and detailed in AC61-7 for a ATPL(A).
2. the examination pass results gained by an RNZAF pilot together with the command flight time experience gained on the C130, P3, B757 or flight time experience plus Category A or B QFI qualification for the Beech Kingair will be accepted as approved equivalents to the written examinations required by rule 61.253(a)(5) for the issue of an ATPL except for the required Air Law written examination. All RNZAF pilots applying for the issue of an ATPL(A) are required to pass a NZ ATPL(A) Air law written examination.
3. in accordance with section 37 of the Civil Aviation Act, the pilot may apply for exemptions from the requirements in—
  - rule 61.253(a)(2) to hold a current commercial or senior commercial pilot licence; and
  - rule 61.253(a)(3) to hold a current instrument rating;
  - rule 61.253(6) to successfully demonstrate competence in a flight test.

The application for the exemptions can be made on the basis that the action taken by being awarded pilot wings with current command military flying experience on C130, P3, B757 or flight time experience plus Category A or B QFI qualification for the Beech Kingair and holding a current RNZAF green standard instrument rating is as effective as holding a current commercial or senior commercial pilot licence, a current instrument rating and completing a flight test required for the issue of a ATPL(A).

## **Airline Transport Pilot Licence (Helicopter)**

An NZDF pilot who holds a current NZ military green standard helicopter instrument rating, holds current command status at Category A or B level and is in current military flying practice on operational roles in Kaman Seasprite, Bell UH-1 Iroquois, Agusta A-109 or NH-90 helicopters who wishes to apply for the issue of a NZ ATPL (H), must meet the requirements prescribed in Civil Aviation Rule 61.253 for the issue of an ATPL except for the following:

1. military flight time experience may be accepted as meeting the requirements of rule 61.253(4) if the pilot produces their pilot log book for assessment together with any other necessary evidence of their command status on the Kaman Seasprite, Bell UH-1, Agusta A-109 or NH-90 helicopters and the logbook provides evidence that the pilot has accumulated the minimum flight time experience specified in the rule and detailed in AC61-7 for a ATPL (H).
2. the examination pass results gained by an NZDF helicopter pilot together with the command flight time experience gained on the Kaman Seasprite, Bell UH-1, Agusta A-109 or NH-90 will be accepted as approved equivalents to the written examinations required by rule 61.253(a)(5) for the issue of an ATPL except for the required Air Law written examination. All NZDF pilots applying for the issue of an ATPL (H) are required to pass a NZ ATPL (H) Air law written examination.
3. in accordance with section 37 of the Civil Aviation Act, the pilot may apply for exemptions from the requirements in—
  - rule 61.253(a)(2) to hold a current commercial or senior commercial pilot licence; and
  - rule 61.253(a)(3) to hold a current instrument rating; and
  - rule 61.253(6) to successfully demonstrate competence in a flight test

The application for the exemptions can be made on the basis that the action taken by being awarded pilot wings together with current command military flying experience on the Kaman Seasprite, Bell UH-1, Agusta A-109 or NH-90 helicopters and holding a current RNZAF green standard instrument rating is as effective as holding a current commercial or senior commercial pilot licence, a current instrument rating and completing a flight test required for the issue of a ATPL(H).

## **Flight Engineer Licence**

### **For RNZAF Flight Engineers**

An RNZAF flight engineer in current military flying practice who wishes to apply for the issue of a NZ flight engineer licence, must meet the requirements prescribed in Civil Aviation Rule 63.153 for the issue of a flight engineer licence except for the following:

1. a military flight engineer qualification and military flight time experience may be accepted as meeting the flight experience requirement of rule 63.153(3) and the examination requirements of rule 63.154(5), except for Air Law, if the flight engineer produces their logbook for assessment and the logbook provides evidence that the engineer holds the appropriate military flight engineer qualification and has accumulated the minimum flight time experience.  
All applicants must pass the flight engineer Air Law written examination required by rule 63.153(5)(i).

2. In accordance with section 37 of the Civil Aviation Act, the flight engineer may apply for exemptions from the requirements in—
  - rule 63.153(1) to hold a current cadet flight engineer licence; and
  - rule 63.153(6) to successfully demonstrate competence in a flight test.

The application for the exemptions can be made on the basis that the action taken by holding a military flight engineer qualification and being in current military flying practice is as effective as holding a cadet flight engineer licence and completing a flight test.

## Ratings

### Instrument Rating

#### NZDF Pilots

- (a) Pursuant to CA Rule 61.801(c)(1), a NZDF pilot who holds a current NZ pilot licence and a current NZDF green standard instrument rating that has been issued or renewed by NZDF within the immediately preceding 3 months may apply to the Director in accordance with rule 61.11 for the issue of an Instrument Rating.  
The applicant must provide details of the navigational systems used during the military flight test (ADF and VOR or VOR and GNSS minimum).
- (b) Pursuant to CA Rule 61.801(c)(2), a NZDF pilot who holds a current NZ pilot licence and a NZDF green standard instrument rating that has not been issued or renewed with the immediately preceding 3 months must pass the instrument rating flight test required by rule 61.801(a)(6) before applying to the Director for the issue of an Instrument Rating.

### Flight Instructor Rating

#### NZDF Pilots

- (a) A NZDF pilot who holds a current NZ Commercial or Airline Transport pilot licence and a NZDF Category A or B flight instructor qualification may be eligible for the issue of a NZ Category B flight instructor rating for the appropriate category of aircraft if—
  1. the pilot submits their pilot log book for assessment together with evidence that the pilot holds a current NZDF Category A or B flight instructor qualification; and
  2. the log book provides evidence that the pilot meets the flight time experience required by rule 61.303(d) and detailed in AC61-18 for Category B flight instructor rating including any additional privileges of night flight, spinning, or aerobatics; and
  3. the pilot successfully completes the flight test required by rule 61.303(d)(8) including any additional privileges of night flight, spinning, or aerobatics.
- (b) A NZDF pilot who holds a current NZ Commercial or Airline Transport pilot licence and an RNZAF flight instructor rating may be eligible for the issue of a NZ Category C Flight Instructor rating for the appropriate category of aircraft if—
  1. the pilot submits their pilot logbook for assessment together with evidence that the pilot holds a current RNZAF flight instructor rating; and

2. the logbook provides evidence that the pilot meets the flight time experience required by rule 61.303(c) and detailed in AC61-18 for Category C flight instructor rating including any additional privileges of night flight, spinning, or aerobatics; and
3. the pilot successfully completes the flight test required by rule 61.303(c)(9) including any additional privileges of night flight, spinning, or aerobatics.

***Note for all applicants:***

A NZ flight instructor rating cannot be issued in isolation. A pilot who applies for such a rating must hold at least a NZ CPL.

**Aircraft Type Rating**

A NZDF pilot who holds a NZ PPL, CPL or ATPL may apply to the Director to have their specific military aircraft type qualifications recognised as an applicable aircraft type rating and have that aircraft type rating endorsed on the pilot's licence if—

1. the pilot provides evidence of being qualified to pilot-in-command level on the aircraft type; and
2. the aircraft type appears as an entry in the New Zealand Register of Aircraft.

**NZDF pilots not in current military flying practise or who are not “Wings” qualified**

Former NZDF personnel, personnel who are currently serving with the NZDF who are not in current military flying practise or persons who have never graduated from an RNZAF pilot wings course are required to meet all the applicable eligibility requirements prescribed in CAR Part 61 except that applicable military flight time experience may be credited towards the flight time experience required by Part 61.