Aeronautical MET personnel competency scheme

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History


1994 – CAA establishes the new procedures for licensing the MET personnel according to WMO system – RAC-LMET and RAC-CURS;

2003 – MoT Order no. 31 transposes the ESARR 5 into national legislation;

2004 – MOT Order 650 establishes the new procedures for licensing the MET personnel according to WMO system;
International framework

Requirements concerning qualifications and training of meteorological personnel in aeronautical meteorology are given in:

- ICAO Annex 1 SARPs Chapter 4 Para. 4.7
- ICAO Annex 3 SARPs Chapter 2 Para 2.1.5
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Selection criteria
- First issuance, revalidation, renewal conditions;
- Training requirements;
- Theoretical and practical exams;
- Ratings, special authorizations, unit authorizations;
- Rights and obligations;
- Revocation and suspension conditions.
- Forms used (license doc., application form, etc.);
MET Staff Certification Scheme (cont’d)

2 types of licenses:
- Student MET License
  (fixed validity: not more than 6 months after the training course is finished; can be renewed only once)
- MET License
  (undetermined validity; conditioned by 24 months validity for the associated competences)
Entry conditions - Student License

- Minimum age 18 and maximum 30 (35 if university degree exists); not applicable for experienced MET staff;
- Medical fitness required (separate MoT Order);
- Basic education:
  • technicians: - high school;
  • forecasters: - university degree in atmospheric physics;
- Passed examination (theoretical)
Entry conditions - MET License

- Valid Student MET License;
- Approved Training course;
- Unit confirmation;
- Medical fitness required;
- Passed examination (theoretical and practical)
- Proficiency in English (as required by EUR-ANP)
Ratings/Authorizations

Technician
- 3rd grade (entry level);
- 2nd grade (mid level);
- 1st grade (senior level);

Forecaster
- 3rd grade (entry level);
- 2nd grade (mid level);
- 1st grade (senior level);

OJTI Authorization (on-the-job training instructor)
CLA Authorization (climatologic activities)
Unit Authorization – meteorological station, MET Office, MET Watch Office

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Revalidation

- Minimum 18 months operational activity;
- Approved training course within 12 months before;
- Medical fitness required;
- Passed examination (theoretical – 70% pass mark and practical);
- Proficiency in English
Renewal

Renewal (2 main situations):

– no operational activity between 6 -12 months;
– no operational activity more than 12 months;
- Medical fitness required;
- Approved training course;
- Passed examination (theoretical and practical)
- Proficiency in English

!ANSP must notify the CAA all interruptions of the operational activity more than 2 months

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Training centers

- Registered activity;
- Management and Training Manuals;
- Quality assurance process;
- Training curricula;
- Resources (human, facilities, etc.)
  - no. of instructors 6:1
  - maximum 12 students/class
  - archives at least for 5 years
  - full time employed Training Manager

Authorization is issued for 3 years

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Training courses

Initial Courses
- Student Technician – 4 months (2T+2P)
- Student Forecaster – 12 months (2T+10P)

Specialization Courses
- Upper grade – 1 month
- Refreshment – minimum 10 days
- OJT, CLA – minimum 10 days
- Forecaster to technician – 3 weeks (1T+2P)
- Technician to Forecaster – 10 months (1T+9P)
- Same unit different location – 1 week
- Different units – 6 weeks (2T+4P)
Training courses (cont’d)

Specialization Courses

- Renewal  - 5 days (6-12 months interruption)
  - 10 days (5T+5P) (12 – 24 months interruption)
  - 6 weeks (over 24 months interruption) for 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 1\textsuperscript{st} grades
  - initial training (over 24 months interruption) for 3\textsuperscript{rd} grades

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Future

- Continuous update of the training requirements;
- Validation of the training made abroad;
- Exclude maximum age limit.
- Include special cases met during the applicability of the present regulation.
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

ANY QUESTIONS?