

Aeronautical Information Circular

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SUBJECT: **Launch of New Licence Format**

1. Introduction

Pursuant to the Despacho do Secretario para os Transportes e Obras Publicas No.56/2025, a new format for licences and certificates will be effective from **1 February 2026**.

From 1 February 2026, licences and certificates referred to in paragraph 2 will be issued in the updated format. Licences and certificates issued prior to 1 February 2026 will remain valid until they are expired, replaced, or revoked.

2. Scope of update

The updated license format encompasses the following categories:

- i) Pilot Licences & Ratings
- ii) Air Traffic Control (ATC) licences
- iii) Flight Operations Officer (FOO) licence
- iv) Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Licence
- v) Medical Certificate

The official templates are published in the Official Gazette of the Macao SAR below Macao government website, of the new license format, reference shall be made to the official publication.
https://bo.dsaj.gov.mo/bo/i/2025/52/despstop_cn.asp#56

3. Major Changes

- i) A complete new page will be issued when the licence or ratings are to be updated. Therefore, licence holders may continue exercising the privileges of their valid licences and ratings, while the renewal application is being processed.
- ii) Aircraft rating in pilot licences to be renewed every 6 months.
- iii) Category II or Category III Low Visibility Operations qualification will no longer be indicated under the instrument rating of the pilot licence.

Note: In accordance with AC/OPS/031 paragraph 4.2, an operator shall ensure flight crew are qualified to conduct CAT II/III operations, and shall document these qualifications in a manner acceptable to the AACM.

- iv) Flight instructor (aircraft) rating to be renewed every 24 months.
- v) Flight instructor (simulator) qualification will be issued by means of an approval letter.
- vi) English language proficiency will no longer be issued on a separate document; instead, it will be endorsed directly onto the licence.
- vii) The new licences will not contain photograph of the licence holder. Licence holders must carry valid photo identification when exercising the privileges of their licences.
- viii) The updated licence and certificates templates are in three languages: Chinese, Portuguese and English.

4. Transition Arrangements

No immediate action is required for licence holders unless their licences, ratings or certificates are due for renewal.

Effective from **1 February 2026**, licence holders applying for renewal or variation of a licence or rating, will be issued with the updated format of licence by the AACM. Upon renewal of medical certification, a new format medical certificate will be issued. Only the applicable renewal or processing fee will be charged.

Requests to change to the new licence format outside of the normal renewal or variation application will be subject to applicable fee in accordance with the published charging scheme.

Upon receipt of the updated licence, licence holders are required to present their current licence to the AACM for cancellation.

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