

## AERONAUTICAL CIRCULAR CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY – MACAO, CHINA

**SUBJECT:** *Recurrent Competence Requirements of Air Traffic Controller Licence*

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

1 December 2012

**CANCELLATION:**

AIC B 03/03

**GENERAL:**

The President of Civil Aviation Authority – Macao, China, in exercise of his power under Paragraph 89 of the Air Navigation Regulation of Macao (ANRM) and Article 35 of the Statutes of Civil Aviation Authority, approved by the Decree-Law 10/91/M, established this Aeronautical Circular (AC).

### 1 Purpose

In accordance with Part IX paragraph 62 (5) and (6) of the ANRM, the holder of Air Traffic Controller Licence (ATCL) is required to undergo recurrent competence check to demonstrate his knowledge, experience, competence and skill, with details published in AIC B 03/03 dated 2 May 2003. This AC prescribes the further detailed requirements of the recurrent competence check, including the validity of the check and the responsibility of air traffic services provider.

### 2 Applicability

The requirements contained in this AC are applicable to the holders of ATCLs and air traffic services provider.

### 3 Requirements

- 3.1 The recurrent competence check is a formal process whereby an ATC Examiner by examination confirms the competence of an air traffic controller to provide air traffic services. The check is composed of the following two parts:
- a) A practical check at the operational positions associated with rating included in his ATCL.
  - b) An oral assessment or written test. The oral check may be conducted as part of the practical check debrief or as a separate assessment.
- 3.2 The holder of ATCL shall not exercise the privilege of the licence and corresponding rating unless he has passed an annual recurrent competence check. The competence check may be carried out within a 45-day period preceding the date of expiry of the current competence check. Provided the controller is assessed as competent, the competence check will be valid for 12 months from the date of expiry of the current check (date to date).
- 3.3 If necessary, the recurrent competence check may be carried out more than 45 days before the date of the expiry of the current competence check. In such cases, provided the controller is assessed as competent, the competence check will be valid for 12 months from the date on which the assessment is conducted (date to date).
- 3.4 Air traffic services provider shall maintain records of the recurrent competence checks of all the holders of ATCL for not less than three years.
- 3.5 If a holder of ATCL fails in the recurrent competence check, when providing air traffic control service of the rating of his licence, the controller shall be supervised by an ATC On-the-Job Training Instructor who is present at the time until further attempt of the recurrent competence check has been passed. The holder of ATCL failed the recurrent competence check is required to take the part(s) he failed in further attempts.

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