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## Civil Aviation Safety Authority

### Part 61 Manual of Standards (MOS) (as amended)

made under regulations 11.068 and 61.035 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998* and section 4 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

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### Part 61 Manual of Standards Instrument 2014

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#### 1 Name of instrument

- 1.1 This instrument is the Part 61 Manual of Standards for Part 61 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998)*.
- 1.2 This instrument is called the *Part 61 Manual of Standards Instrument 2014*.
- 1.3 In this instrument, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to “this MOS” or “the MOS” means the *Part 61 Manual of Standards Instrument 2014*.

#### 3 Scope

Under regulation 61.035 of CASR 1998, and for Part 61 of CASR 1998, this MOS sets out matters relating to:

- (a) flight crew licences, ratings and endorsements; and
- (b) the use of an ACAS; and
- (c) aeronautical radio operations; and
- (d) aeroplane taxiing; and
- (e) conditions on flight examiner ratings.

#### 4 Condition on flight examiner ratings

For paragraph 98 (5A) (1) (a) and subsection 98 (5D) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, and regulation 11.068 of CASR 1998, it is a condition on the following:

- (a) a flight examiner rating;
- (b) an approval under regulation 61.040 to conduct a flight test or a proficiency check; issued before or after this MOS, that when conducting a flight test or a proficiency check the holder of the rating, or of the approval, must comply with the requirements of, and take into account the recommendations in, the *Flight Examiner Handbook* as in force and published on the CASA website at the time of the flight test or proficiency check.

#### 5 Definitions

- 5.1 In this MOS, unless the contrary intention appears:  
*cell*, for a column of a table in a Schedule of this instrument, means each individual, undivided unit into which the column is subdivided.

***in accordance with published procedures***, for carrying out an activity in relation to an aircraft, means carrying out the activity in accordance with the applicable requirements (if any) set out in each of the following:

- (a) the aircraft flight manual;
  - (b) the aircraft operator's operations manual;
  - (c) the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP);
  - (d) another operational document applicable to the activity that is approved in writing by CASA or the operator.
- 5.2 In this MOS, unless the contrary intention appears, an abbreviation has the meaning given to it by the Dictionary of abbreviations in Schedule 1A.
- 5.3 Unless the contrary intention appears, if an abbreviation used in this MOS is not given a meaning under Schedule 1A, the abbreviation has the meaning that is given to it by the prevalent usage, custom and practice of the aviation industry.
- 5.4 To avoid doubt, in this MOS neither a unit code nor an examination code is an abbreviation within the meaning of subsection 5.2 or 5.3.
- 5.5 Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference in this instrument to a numbered provision that commences with the number 61 is a reference to the provision of that number in Part 61 of CASR 1998.
- 5.6 Unless the contrary intention appears, if a Schedule to this MOS contains matter that is expressly described as being for guidance only, then, despite the matter being in the Schedule, the matter is not part of the Schedule.

*Note* Subsection 5.6 is intended to allow the Tables of Contents for Schedules to retain their status as guidance material only which may be varied editorially, including for any subsequent compilations.

## **6 Recreational pilot licences — general English language proficiency standard**

- 6.1 The general English language proficiency standard is as set out in Section 1 of Schedule 2.

*Note* See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 2 to find the general English language proficiency standards.

- 6.2 The assessment mentioned in subclause 5.1.1 of Section 1 of Schedule 2, and the requirement specified in subclause 5.1.2, are each part of the standard.
- 6.3 The general English language proficiency tests are as set out in paragraph 5.1.2 (f) of Section 1 of Schedule 2.
- 6.4 For subsection 6.3, achieving the minimum grade specified for each test is part of each test.

## **7 Aviation English language proficiency standards and maintenance of English language proficiency**

- 7.1 The aviation English language proficiency standard is as set out in Section 1 of Schedule 2.

*Note* See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 2 to find the aviation English language proficiency standards.

- 7.2 The ICAO level 4, level 5 and level 6 aviation English language proficiency standards (rating scales) are as set out in Section 2 of Schedule 8.

*Note* See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 8 to find the ICAO level 4, level 5 and level 6 aviation English language proficiency standards (rating scales).

## 8 Units of competency for flight training, use of ACAS, aeronautical radio operations, and taxiing

- 8.1 The units of competency for each of the following matters are as set out in the Appendix of a Section in Schedule 1 that is for the particular matter:
- (a) a flight crew licence with an aircraft category rating, a flight crew rating on a licence, or an endorsement on a rating;
  - (b) a design feature endorsement or a flight activity endorsement;
  - (c) use of an ACAS;
  - (d) an aeronautical radio operator certificate;
  - (e) a certificate of competency for taxiing aeroplanes of a particular class or type rating.

*Note* See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 1 to find the reference to any particular matter listed in paragraphs (a) to (e) above.

- 8.2 For an Appendix mentioned in subsection 8.1, each unit of competency mentioned in a cell in column 2 of the practical flight standards table in the Appendix (the ***unit of competency***) has the unit code mentioned in the corresponding cell in column 1 (the ***unit code***).
- 8.3 For subsection 8.2, the requirements of the unit of competency are set out in the document whose unit code is mentioned in the cell in column 1 that corresponds to the unit of competency.
- 8.4 For subsection 8.3, the unit coded document containing the requirements of the unit of competency is the document in Schedule 2 which has the same unit code.

*Note* See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 2 for an alphabetical list of unit codes.

- 8.5 The competency required of a person by each unit of competency mentioned in Schedule 2 (the ***unit***) is the ability to do the following:
- (a) perform each of the elements mentioned in clause 2 of the unit:
    - (i) according to the performance criteria mentioned for the element; and
    - (ii) within the range of variables mentioned in clause 3 for the unit; and
    - (iii) for practical flight — within the flight tolerances mentioned in the table in Section 1 of Schedule 8 that is for the category of aircraft (where applicable) and for the licence or rating; and
  - (b) demonstrate the underpinning knowledge for each unit, as mentioned in clause 4 of the unit.

*Note* A unit of competency in Schedule 2 usually comprises: (1) the unit description, (2) its elements and performance criteria, (3) the range of variables across which these criteria are to be applied, and (4) the minimum underpinning knowledge for (2) and (3).

## 9 Other approved courses

RESERVED (CASR 61.040 and 61.210)

## 10 Aeronautical knowledge standards

- 10.1 The aeronautical knowledge standards for a flight crew licence with an aircraft category rating, a flight crew rating on a licence or an endorsement on a rating are as set out in the Appendix of a Section in Schedule 1 that is for the licence, rating or endorsement.

*Note* See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 1 to find any particular licence, rating or endorsement.

- 10.2 For an Appendix mentioned in subsection 10.1, each unit of knowledge mentioned in a cell in column 2 of an aeronautical knowledge standards table in the Appendix (the ***unit of knowledge***) has the unit code mentioned in the corresponding cell in column 1 (the ***unit code***).

- 10.3 For subsection 10.2, the requirements of the unit of knowledge are set out in the document whose unit code is mentioned in the cell in column 1 that corresponds to the unit of knowledge.
- 10.4 For subsection 10.3, the unit coded document containing the requirements of a unit of knowledge is the document in Schedule 3 which has the same unit code.
- 10.5 The standard of knowledge required of a person by each unit of knowledge mentioned in Schedule 3 is the ability to demonstrate, to the appropriate level, knowledge of the elements, topics and specific content described in each clause of the unit.
- 10.6 For subsection 10.5:
- (a) an element, generally identifying a knowledge area within the unit of knowledge, is indicated in bold, underlined print, and numbered as a clause; and
  - (b) a topic (if any), further defining a knowledge area within an element, is indicated in bold print and numbered as a subclause; and
  - (c) specific content, describing in detail the relevant content of the topic (if any), or the element, is indicated in plain print and numbered as subclauses, paragraphs, subparagraphs and sub-subparagraphs as the case may be.

## 11 Aeronautical knowledge examinations, pass standards and time

- 11.1 The aeronautical knowledge examinations for a flight crew licence with an aircraft category rating, a flight crew rating on a licence, or an endorsement on a rating are as set out in the table in the Section of Schedule 4 that is for the licence, rating or endorsement (the *table*).
- 11.2 For subsection 11.1, the examination for each examination subject mentioned in a cell in column 2 of the table (the *subject*) has the examination code, the pass standard and the time limit mentioned in the cell in column 1, column 3 and column 4 (respectively) of the table that corresponds to the subject.

*Note* The examination codes mentioned in the cells in column 1 of the table are for examination administration purposes only.

## 12 Flight tests — competency standards

- 12.1 In this section, references to a “flight examiner” are taken to include the following when conducting a flight test:
- (a) CASA;
  - (b) the holder of an approval under regulation 61.040 to conduct the flight test.
- 12.2 The competency standards for a flight test for a flight crew licence with an aircraft category rating, a flight crew rating on a licence, or an endorsement on a rating are as set out in the Appendix in Schedule 5 that is for the licence, rating or endorsement flight test.
- Note* See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 5 to find the reference to any particular flight test.
- 12.3 For subsection 12.2, the competency standards for a flight test mentioned in an Appendix in Schedule 5 comprise the following:
- (a) the flight test requirements mentioned in the Appendix for the test;
  - (b) the knowledge requirements mentioned in the Appendix for the test;
  - (c) the activities and manoeuvres mentioned in the Appendix for the test, but:
    - (i) subject to the operational scope and conditions mentioned in the Appendix for the test; and
    - (ii) within the flight tolerances mentioned in the table in Section 1 of Schedule 8 that is for the category of aircraft (where applicable) and for the licence, rating or endorsement.

*Note* For subparagraph (c) (ii), the aircraft category is identified in the title of the relevant table in Schedule 8, and the licence, rating or endorsement is identified in the “Applicability” clause of the relevant table.

- 12.4 For paragraph 12.3 (c), when conducting a flight test, the flight examiner must determine if an applicant has demonstrated the required competency in the activities and manoeuvres mentioned in the relevant Appendix for the test.
- 12.5 For subsection 12.4, for each of the activities and manoeuvres, the required competency must be demonstrated by reference to the flight examiner’s representative sample of competency standards for the relevant activity or manoeuvre.
- 12.6 For subsection 12.5, the representative sample of competency standards must be chosen from the units of competency in Schedule 2 that are relevant to the activity or manoeuvre.
- 12.7 For subsection 12.6, the relevant units of competency in Schedule 2 from which the representative sample of competency standards must be drawn, are identified in the Note accompanying the description of each activity or manoeuvre.

*Note 1* The respective Notes refer to the unit codes of the relevant units of competency in Schedule 2. See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 2 for an alphabetical list of unit codes.

*Note 2* For flight training, the applicant must have met the competency standard in each relevant unit of competency in Schedule 2, in accordance with subsection 8.5 of this MOS. For a flight test, the applicant must demonstrate, in the range of activities and manoeuvres mentioned in Schedule 5, competency against the flight examiner’s representative sample of the competency standards in these units of competency. For a flight test, the competency required of a person by a unit of competency does not require specific testing of the underpinning knowledge in Schedule 2.

### **13 Proficiency checks — competency standards**

- 13.1 In this section, references to a “flight examiner” are taken to include the following when conducting a proficiency check:
- (a) CASA;
  - (b) the holder of an approval under regulation 61.040 to conduct the proficiency check.
- 13.2 The competency standards for a proficiency check for a flight crew rating on a licence, or an endorsement on a rating are as set out in the Appendix in Schedule 6 that is for the rating proficiency check.
- Note* See the Table of Contents at the front of Schedule 6 to find the reference to any particular proficiency check.
- 13.3 For subsection 13.2, the competency standards for a proficiency check mentioned in an Appendix in Schedule 6 comprise the following:
- (a) the proficiency check requirements mentioned in the Appendix for the check;
  - (b) the knowledge requirements mentioned in the Appendix for the check;
  - (c) the activities and manoeuvres mentioned in the Appendix for the check, but:
    - (i) subject to the operational scope and conditions mentioned in the Appendix for the check; and
    - (ii) within the flight tolerances mentioned in the table in Section 1 of Schedule 8 that is for the category of aircraft (where applicable) and for the flight crew rating.

*Note* For subparagraph (c) (ii), the aircraft category is identified in the title of the relevant table in Schedule 8, and the rating is identified in the “Applicability” clause of the relevant table.

- 13.4 For paragraph 13.3 (c), when conducting a proficiency check, the flight examiner must determine if an applicant has demonstrated the required competency in the activities and manoeuvres mentioned in the relevant Appendix for the check.
- 13.5 For subsection 13.4, for each of the activities and manoeuvres, the required competency must be demonstrated by reference to the flight examiner’s representative sample of competency standards for the relevant activity or manoeuvre.