

SECTION 2.16 MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

CERTIFICATE - INITIAL ISSUE

1. Applicants for the issue of a Certificate are required to have a *health standard* equivalent to that required for the issue of a private motor vehicle driver licence in Australia; and
2. Forward to RAAus HQ:
 - a. a signed RAAus medical declaration that they meet the *health standard*, or an RAAus approved equivalent; or
 - b. if an applicant's medical status includes one of the following conditions, the person must provide RAAus with a statement from their doctor (GP) of meeting the *health standard*, or provide a copy of a valid motor vehicle or heavy vehicle General Medical Assessment Report from an Australian road and transport authority, whatever called, or provide a copy of the CASA Recreational Aviation Medical Practitioner's Certificate (RAMPC) or higher medical certificate;
 - (i) Epilepsy; or
 - (ii) Diabetes (Type 1 or 2); or
 - (iii) A heart condition / disease or paralysis; or
 - (iv) Mental illness (medicated or otherwise); or
 - (v) Becoming 75 years of age or older; or
 - (vi) Any other medically significant safety related condition.
3. Any conditions or restrictions that apply to a member's driver licence or medical certificate must also be complied with when operating a *recreational aircraft*.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL

4. A Certificate holder may only exercise the privileges of the Certificate when they:
 - a. continue to meet the requirements of the *health standard* of Paragraph 1 of this Section; and
 - b. forward a signed RAAus medical declaration, or *an* RAAus approved equivalent, of meeting the *health standard*; or
 - c. if the medical status of a Certificate holder includes the one of the following conditions, then annually thereafter the person must not exercise the privileges of their certificate until such time as they have provided RAAus with a statement from their doctor (GP) of meeting the *health standard* or provide a copy of a valid motor vehicle or heavy vehicle General Medical Assessment Report from an Australian road and transport authority, whatever called or provide a copy of the CASA Recreational Aviation Medical Practitioner's Certificate (RAMPC) or higher medical certificate;
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- (v) Becoming 75 years of age or older; or
 - (vi) Any other medically significant safety related condition.
- d. If at any time a Certificate holder has a medically significant condition that is a *safety-relevant* condition which lasts for more than seven days, that person must not exercise the privileges of their Certificate until such time as they have provided RAAus HQ with a statement from their doctor (GP) of meeting the *health standard*; and
- e. continue to comply with the requirements of paragraph 3.

DUTY OF DISCLOSURE AND HANDLING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

5. If a Certificate holder has a medically significant condition which may reflect a safety threat, and fails to disclose this information to RAAus, the organisation may, as a result of any information received, request confirmation of the Certificate holders' current medical status directly from the Certificate holder.

Any information will be treated in accordance with RAAus Privacy Policy and may, with the consent of the Certificate holder, be disclosed on request to CASA or other relevant authorities.

INSTRUCTOR RATINGS AND APPROVALS - INITIAL ISSUE

6. An applicant for the issue of an Instructor Rating or higher Approval is required to:
- a. forward a copy of a valid CASA Class 2 or higher Medical Certificate; or
 - b. forward a current RAAus Medical Questionnaire and Examination Form completed by their doctor (GP).

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7. An Instructor Rating holder or higher Approval holder may only continue to exercise the privileges of the Rating or Approval when:
- a. meeting the requirements of paragraph 6 of this Section; and
 - b. forward a copy of the Medical Certificate or RAAus Medical Questionnaire and Examination Form to RAAus.
8. Once a rating or Approval holder reaches 75 years of age, an annual Class 2 Medical Certificate or RAAus Questionnaire and Examination Form must be provided to RAAus.
9. If a Certificate holder has a medically significant condition which may reflect a safety threat to themselves, passengers third parties or other airspace users, and fails to disclose this information to RAAus, the organisation may, as a result of credible safety related concerns received, request confirmation of the Certificate holders' current medical status directly from the Certificate holder.

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If significant medical concerns exist which may impact on the safety of aviation and no consent has been given to provide this information to CASA or relevant authorities, RAAus may consider the release of that information to CASA or other relevant authorities in the interest of safety.