Section D

Student Pilot’s Licence (Balloons)

1. Requirements for issue of licence— An applicant for a Student Pilot’s Licence (Balloons) shall satisfy the following requirements -

(a) Age— He shall be not less than sixteen years of age on the date of application.

(b) Educational Qualification— He shall have passed Class Ten or equivalent Examination from a recognised Board.

(c) Medical Fitness— He shall produce on a prescribed proforma a certificate of physical fitness from an approved medical practitioner after undergoing a medical examination, during which he shall have established his medical fitness on the basis of compliance with the requirements as notified by the Director-General under rule 39B.

(d) Knowledge— He shall pass an oral examination in Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Aviation Meteorology and Aircraft and Instruments as per the syllabus prescribed by the Director-General.

(e) Security Clearance— Security clearance for the Student Pilot/Pilot will be obtained from the concerned State Police authorities by the Flying Club/Government Flying Training School before the commencement of flying training and furnished to the Director-General.

2. Validity— The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue or renewal of licence. The licence shall be valid for a period as specified in rule 39C. The licence shall lapse on the holder obtaining a Pilot’s Licence (Balloons)

3. Renewal— The licence may be renewed for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of fresh medical examination as specified in para-1(b) and subject to the total validity of the licence not exceeding twenty-four months from the date of issue of the licence.

4. Privileges— Subject to compliance with relevant provisions of Rules -39B, 39C and 412 the privileges of the holder of a Student Pilot’s Licence (Balloons) shall be to fly within the Indian territory only as Pilot-in-Command of a Balloon.

Provided that :-

(a) he shall fly at all times under the authority and supervision of a Flight Instructor or an Examiner approved by the Director-General;

(b) he shall fly only under Visual Flight Rules.
(c) he shall not carry passengers, animals and goods or fly for hire, reward or remuneration of any kind.

Note— The Student Pilot’s Licence shall be issued by a Flying Club/Government Flying Training School specifically authorised in this regard and subject to the conditions as laid down by the Director-General.