

Section R

Flight Instructor's Rating

(Aeroplanes/Helicopters)

1. Requirements for issue of rating— An applicant for a Flight Instructor's Rating shall satisfy the following requirements—

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

(b) Knowledge— He shall pass a written or oral examination in the following subjects in accordance with the prescribed syllabus—

(i) Mechanics of flight;

(ii) Methods and techniques of flying instructions;

(iii) Flight instruments.

(c) Experience— He shall produce evidence of having satisfactorily completed as pilot of an aeroplane or a helicopter, as the case may be, within a period of five years immediately preceding the date of application for this rating :

(i) (a) twenty hours by night during which at least twenty take-offs and twenty landings have been carried out;

(b) three hundred hours of flight time on aeroplanes or one hundred fifty hours on helicopters, as the case may be, satisfactorily completed in the capacity of an Assistant Flight Instructor or Qualified Flight Instructor in the service of Defence Forces..

(ii) an approved Flight Instructor's course :

Provided that in case of a pilot from Defence Forces who has successfully completed the Qualified Flight Instructor's course and also satisfies requirements as laid down in para 1(c) and 1(d) may be considered for the issue of Flight Instructor's Rating if he has not less than twenty hours of flight time as Flight Instructor within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application.

(d) Other Requirements— He shall be—

(i) the holder of a current Commercial Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/Helicopters)/Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence, Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes/Helicopters);

(ii) the holder of a current Instrument Rating.

Note : In the absence of a current Instrument Rating, an applicant will not be permitted to impart instruction in Instrument Flying.

(e) Skill— He shall have demonstrated his competency as a Flight Instructor by performing procedures and manoeuvres prescribed in the syllabus by day and by night to the satisfaction of an approved Examiner within a period of six months immediately preceding the date of application.

2. Validity— The period of validity shall commence from the date of issue or renewal of rating. The rating shall be valid for a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of successful completion of flying test as laid down in para 1(e).

3. Renewal— The Flight Instructor's Rating may be renewed on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the applicant having satisfactorily completed not less than twenty hours of flight time as well as the competency checks as a Flight Instructor within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for renewal; or in lieu thereof satisfactorily completed oral or written examination in relevant aviation subjects as laid down in para 1(b) and the flying tests as laid down in para 1(e) within the same period together with having successfully completed a Flight Instructor's refresher course approved by the Director-General,

4. Aircraft Rating— The rating shall indicate the class and the types of aeroplanes/helicopters as the case may be on which the holder is entitled to impart instructions.

5. Extension of aircraft rating— For extension of aircraft rating to include additional types of aeroplanes/helicopters, as the case may be, having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs., the applicant shall be required to produce evidence of —

(a) having obtained appropriate aircraft rating for that type on his professional pilot's licence;

(b) having satisfactorily completed not less than five hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command on aeroplanes or three hundred hours of flight time as Pilot-in-Command on helicopters, as the case may be; and

(c) having satisfactorily completed the flying tests as laid down in para 1(e) on the type desired to be included in this rating.

Note — Requirements mentioned in (b) and (c) may be varied by the Director-General under special circumstances in the case of an experienced Flight Instructor who has successfully completed a course approved by the Director-General.

6. Privileges — Subject to the validity of endorsements and ratings in the Pilot's licence of which this Flight Instructor's Rating forms a part and also any endorsement on this rating, the privileges of the holder of a Flight Instructor's Rating shall be :—

(a) to impart flying instructions on aeroplanes/helicopters, as the case may be, having an all-up-weight not exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. and which is entered in the aircraft rating of his licence, and also on an aeroplane/helicopter having an all-up-weight exceeding five thousand seven hundred Kgs. and which is entered in his Instructor's Rating.

(b) to supervise and authorise solo flights by student pilots and supervise flying instructions imparted by Assistant Flight Instructors.