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**REVALIDATING OR RENEWING YOUR
SINGLE ENGINE PISTON CLASS RATING**

- Your Private Pilots Licence (or indeed CPL or ATPL) is now issued for a 5-year term only, if under the new JAR RULES. If it is a non-expiring PPL, under the old National rules, keep it that way! Some chaps, who renewed their commercial licences before the end of 1998, will have a 10-year licence.
- The licence is only valid if supported by a valid (in date) Class or Type Rating and a current Medical Certificate. The Class or Type Rating is now a form that slips into your licence and is called an **FCL150**, and is revalidated or renewed by a Class or Type Rating examiner signing, to revalidate or renew it.

REVALIDATION: -

Is by either **experience** or **proficiency check**.

Experience: - Before the expiry date on your FCL150 you must have flown 12 hours dual or solo, including 6 hours solo, and 12 take offs and landings, in the 12 months prior to presenting your logbook and licence for examiner scrutiny, and flown for 1 hour with an instructor (this may be a general handling flight, or an IMC Rating, or any other test or rating additions with an instructor. The instructor should have signed up your logbook at the date of that flight (Section 2B of the LST/LPC form).

The examiner will then revalidate you, by signing the FCL150, for a further 2 years, **from the date of expiry**, if the signing up is within the last 12 months prior to expiry. If prior to that then the expiry is 2 years from the date of signing.

Proficiency Check: - If you have not flown the hours above, then the examiner will carry out a Proficiency Check of 1 hours duration, which consists of general handling, steep turns, stalls, PFLs and circuits, that, if satisfactory, will result in a signature on the FCL 150. If the **PF** is done in the 3 months before expiry, then the 2 years run from the original date of expiry. For both of the above a FORM LPC is filled in and submitted to the CAA for their records. No fee is payable to the CAA.

RENEWAL between 2 years and 5 years from Expiry Date on FCL150.

This term is used when you have failed to do the above and you have 'flown by' your expiry date of 2 years, **and before 5 years**. The Examiner carries out a **SKILL TEST** that is much the same as a Proficiency Check, with the addition of training as found necessary by the CFI. Again the Examiner signs you up on the FCL150 for 2 years from the date of test, fills in and despatches a form LST to the CAA. No Fee payable to the CAA.

RENEWAL AFTER 5 YEARS FROM EXPIRY DATE!!

Again, training as necessary, followed by Skill Test. LPC Form sent to CAA **with £64**, and new FCL150 issued and signed by the CAA.

STANDARDS WEEKEND.

IF you require to revalidate/renew, please fill in an LST/LPC form Section 1 and Section 2B (your friendly local airfield should have one) and send it to me to allow flight arrangements to be made if necessary (e.g. You do not have the necessary hours or you require the 1 hour dual flight with an instructor). Alternatively write to me with SAE (I am on a pension!) and I will send you a form.

PLEASE bring logbook, licence and medical to the weekend if you require signing up.

ALL ABOVE CORRECT AS OF TODAYS DATE – Philip Cardew.