



Regulatory Interim Policy

To : GACA Airmen Licenses/Certificates Holders
Subject : GACAR Part-66 Airmen License/Certificate

After a careful review of the current GACA regulations dealing with the conversion and validation of applicants holding aircraft mechanic licenses issued by other ICAO contracting states, the Aviation Standards Sector is hereby directed to amend the current GACA regulations and guidance materials according to the following:

- 1- Incorporation of the regulatory contents of GACA Regulation Circular No. R-21A-2011 dated 25 April 2014 into the pertinent current GACA regulation GACAR Part-66 § 66.41 in addition to amending the related GACA eBook Guidance Volume-9 Chapter-5 Section-7.
- 2- In addition to the above, amendment of the current regulations and guidance materials such that Saudi Arabian nationals who hold FAA Mechanic Licenses (Airframe, Powerplant or Airframe & Powerplant), will be issued the corresponding GACA Mechanic licenses after passing the applicable GACA regulation exam as stipulated in GACA Regulation Circular No. R21A-2011 dated 25 April 2014 paragraph 6 (a).

The above directive will have an immediate effect until the pertinent Aviation Safety Regulations are amended accordingly.

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GACA Regulation Circular No R-21A-2011

Effective date 25 April, 2014

TO: APPLICANT FOR AIRMAN OTHER THAN FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS.

Subject: GACA Certification of airman other than Flight Crewmembers (Conversion, validation and reissue of Aviation Maintenance Technician Certificate)

1. Introduction

In accordance with the civil aviation law of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) as approved by the Council of Ministers Resolution No. 185 dated 17/07/1426H and issued by the Royal Decree No. M/44 dated 18/07/1426H (23/08/2005G), and based on the authority granted in Article 179 of the law.

2. Background

The General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) has adopted and is currently operating in accordance with U.S Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs). The Compliance with applicable GACA/FARs and internal GACA-S&AT guide materials/documents is required. Additional regulatory requirements maybe imposed by GACA-S&AT to ensure competency and currency of individuals.

GACA has validated and issued Aviation maintenance Technician (AMT) Certificates on the basis of ICAO member state Certificate/License and is intending to commence a conversion policy for the initial issuance and reissuance of such certificates and related ratings.

3. Reference Materials

GACAR Section-1,14CFR part 65, ICAO Annex 1 and related guides and documents.

4. Applicability

This Regulatory Circular prescribes the requirements for Issuing/Reissuing Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) certificates and associated ratings.

5. Application

Applicant who meets the criteria set forth in this Regulatory Circular for obtaining a mechanic certificate must submit, GACA-S&AT form 8610-2 duly filled and signed, to the office of Certification & Licensing Division.



6. Conversion of an Aviation Maintenance Technician Certificate/License

A person holding a current and valid certificate/license issued by another ICAO contracting state may apply for conversion of such certificate/license as follow:

- Be able to read, write, speak, and understand the English language.
- GACA has verified the authenticity of the certificate/license and rating with the issuing contracting state.
- Has passed all prescribed tests within a period of (24) months, and
- Meets the knowledge, experience & skill requirements prescribed in items (a) thru (c) of this paragraph for the rating sought.

- a) Applicant with forty eight (48) or more months of documented and verifiable practical work experience concurrently performing the duties appropriate to both the airframe and powerplant ratings in an ICAO contracting state, and/or with a GACA approved Aviation Maintenance Organizations (AMOs) and/or a GACA Certificated Operator with a documentary evidence satisfactory to GACA-S&AT, and pass an applicable GACA regulation exam, will be issued an appropriate GACA certificate to the rating(s) sought.
- b) Applicant with less than forty eight (48) months and more than twelve (12) months of practical work experience concurrently performing the duties appropriate to both the airframe and powerplant ratings in an ICAO contracting state, and/or with a GACA approved Aviation Maintenance Organizations (AMOs) and/or a GACA Certificated Operator with a documentary evidence satisfactory to GACA-S&AT, and pass the GACA/FAR 65.75 knowledge exam, will be issued an appropriate GACA certificate to the rating(s) sought.
- c) Applicant with twelve (12) months or less of practical work experience must pass the GACA/FAR 65.75 knowledge test and GACA/FAR 65.79 oral and practical test and will be issued an appropriate limited GACA certificate for one (1) year to the rating(s) sought with the limitations not to sign an Airworthiness Release (AWR) or Return to Service (RTS) . Limitations may be lifted once the holder presents a documentary evidence, satisfactory to GACA-S&AT of (12) months practical work experience in a GACA approved Aviation Maintenance Organization (AMO) and/or a GACA Certificated Operator. (the applicant's valid foreign certificate/license issued by another ICAO contracting State, needs not to be current for this issuance).



7. Validation of an Aviation Maintenance Technician Certificate/License

Whenever circumstances warrant, GACA may validate an ICAO contracting state certificate/license on a case by case basis with the approval of AVP GACA S&AT. This certificate may be valid for a maximum duration ninety (90) days, provided:

1. The applicant is employed by a GACA approved Aviation Maintenance Organization (AMO), or a GACA Certificated Operator.
2. Applicant holds a current and valid foreign certificate/license issued by an ICAO contracting State.
3. GACA has verified the authenticity of the certificate/license and ratings with the issuing ICAO contracting State.
4. The applicant shall present a minimum of forty-eight (48) months documented work experience and currency on the rating sought.
5. The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the GACA inspector, satisfactory level of knowledge of the applicable GACA/FAR regulations.
6. The applicant's employer submits a request and justification for validation.

This Circular supersedes Circular No R-21-2011.

This Circular is published on the GACA official website: <http://www.gaca.gov.sa>

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