
RE-ISSUE OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS LICENCE ISSUED UNDER THE CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATIONS, 2013 TO NEW LICENCE CATEGORIES.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. This Advisory Circular (AC) is issued to guide holders of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers licence (AMEL) issued under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013 to enable them transit to new licensing categories.
- 1.2. This Advisory Circular supersedes CAA-AC-PEL022C dated May 2025.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

- 2.1. This AC is applicable to all holders of aircraft maintenance engineer's license issued under The Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013 transitioning to new licensing system.

3.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

- 3.1 Effective date of this advisory circular shall be on 15th October 2025.

4.0 REFERENCE

- 4.1 Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations
- 4.2 FORM: AC-PEL022
- 4.3 Advisory Circular CAA-AC-PEL013
- 4.4 Kenya Aircraft Maintenance Engineers' Licence (KAMEL) Manual (DOC NO: CAA-M-PEL0050)
- 4.5 AMEL examination procedures manual (DOC NO: CAA-M-PEL0051)

5.0 INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

- 5.1 A Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer who has a valid licence issued under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013 may be re-issued with licences equivalent in category to the new aircraft licensing system under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2018 with exclusions or inclusions.

- 5.2 A holder of an Aircraft Maintenance Engineers licence (AMEL) issued under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013 is required to apply for the licence re-issue by submitting to the Authority the prescribed application form, FORM: AC-PEL022 as attached in (Appendix 1)

6.0 AMEL RE-ISSUE

- 6.1 Table 1 below indicates the licence without type rating categories under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013 and the revised categories to be issued under the current Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations.
- 6.2 Applicant for AMEL re-issue shall surrender the original licence issued under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013 before being issued with a new licence to be marked as appropriate.
- 6.3 'Exclusions' shall be applied in order to match the scope of the previous Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013 to the current licence categories as indicated in Appendix III.
- 6.4 An exclusion is a limitation applied to aircraft maintenance engineer licence that means the licence holder does not have maintenance certification privileges for that system, e.g. excluding Piston Engines means you may not certify for maintenance on a piston Engine system as shown in Table 1 and 2 below.

TABLE 1 – AMEL RE-ISSUE WITHOUT EXCLUSIONS

THE CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATIONS, 2013 AMEL CATEGORIES	THE CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATIONS, 2018 AMEL CONVERSION RESULT
CAT "A" AEROPLANES AND CAT "C" GASTURBINE	A1 & B1.1 A2 & B1.2 Excluding Piston Engine
CAT "A" AEROPLANES AND CAT "C" PISTON ENGINES	A2 & B1.2 A1 & B1.1 Excluding Gas Turbine Engine
CATEGORY 'A' AND 'C' - TURBINE ENGINED ROTORCRAFT;	A3 & B1.3 A4 & B1.4 Excluding Piston Engine
CATEGORY 'A' AND 'C' - PISTON ENGINED ROTORCRAFT	A4 & B1.4 A3 & B1.3 Excluding Gas Turbine Engine
CATEGORY 'X' - ELECTRICAL; CATEGORY 'X' - INSTRUMENTS; CATEGORY 'X' - AUTOMATIC PILOTS – AEROPLANES or ROTORCRAFT; CATEGORY R – RADIO CATEGORY 'X' COMPASS COMPENSATION&ADJUSTMENT	B2

TABLE 2 - AMEL RE-ISSUE WITH EXCLUSIONS

THE CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATIONS, 2013 AMEL CATEGORIES	THE CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATIONS, AMEL CONVERSION RESULT	EXCLUSION ON NEW LICENCE IF THE CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATIONS, 2013 AMEL CATEGORIES NOT HELD	EXCLUSIONS(LIMITATIONS) CODE APPLIED (E#)
CAT “X” ELECTRICAL	B2	AUTOMATIC PILOT	E9
		INSTRUMENTS	E1
		RADIO	E2
		COMPASS COMPENSATION & ADJUSTMENT	E8
CAT “X” INSTRUMENTS	B2	AUTOMATIC PILOT	E9
		RADIO	E2
		ELECTRICAL	E3
		COMPASS COMPENSATION & ADJUSTMENT	E8
CAT “X” AUTOMATIC PILOT	B2	INSTRUMENTS	E1
		RADIO	E2
		ELECTRICAL	E3
		COMPASS COMPENSATION & ADJUSTMENT	E8
CAT “R” RADIO	B2	AUTOMATIC PILOT	E9
		INSTRUMENTS	E1
		ELECTRICAL	E3
		COMPASS COMPENSATION & ADJUSTMENT	E8
CAT “A” AEROPLANE	A1 & B1.1 Fixed Wing - Aeroplane Turbine	TURBINE ENGINES AND PROPELLERS	E4
	A2 & B1.2 Fixed wing - Aeroplane Piston	PISTON ENGINES AND PROPELLERS	E5
CAT “C” GAS TURBINE ENGINES	A1 & B1.1	AIRFRAME	E6
CAT “C” PISTON ENGINES	A2 & B1.2	AIRFRAME	E7
EXAMPLE 1: E1 means excluding Instruments – This restrict the licence holder from certification of maintenance to aircraft Instrument systems			

- 6.5 A holder of an AMEL with exclusions may apply for the appropriate exam module(s) as stipulated in Appendix 2 of this Advisory Circular CAA-AC-PEL022D in order to remove the exclusion from the Licence. The applicant shall undergo a knowledge and practical skills assessment, and must provide documented evidence of current practical maintenance experience relevant to the extension category being applied for.
- 6.6 A holder of an AMEL may apply to add a new basic category/subcategory to his/her AMEL granted in accordance with the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations. The syllabi require different levels of knowledge for different licence categories within a module; therefore, there are additional examinations applicable to certain modules for licence holders wishing to extend an AMEL already granted to include another category/subcategory and an analysis of the module shall be conducted to determine the subjects missing or passed at a lower level. The additional modules for the grant of an additional category/subcategory will be as provided in Appendix IV.

Note:

An AMEL holder with exclusions or limitations must first remove those restrictions from their current basic licence category before attempting modules for a new category.

7.0 TRANSITION PERIOD

- 7.1 Licences issued under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013 that have not been submitted for re-issue will automatically be invalid as from 15th October, 2028. Applicant shall have to be re-examined as guided by the advisory circular CAA-AC-PEL013F beyond this date
- 7.2 It is the responsibility of the AMEL holder to apply for re-issue of his/her licence to comply with the requirements of the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, as amended, within the transition period stipulated by the Authority for that purpose.



Civil Aviation Authority

Application Form



FORM: AC-PEL022B
October 2025

APPLICATION FOR RE-ISSUE OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS LICENCE.

Attach Colored
 Passport photo.
 35mm X45mm

PART 1

1. Surname.....Other Names.....
 (BLOCK CAPITAL) . (BLOCK CAPITAL)
2. Nationality.....Birth Date.....Birth Place.....
3. Postal Address (BLOCK CAPITAL)Tel. No.....
4. ID /Passport Number:..... (attach copy of ID card or passport)
5. Stationed at.....
6. Employed as.....

PART 2

7. Licence No..... Date of expiry.....
8. Licence categories issued under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2013. Attach:
 - a. Copy of current AMEL (All pages)
 - b. Validity card
 - c. One full colour passport photo (White Background)
 - d. Copy of company authorization (if applicable)

NO	LWTR Tick (☐) the relevant box category	NO	RATING ENDORSED (List all ratings endorsed if applicable)
1.	(☐) Category 'A' – Aeroplane	1.	
2.	(☐) Category 'C' - Piston engines;	2.	
3.	(☐) Category 'C' - Gas Turbine engines;	3.	

4.	(☐) Category 'A' and 'C' - Piston Engined Rotorcraft;	4.	
5.	(☐) Category 'A' and 'C' - Turbine Engined Rotorcraft	5.	
6.	(☐) Category 'A' and 'C' - Piston or turbine Engined Airship;	6.	
7.	(☐) Category 'X' - Instruments;	7.	
8.	(☐) Category 'X' - Automatic Pilots - Aeroplanes;	8.	
9.	(☐) Category 'X' - Electricals	9.	
10.	(☐) Category 'X' - Automatic Pilots - rotorcraft;	10.	
11.	(☐) Category 'X' - Compass Compensation and Adjustments;	11.	
12.	(☐) Category R – Radio	12.	

9. I hereby apply for re-issue of AMEL with the following equivalent Licence categories under the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2018

(Tick (☐) the relevant box(es) as applicable

CATEGORIES	A	B1	B2	B3	C	Exclusion Code Applied
Aeroplanes Turbine						
Aeroplanes Piston						
Helicopters Turbine						
Helicopters Piston						
Avionic						
Non Pressurized piston engine aeroplanes of 2000Kg MTOM and below						

PART 3

Ihereby declare that the above particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and surrender my original AME licence for re-issue.

Name of the applicant.....

Signature of applicant.....

Date.....

Form when completed should be forwarded to the:

Director General,
KCAA, Aviation House,
P.o Box 30163-00100 GPO.
Nairobi

Appendix 2

GAP ANALYSIS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATION 2013 SYLLABUS AND NEW LICENSING SYSTEM

KCAA LICENCE CATEGORY UNDER CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATION 2013	NEW LICENCE CATEGORY	CREDITED MODULES	GAP
“A” AEROPLANES	A1/B1.1	10 Aviation Legislation	For a holder of Category “A” license to convert to full A1/B1.1 license, modules 15& 17 examinations are required. Module 17-Propeller Module 15-Gas Turbine Engines
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Technics/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	
		11 Turbine Aeroplane Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems	
		9 Human Factors	
“C” GAS TURBINE ENGINES	A1/B1.1	10 Aviation Legislation	For a holder of Category “C” license to convert to A1/B1.1 license, module 11 examinations are required. 11- Turbine Aeroplane Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Technics/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		17 Propeller	
		9 Human Factors	
		15 Gas Turbine Engines	

KCAA LICENCE CATEGORY UNDER CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATION 2013	NEW LICENCE CATEGORY	CREDITED MODULES	GAP
“A” AEROPLANES	A2/B1.2	10 Aviation Legislation	<i>For a holder of Category “A” license to convert to A2/B1.2 license, modules 16 & 17 examinations are required. 16 -Piston Engine 17 -Propeller</i>
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Technics/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	
		11 Piston Aeroplane Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems	
		9 Human Factors	
“C” PISTON ENGINES	A2/B1.2	10 Aviation Legislation	<i>For a holder of Category “C” Piston Engines license to convert to A2/B1.2 license, module 11 examination is required. 11 - Aeroplane Aerodynamics Structure and Systems</i>
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Technics/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		9 Human Factors	
		17 Propeller	
		16 Piston Engines	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	

KCAA LICENCE CATEGORY UNDER CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATION 2013	NEW LICENCE CATEGORY	CREDITED MODULES	GAP
‘A’ & ‘C’ GAS TURBINE ENGINES ROTORCRAFT	A3/B1.3	10 Aviation Legislation	For a holder of Category “A” & “C Turbine Rotorcraft license to convert to A3/B1.3 license, NO examination is required since modules covered are compatible.
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Technics/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	
		15 Gas Turbine Engines	
		12 Helicopter Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems	
		9 Human Factors	
“A” & “C” PISTON ENGINES ROTORCRAFT	A4/B1.4	10 Aviation Legislation	For a holder of Category “A” & “C Piston Engine Rotorcraft license to convert to A4/B1.4 license, NO examination is required since modules covered are compatible.
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Technics/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		16 Piston Engines	
		12 Helicopter Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems	
		9 Human Factors	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	

KCAA LICENCE CATEGORY UNDER CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATION 2013	NEW LICENCE CATEGORY	CREDITED MODULES	GAP
“X” ELECTRICAL	B2	10 Aviation Legislation	For a holder of Category “X” Electrical license to convert to B2 license, examination is required in the following modules: Module 13: Aircraft Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems (Excluding 13.5- Electrical power (ATA24)) Module 14: Propulsion — avionic systems
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		9 Human Factors	
		5 Digital Techniques/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	
“X” INSTRUMENTS	B2	10 Aviation Legislation	For a holder of Category “X” Instruments license to convert to B2 license, examination is required in the following modules: Module 13: Aircraft Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems (Excluding 13.8 Instrument systems (ATA31)) Module 14: Propulsion — avionic systems
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		5 Digital Techniques/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		9 Human Factors	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	

KCAA LICENCE CATEGORY UNDER CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATION 2013	NEW LICENCE CATEGORY	CREDITED MODULES	GAP
“X” AUTOMATIC PILOT AEROPLANES	B2	10 Aviation Legislation	For a holder of Category “X” Automatic Aeroplanes license to convert to B2 license, examination is required in the following modules: <i>Module 13: Aircraft Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems (Excluding 13.3 Autoflight (ATA22))</i> <i>Module 14: Propulsion — avionic systems</i>
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Technics/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		9 Human Factors	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	
		14 Propulsion	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	
		10 Aviation Legislation	
		1 Mathematics	
“X” AUTOMATIC PILOT ROTORCRAFT	B2	2 Physics	For a holder of Category “X” Automatic Pilot Rotorcraft license to convert to B2 license, examination is required in the following modules: <i>Module 13: Aircraft Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems (Excluding 13.3 Auto flight (ATA22))</i> <i>Module 14: Propulsion — avionic systems</i>
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Technics/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	
		9 Human Factors	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	
		14 Propulsion	
		8 Basic Aerodynamics	
		10 Aviation Legislation	
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	

KCAA LICENCE CATEGORY UNDER CIVIL AVIATION (PERSONNEL LICENSING) REGULATION 2013	NEW LICENCE CATEGORY	CREDITED MODULES	GAP
“X” COMPASS COMPENSATION AND ADJUSTMENT	B2	10 Aviation Legislation	<i>For a holder of Category “X” Compass Compensation license to convert to B2 license, full B2 examination modules are required except Module 10 Aviation Legislation and submodule 13.8 (t) Compass systems of Module 13 (Aircraft Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems)</i>
		13 Aircraft Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems (13.8 (t))	
“R” RADIO COMMUNICATION, NAVIGATION & PULSE SYSTEMS	B2	10 Aviation Legislation	<i>For a holder of Category “R” Radio license to convert to B2 license, examination is required in the following modules: Module 13: Aircraft Aerodynamics, Structures and Systems (Excluding 13.4 Communication and navigation (ATA23/34)) Module 14: Propulsion — avionic systems</i>
		1 Mathematics	
		2 Physics	
		3 Electrical Fundamentals	
		4 Electronic Fundamentals	
		5 Digital Techniques/ Electronic Instrument Systems	
		6 Materials & Hardware	
		7 Maintenance Practices	

APPENDIX III: KEY TO EXCLUSION CODES

CODE APPLIED	DEFINITION
E1	B2 EXCLUDING INSTRUMENTS
E2	B2 EXCLUDING RADIO
E3	B2 EXCLUDING ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
E4	A1 & B1.1 EXCLUDING TURBINE ENGINES AND PROPELLERS
E5	A2 & B1.2 EXCLUDING PISTON ENGINES AND PROPELLERS
E6	A1 & B1.1 EXCLUDING AIRFRAME
E7	A2 & B1.2 EXCLUDING AIRFRAME
E8	B2 EXCLUDING COMPASS COMPENSATION & ADJUSTMENT
E9	B2 EXCLUDING AUTOMATIC PILOT

Appendix IV

To From	A1	A2	A3	A4	B1.1	B1.2	B1.3	B1.4	B2	B3
A1	None	16.	12	12, 16.	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 2,8,9
A2	11,15	None	12,15	12	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 2, 8, 9.
A3	11,17	11,16,17	None	16	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 2, 8, 9.
A4	11,15, 17	11,17	15	None	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 9	All except 2, 8, 9.
B1.1	None	16	12	12,16	None	16	12	12,16	4,5,13,14	16
B1.2	11,15	None	12,15	12	11,15	None	12,15	12	4,5,13,14	None
B1.3	11,17	11,16,17	None	16	11,17	11,16,17	None	16	4,5,13,14	11,16,17
B1.4	11,15, 17	11,17	15	None	11,15,17	11,17	15	None	4,5,13,14	11,17
B2	6,7,11 ,15,17	6,7,11, 16,17	6,7,12, 15	6,7,12, 16	6,7,11, 15,17	6,7,11, 16,17	6,7,12,1 5	6, 7, 12,16	None	6,7, 11, 16, 17
B3	11,15	11	12,15	12	2,3,5,8,11 ,15	2,3,5,8, 11	2,3,5,8, 12	2,3,5,8 , 12.	2,3,4, 5,8, 13, 14.	None