



**KENYA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY**

**POLICY ON  
AVIATION MEDICAL EXAMINER  
DESIGNATION AND  
QUALIFICATIONS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Civil Aviation Act Cap 394 of the Laws of Kenya, Regulation 132 of the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2007 empowers the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) to appoint Aviation Medical Examiners (AMEs).

The Kenya Aviation Medicine Association (KAMA) wishes to propose these guidelines to assist the KCAA in making these appointments. However, KAMA acknowledges that KCAA reserves the right to appoint the AMES.

### **1. Qualifications**

For a medical doctor to be designated as an aviation medical examiner, that doctor shall:

- a) Be qualified and licenced in the practice of medicine;
- b) Have obtained aviation medicine training at an institution recognized by the Authority;
- c) Demonstrate adequate competence in aviation medicine; and
- d) Have practical knowledge and experience of the conditions in which the holders of licences and ratings carry out their duties.

### **2. KCAA Recognized Institutions**

As laid out in Regulation 132 2(b) of the Civil Aviation (Personnel Licensing) Regulations, 2007, KCAA recognizes the following institutions offering training in Aviation Medicine.

- a) RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine/Royal College of Physicians – London, United Kingdom
- b) United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine - Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.
- c) Institute for Aviation Medicine –Pretoria, South Africa
- d) Singapore Aviation Academy – Singapore
- e) European School of Aviation Medicine – Frankfurt, Germany

f) Any other as may be recognized by the Authority from time to time.

### **3. Cadres of AMEs recognized by the Authority**

Based on the above training, practical knowledge and experience [as per section 132 (b) and (d)], the KCAA recognizes the following cadres of AMEs.

#### **a) Provisional AMEs**

- i. Those who attend the one week course in Aviation Medicine in Singapore or South Africa or its equivalent will be recognized as 'Provisional AMEs.'
- ii. They can issue renewal medical certificates for class II and III and the certificate will be valid for issuance of a license unless subsequently cancelled by the Authority on recommendation of the Chief Medical Assessor during the process of validation or any other time.
- iii. Clause (ii) above will apply for a period of 6 months during which time the P-AME must perform a minimum of 30 medical reports. Provisional AMEs can only do renewal for Class I and Ab-initio medicals under supervision of a Senior AME.
- iv. Upon fulfilling a) (iii) above satisfactorily, they will qualify for appointment as Junior AMEs.

#### **b) Junior AME**

- i. Those Provisional AMEs who have completed 6 months or the newly qualified doctors who attend the three months course in Aviation Medicine in UK, US etc. will be recognized as Junior AMEs.
- ii. They can issue renewal medical certificates for all classes of license and the certificate will be valid for issuance of a license unless subsequently cancelled by the Authority on recommendation of the Chief Medical Assessor during the process of validation or any other time.

- iii. Clause (ii) above will apply for a period of 6 months for upgraded Provisional AMEs and for 9 months for the 3 months graduates. Cumulatively, the Junior AME must perform 60 medical reports.
- iv. Upon fulfilling b) iii) above satisfactorily, they will qualify for appointment as AMEs.

**c) AME**

- i. Those who attend the six to twelve months course in the UK etc will be recognized as AMEs.
- ii. They can issue renewal medical certificates for all classes of license and the certificate will be valid for issuance of a license unless subsequently cancelled by the Authority on recommendation of the Chief Medical Assessor during the process of validation or any other time.
- iii. Clause (ii) above will apply for a period of 6 months during which time the AME must perform a minimum of 30 medical reports.
- iv. Upon fulfilling c) (iii) above satisfactorily, the AME will qualify to perform ab-initio medicals as well, as they await recognition as Senior AMEs as outlined in d) (i) below.

**d) Senior AME**

- i. Those who have served the Authority with dedication for 5 years from the date they were appointed as Provisional AMEs, will qualify for recognition by the Authority as Senior AMEs.
- ii. They can issue a medical certificate for all classes of license and the certificate will be valid for issuance of a license unless subsequently cancelled by the Authority on recommendation of the Chief Medical Assessor during the process of validation or any other time.
- iii. They qualify to sit in as members of an Aviation Medical Board

**e) Consultant AME**

- i. Those who have served the Authority for 10 years from the date of appointment as Provisional AMEs will be recognized by the Authority as Consultant AMEs.
- ii. They can issue a medical certificate for all classes of license and the certificate will be valid for issuance of a license unless subsequently cancelled by the Authority on recommendation of the Chief Medical Assessor during the process of validation or any other time.
- iii. They qualify to Chair an Aviation Medical Board.

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