

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION 101



WHAT IS A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE?

- It is the **legal medical certification** required to exercise the privileges of your ATC license.
- Confirms the **medical fitness** of an Air Traffic Controller against the requirements for a Category 2 medical.

Note: Medical certificate(s) are found beginning on page 16 of your Aviation Document Booklet (ADB). Students who do not yet have an ADB will have a Medical Certificate from Transport Canada.

WHEN DO I NEED TO GET MY MEDICAL CERTIFICATE?

Before the end of the month in which your current medical expires or prior to commencing training.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE?



All operational Air Traffic Controllers and ATC students in training.

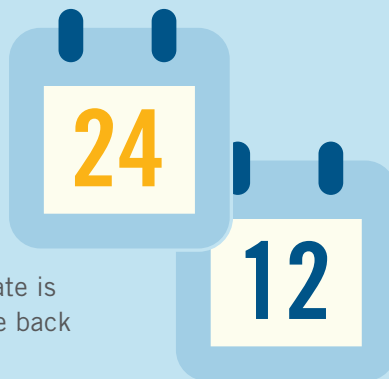
WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING OR RENEWING MY MEDICAL CERTIFICATE?

- Only designated physicians, known as **Civil Aviation Medical Examiners (CAMEs)**, have authority from Transport Canada to administer Aviation medicals.
- A list of CAMEs can be found on the **Transport Canada** website.
- Your CAME will have the necessary forms for the medical certificate **application** or **renewal**.



HOW LONG IS A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE VALID?

- ATC **under forty years of age** = valid for 24 months.
- ATC **forty years of age or older** = valid for 12 months.
- The duration of validity for your existing medical certificate is referenced in the table in your **ADB (page 15)** and on the back of your medical certificate.



Note: The duration of validity for your existing certificate is determined by your age on the date of your most recent medical exam. For example, if your CAME signs your certificate when you are 39 ½ years old, it is valid for 24 months. Your next renewal would be due by the time you are 41 ½ years old.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE?

If you work without a valid medical certificate, Transport Canada can levy **fines** against you of up to **\$5,000**. In addition, when employees work without valid medical certification, NAV CANADA can also be fined up to **\$25,000**.

(Aeronautics Act, sections 7.3 and 7.61)



WHY IS THIS REQUIREMENT IN PLACE?

In accordance with ICAOs rules and regulations, specific medical standards have been established to verify that Air Traffic Controllers are **medically fit** and capable of carrying out their duties.



QUESTIONS?

If you have any further questions, you can contact your Manager.

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