

**ADVISORY CIRCULAR**

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**A. SUBJECT.**

**Line Check Captain (LCC) Authorization**

**B. PURPOSE.**

This Advisory Circular (AC) provides guidance for Air Operator Certificate (AOC) holder/applicant for LCC authorization.

**C. STATUS.**

This is the third edition of AC - 28 - 01 - 019, dated 1 March 2016, and it will remain current until withdrawn or superseded.

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**E. REFERENCES.**

This advisory circular should be read in conjunction with the following reference material: JCAR OPS 1.940, OPS 1.943, OPS 1.945, OPS 1.955, OPS 1.965, OPS 1.968, and OPS 1.980.

## **Line Check Captain Authorization**

### **1.0 Line Check.**

- 1.1 Line check is considered a particularly important factor in the development, maintenance and refinement of high operating standards, and can provide the operator with a valuable indication of the usefulness of his training policy and methods. Line checks are a test of a flight crew member's ability to perform a complete line operation satisfactorily, including preflight and post flight procedures and use of the equipment provided, and an opportunity for an overall assessment of his ability to perform the duties required as specified in the operations manual. The route chosen should be such as to give adequate representation of the scope of a pilot's normal operations. The line check is not intended to determine competence on any particular route.
- 1.2 An operator shall ensure that each flight crew member undergoes a line check on the airplane to demonstrate his/her competence in carrying out normal line operations described in the Operations Manual.
- 1.3 Line checks, route and aerodrome competency and recent experience requirements are intended to ensure the crew member's ability to operate efficiently under normal conditions, whereas other checks and emergency and safety equipment training are primarily intended to prepare the crew member for abnormal/emergency procedures.
- 1.4 Line checks must be conducted by type rating examiner or commanders nominated by the operator and acceptable to CARC - line check captain.

### **2.0 Line Checks Captain Privileges.**

- 2.1 The privileges of the line check captain is to conduct line check as a part of the operator conversion course, command up grade course and the annual line check to:
  - a. Establish the ability to perform satisfactorily a complete line operation including pre-flight and post-flight procedures and use of the equipment provided, as specified in the Operations Manual.
  - b. Assess flight crew on their crew resource management CRM skills in accordance with a methodology acceptable to the CARC and published in the Operations Manual. The purpose of such assessment is to provide feedback to the crew collectively and individually and serve to identify retraining; and be used to improve the CRM training system. CRM assessment alone shall not be used as a reason for a failure of the line check.

2.2 The line check is subject to the following condition:

- a. Line check must be completed in an airplane.
- b. Line check captain shall occupy the observer seat where installed.
- c. When pilots are assigned duties as pilot flying and pilot non-flying they must be checked in both functions.
- d. CRM assessments shall solely be based on observations made during the initial briefing, cabin briefing, cockpit briefing and those phases where he/she occupies the observer's seat.
- e. In the case of long haul operations where additional operating flight crew are carried, the line check captain may fulfil the function of a cruise relief pilot and shall not occupy either pilot's seat during take-off, departure, initial cruise, descent, approach and landing.

### **3.0 Line Checks Captain Qualification.**

#### **3.1 Line Checks Captain Prerequisite.**

- a. Hold a valid JCAR ATPL or equivalent JCAR validation.
- b. Hold a valid type rating multi pilot airplane on the applicable airplane type.
- c. Hold a valid JCAR class 1 medical certificate.
- d. Has completed not less than (1000) Hrs flight time as a pilot in command of multi-pilot airplanes.
- e. Has completed not less than (500) Hrs flight time as a pilot in command of multi-pilot airplanes on the applicable airplane type, with exception of integration of new airplane.
- f. Has completed at least 2 proficiency checks with the operator, with the exception of new operator.

#### **3.2 Line Check Captain Training.**

- a. Complete CRM concepts and the assessment of CRM skills training.
- b. Complete operator internal training program.

**3.3 Line Training Captain Acceptance.** Complete line check captain authorization acceptance interview with CARC flight operations inspector.

**4.0 Re-authorization Requirement.**

4.1 The period of validity of line check captain authorization shall be 24 calendar months in addition to the remainder of the month of issue. If issued within the final three calendar months of validity of a previous line checks captain authorization, the period of validity shall extend from the date of issue until 24 calendar months from the expiry date of that previous line check captain authorization.

4.2 For line check captain re-authorization, the applicant shall have conducted at least two line checks in every yearly period within the 24 calendar months authorization period.

4.3 If the authorization has lapsed, the applicant shall meet authorization issuance requirements.

**5.0 New operator commencing operation or new airplane type.**

Where a new operator is starting its operation or a new airplane is being added to the operator's AOC it will be necessary to make use of external resources such as type rating instructor from the manufacturer or from another operator using the same type of airplane. The type rating instructor shall provide the training required of the operator conversion course to include airplane take offs and landing, line flying under supervision and line check. An experienced captain within the company may immediately be released as line check captain after completing line flying under supervision and line check.

**6.0 Line Check Captain Changing Operator.**

A commander formally accepted as line check captain with a previous operator who is joining another operator on the same airplane type with the intention to continue his line check captain activity will have to fulfill the line check captain issuance requirements.

**7.0 Operations Manual Contents.**

7.1 The training and qualification requirements and instructions detailing the tasks of the line training captain shall be described in compliance with OPS 1.1045, and

7.2 Relevant parts of the operations manual as follows:

- a. Operations manual part A, chapter 4 “crew composition”.
  - (1) The crew composition for line check is to be specified.
  - (2) Additionally the rules applicable to the designation of commander and succession of command shall provide information in regard to the function of line check captain.
- b. Operations manual part A, chapter 5 “qualification requirements”. Pre-requisites, minimum experience, qualification and training requirements in compliance with this advisory circular shall be specified.

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