



Civil Aviation Authority
SAFETY NOTICE
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COVID-19 – Flying Season 2020

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability:	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected
Flight Operations:	All Display Pilots, Display Authorisation Evaluators and Flying Display Directors
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	All Display Pilots, Display Authorisation Evaluators and Flying Display Directors

1 Introduction

- 1.1 To align with the general exemption published in ORS4 No. 1378 (15 April 2020), which made provision for the extension of validity periods for National Licences, Ratings and Certificates of Flight Crew in response to the COVID-19 outbreak (see **exemption guidance CAP 1913**), the CAA has now made similar provision for the extension of the relevant **currency requirements** detailed in CAP 403 and CAP 1724 for Display Pilot Authorisations ('DAs'), Display Authorisation Evaluators ('DAEs') and Flying Display Directors ('FDDs').

2 Scope

2.1 Display Authorisations

In accordance with CAP 1724, DA's may be issued to Display Pilots by the CAA GA Unit following an evaluation and recommendation by one of the CAA-appointed DAE's. Initial issue DAs are required to be renewed after 6 months at which point, subject to a further successful evaluation, the DA will be validated for a further 6-month period. Following this initial 12-month DA issue period, DAs have a validity of 13 months. Once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted by the

UK Government¹, and in order for Display Pilots to recommence Display Flying, DAs due to expire between 31 March 2020 and 31 October 2020 that have not been revalidated in accordance with the normal process described in CAP 1724, may be extended to the cancellation date set out at the end of this Safety Notice. **This extension is not applicable to initial issue DAs.**

2.1.1 All Display Pilot's seeking to rely on this extension period must receive a briefing from an appropriately authorised DAE² to refresh the required level of theoretical knowledge to safely operate the applicable aircraft category (or type where specified on the DA). That briefing should be based on the contents of CAP 1724 Appendix C: DAE Evaluation Checklist (the briefing may be carried out remotely) and must be completed before any display flying or on or before the cancellation date set out at the end of this Safety Notice.

2.1.2 Recording of extension privileges:

2.1.2.1 The DAE completing the briefing must confirm via e-mail to GA@caa.co.uk the date that the display pilot received the briefing and that the DA expiry date has been extended in accordance with this Safety Notice. The Display Pilot must ensure a copy of this extension accompanies the issued DA.

2.1.2.2 The Display Pilot must ensure that a copy of the DA and any extension issued in accordance with this Safety Notice is submitted to the FDD of any planned Flying Display along with form **SRG1327: Pilots Certified Declaration for Submission to the Flying Display Director**.

2.1.3 In accordance with the requirements set out in CAP 1724, all Display Pilots holding a valid DA must attend a Display Symposium within the first 12 months of DA issue and then at least once every 3 years. A 12-month extension of this requirement is now granted for Display Pilots who had registered for the 2020 Pre-Season Flying Display Symposium. Details of this extension for applicable Display Pilots will be recorded on the CAA GA Unit database.

2.1.3.1 Delegates who had registered and paid for the 2020 Pre-Season Flying Display Symposium will be automatically registered for the 2020 Post-Season Flying Display Symposium and all fees that have been received will be carried forward.

1. The CAA's working assumption is that COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted by the UK Government before the cancellation date set out at the end of this Safety Notice.

² The requirement at para 11.22 CAP 1724 where a display pilot is not permitted to have a DA assessment conducted by the same DAE for more than two consecutive years is not applicable for the purposes of this SN.

2.2 Flying Display Currency

Once COVID-19 restrictions on GA Flying are lifted by the UK Government, in addition to any specified aircraft currency requirements for 'Permit-to-Fly' ex-military aircraft as detailed in CAP 632, all Display Pilots (with or without the DA Extension detailed in this Safety Notice) will be subject to the following **minimum** currency requirements:

Display Pilot minimum currency requirements preceding Flying Display	
Display Aircraft	Within 30 days of date of display
All Display Aircraft	3 complete display routines flown or practised in DA category

Display Pilot minimum aerobatic currency requirements preceding Flying Display	
Aerobatic Skill Level	Within 30 days of date of display
All Aerobatic Skill Levels	3 complete display routines flown or practised in DA category

2.2.1 Display Pilots must include at Para 2d of **SRG1327: Pilots Certified Declaration for Submission to the Flying Display Director** (FDD) details of the minimum currency flights as required in this SN that have been undertaken, along with the list of associated manoeuvres for the proposed display.

2.3 Flying Display Director

2.3.1 As a result of COVID-19 and the cancellation of planned Flying Displays, FDDs may not be able to maintain the currency requirements set out at Para C7 of CAP 403. Accordingly, a 12-month extension will now be made available to applicable FDDs whose planned Flying Displays have been cancelled. Affected FDDs must contact the CAA GA Unit with details of the cancelled Flying Display and previous FDD history to ensure their personal records are amended.

2.3.2 FDD's must ensure the requirements of this Safety Notice are met before a Display Pilot is permitted to participate in a planned Flying Display.

2.4 All other requirements contained within CAP 403 and CAP 1724 remain extant.

3 **Queries**

3.1 Any queries as a result of this Safety Notice should be directed to the Air Display Regulation Manager through GA@caa.co.uk.

4 **Cancellation**

4.1 This Safety Notice shall remain in force until 22 November 2020.