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## Civil Aviation Safety Authority





#### **Colour Vision Deficiency**

I refer to your letters concerning the imposition of a no ATPL operations condition on your medical certificate. On the basis that procedural fairness required CASA to provide you an opportunity to comment on the imposition of a new condition on your medical certificate that could adversely affect your interests, a certificate is being reissued without the ATPL limitation.

As you know, your class 1 medical certificate is being issued despite your failure to meet the applicable medical standard for colour perception specified in the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998* (CASR), because the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) considered that the severity of your colour vision deficiency (CVD) was not likely to endanger the safety of air navigation.

Recent medical research indicates that the safety-related implications of an individual's CVD may be more significant than they were initially considered to be, and the possibility exists that your CVD may be of a type and/or severity that could adversely affect aviation safety to a degree greater than was believed to be the case when your medical certificate was issued. CASA is reviewing the situation and will consider what further action, if any, may need to be taken on the basis of that review, at which time you will be notified accordingly.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to consider whether it is safe for you to continue to exercise your flight crew privileges subject only to the existing condition, and to seek the advice of your personal physician or Designated Aviation Medical Examiner about any adjustments you should make to your flying practices pending the outcome of CASA's review. If you are employed as a pilot, you should remind your employer about your medical condition and discuss any adjustments that may need to be made to your flying duties. CASA has written to all Air Operator's Certificate holders along similar lines.

If, in the time since your last medical certificate was issued, your CVD has changed in such a way, or has deteriorated to such an extent, as to constitute a *medically significant condition* - which includes any bodily defect or incapacity, no matter how minor - you are reminded of your ongoing obligation to report any developments of that kind to CASA in accordance with CASR 67.265. For more information visit CASA's website at:

www.casa.gov.au>>Home>>Operations>>Individuals>>MedicalCertification>>Medical certification frequently asked questions

CASA is currently examining the use of a new operational CVD test, and may require you to undertake that test in the future to assure that you do not pose an unacceptable risk to safety. Should that be required CASA will write to you in due course.



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Yours sincerely

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