REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE ON THE CHANGE OF EXPIRY DATE AND ALIGNMENT OF AIRCRAFT RADIO LICENSES WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF AIRWORTHINESS (COA)

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for the ICT sector in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, e-commerce, cyber security, broadcasting and postal/courier services. The CA is also responsible for managing numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as safeguarding the interests of consumers of ICT services.

As part of this, the Authority manages the aviation radiofrequency spectrum by planning, allocating/assigning and issuing Aircraft Radio Licenses.

In our continued effort to enhance safety compliance in the aviation sector, the Authority, in collaboration with the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), wishes to notify all aircraft operators of a change in the licensing cycle. Effective July 1st, 2026, the Communications Authority of Kenya will be transitioning from the fixed **June 30th** annual expiry of the Aircraft Radio Licenses to a system where the Aircraft Radio License duration will be synchronized with the validity period of the Certificate of Airworthiness (COA) issued by the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority.

To ensure a seamless transition without a lapse in regulatory compliance, the following methodology shall apply:

Transitional Licensing (Post-June 30th, 2026) - Upon the expiry of current licenses on June 30th, 2026 and the settlement of the requisite annual fees, the Authority will issue an initial license. This license will be valid until 30 days after the expiry date of the current COA. This one-time 30-day grace period is intended to allow operators sufficient time to renew their COA with KCAA before applying for the aligned aircraft radio license.

Alignment and Issuance of 12-Month License - Once the renewed COA is submitted to the Authority, a new Aircraft Radio License will be issued for 12 months and will be aligned to the COA's validity period. As this alignment occurs within the same financial year, no additional frequency fees will be levied for this second issuance.

Future Renewal Cycles - Following this one time alignment, all Aircraft Radio Licenses will thereafter operate on a standard 12 month renewal cycle, aligned to the validity of the respective COA, with a built in 30 day buffer to accommodate timely and orderly renewal. This additional month will provide sufficient time for the aircraft operators to renew their COA without creating compliance gaps.

Requirements for Renewal - Operators are reminded that applications for renewal must be accompanied by:

1. **A valid Certificate of Airworthiness (COA) issued by KCAA.**
2. **A valid Radio Survey Report, issued by KCAA**
3. **Proof of payment of the prescribed annual license fees.**

This initiative is aimed at ensuring that aircraft operators maintain valid documentation across both regulatory bodies simultaneously.

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