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Dear Graeme

### **Recognition by CAA NZ of foreign medical certificates**

As part of our research into further developing the mutual recognition of rules specifically in the context of Australia we are writing to you to raise the issue of recognition of medical certificates issued by foreign jurisdictions.

It seems anomalous that New Zealand will for example, recognise a foreign license which essentially is the primary flight risk mitigation but does not recognise the accompanying medical certificate issued except for a very short time in specific circumstances. The medical fitness of a pilot is in our view (and the data would support this contention) a much lesser risk yet we afford a much higher level of regulatory control.

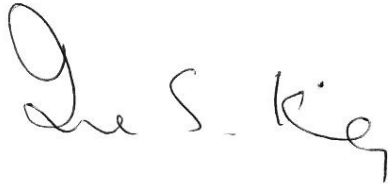
Furthermore our present rules seem even more anomalous when the foreign medical certificate may be issued by a New Zealand based and qualified aviation medical professional but exercising a foreign privilege.

Examining the issue from a risk based perspective there seems very little logic to the present treatment of medical certificates. We appreciate this is largely a product of the way the New Zealand rules are written and for this reason raise this with you for issues assessment.

We would ask that some urgency be attached to this evaluation as you will appreciate there is considerable disquiet over the cost of

securing a New Zealand medical certificate since the introduction of the new charging regime in November 2012.

Yours sincerely

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Irene King  
Chief Executive



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