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QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN FLYING, FLYING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION

This Military Aviation Regulation lays down general requirements for the qualifications of personnel involved in flying, flying unmanned aircraft and special operations forces aviation.

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DEFINITIONS

Qualifications refer to the professional competence required for the task (required level of knowledge and skills) verified by a written examination and/or demonstration.

The party responsible for the qualification system refers to an organisation that, in view of its status, issues regulations on military aviation (e.g., Air Force Command).

Competence refers to a combination of knowledge, skills and abilities acquired through education, training and experience.

Military aviation means aviation for military purposes or using military aircraft.

Military aviation organisation refers to an organisation engaged in military aviation (e.g., a fighter squadron).

1 INTRODUCTION

This Military Aviation Regulation is based on the competence granted to the Military Aviation Authority under section 7(1) of the Aviation Act (864/2014). The requirements for the qualification system set out in this Regulation apply to military aviation personnel limited by this Regulation to mean military aircraft crews, operators of unmanned military aircraft or military aerial vehicles and personnel involved in special operations aviation. The Regulation lays down general requirements for military aviation qualification systems, military aviation organisations and personnel.

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2 REQUIREMENTS

2.1 General requirements

It is part of the military aviation organisations' general responsibility for safety to ensure that personnel involved in military aviation are competent to perform military aviation tasks.

2.2 Requirements for the military aviation qualification system

The party responsible for the qualification systems shall determine the content of the qualification system and ensure that the military aviation organisation(s) meet(s) the requirements of this Regulation. The Military Aviation Authority approves any qualification systems for use. In qualification systems, particular attention shall be paid to:

- a) principles and procedures concerning the qualifications of military aviation personnel
- b) competence, specialisation and recent experience of military aviation personnel
- c) training principles and training plans for military aviation personnel.

2.3 Requirements for military aviation organisations

Military aviation organisations shall:

- a) ensure that personnel involved in military aviation have been identified to have the skills and qualifications required for the tasks assigned to them
- b) ensure that military aviation personnel
 - have received and are maintaining adequate level of knowledge in those military aviation tasks that have a real and potential impact on safety
 - have received and are maintaining adequate knowledge on the restrictions to be observed in military aviation tasks
 - have been provided with all the latest regulations and documentation in force concerning military aviation and military aviation personnel.
- c) notify the Military Aviation Authority of any non-conformities in the qualification system which, if not addressed, endanger or could endanger the safety of military aviation
- d) ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to guarantee that military aviation personnel comply with the requirements of this regulation that apply to them
- e) ensure that there is evidence of the qualifications and competence of military aviation personnel.

A military aviation organisation shall document and, upon request, provide the Military Aviation Authority with evidence of the qualifications and competence of the operating personnel.

A military aviation organisation shall designate a person or group of persons responsible for ensuring that the organisation meets the requirements of the qualification system. The designated person(s) must be proven to have adequate knowledge and experience in mil-

itary aviation operations, planning, training and/or management tasks and a clear understanding of the overall qualification system of military aviation operating personnel and how it functions.

2.4 Requirements for the military aviation personnel

Personnel performing military aviation tasks shall:

- a) comply with the requirements of the qualification system to ensure maintenance of continuous and up-to-date competence
- b) ensure that they have received adequate information to know the restrictions of military aviation in safety-related tasks
- c) notify the Military Aviation Authority of any non-conformities related to qualifications which, if not addressed, endanger or could endanger the safety of persons involved in military aviation or any other person.

3 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

This Regulation will enter into force on 1 April 2025. The requirements of the Regulation must be met within 12 months of the entry into force of the Regulation.

4 EXEMPTIONS

The Military Aviation Authority Finland may grant exemptions from this regulation based on a justifiable application addressing the exceptional features of the activities in question. The application process and instructions are detailed in the Military Aviation Authority Advisory SIO-Pe-YI-008 "Application for exemption to military aviation authority decision or military aviation regulation in force".

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