



GACA Regulation Circular No. R-26-2013

SUBJECT: Military Pilot or former military pilots: Special rules.

In accordance with the civil aviation law of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) as approved by the council of ministers Resolution No. 185 date 17/07/1426H
And issued by the Royal Decree No. M/44 dated 18/07/1426H (23/08/2005G),
And based on the authority granted in Article 179 of the law, the following Regulations are issued under the authority of the president of General Authority Of Civil Aviation (GACA), as a duly delegated representative of the GACA Board of Directors, in accordance with Order No.T-41,dated 30/12/1429H (28/12/2008G).

(a) *General.* Except for a person who has been removed from flying status for lack of proficiency or because of a disciplinary action involving aircraft operations, a K.S.A military pilot or former military pilot who meets the requirements of this section may apply, on the basis of his or her military pilot qualifications, for:

(1) A commercial pilot certificate with the appropriate aircraft category and class rating.

(2) An instrument rating with the appropriate aircraft rating.

(3) A type rating.

(b) *Military pilots and former military pilots in the K.S.A. Armed Forces.* A person who qualifies as a military pilot or former military pilot in the K.S.A. Armed Forces may apply for a pilot certificate and ratings under paragraph (a) of this section if that person—

(1) Presents evidentiary documents described under paragraphs (h)(1), (2), and (3) of this section that show the person's status in the K.S.A. Armed Forces.

(2) Has passed the GACA aeronautical knowledge test on the appropriate parts for commercial pilot privileges and limitations, air traffic and general operating rules, and accident reporting rules.

(3) Presents official K.S.A. military records that show compliance with one of the following requirements—



(i) Before the date of the application, passing an official K.S.A. military pilot and instrument proficiency check in a military aircraft of the kind of aircraft category, class, and type, if class or type of aircraft is applicable, for the ratings sought; or

(ii) Before the date of application, logging 10 hours of pilot time as a military pilot in a K.S.A. military aircraft in the kind of aircraft category, class, and type, if a class rating or type rating is applicable, for the aircraft rating sought.

(4) passed English language proficiency test required by ICAO with minimum grade Level - 4

(5) Passes appropriate Practical tests administered or observed by GACA inspector For non-transport aircraft experience and GACA inspector, DPE or TCE for others.

(c) A military pilot in the Armed Forces of a foreign contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. A person who is a military pilot in the Armed Forces of a foreign contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and is assigned to pilot duties in the K.S.A. Armed Forces, for purposes other than receiving flight training, may apply for a commercial pilot certificate and ratings under paragraph (a) of this section, provided that person—

(1) Presents evidentiary documents described under paragraph (h)(4) of this section that show the person is a military pilot in the Armed Forces of a foreign contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, and is assigned to pilot duties in the K.S.A. Armed Forces, for purposes other than receiving flight training.

(2) Has passed the GACA aeronautical knowledge test on the appropriate parts of this chapter for commercial pilot privileges and limitations, air traffic and general operating rules, and accident reporting rules.

(3) Presents official K.S.A. military records that show compliance with one of the following requirements:

(i) Before the date of the application, passed an official K.S.A. military pilot and instrument proficiency check in a military aircraft of the kind of aircraft category, class, or type, if class or type of aircraft is applicable, for the ratings; or



(ii) Before the date of the application, logged 10 hours of pilot time as a military pilot in a K.S.A. military aircraft of the kind of category, class, and type of aircraft, if a class rating or type rating is applicable, for the aircraft rating.

(4) passed English language proficiency test required by ICAO with minimum grade Level - 4

(5) Passes appropriate Practical tests administered or observed by GACA inspector For non-transport aircraft experience and GACA inspector, DPE or TCE for others.

(d) *Instrument rating.* A person who is qualified as a K.S.A. military pilot or former military pilot may apply for an instrument rating to be added to a pilot certificate if that person—

(1) Has passed an instrument proficiency check in the K.S.A. Armed Forces in the aircraft category for the instrument rating sought; and

(2) Has an official K.S.A. Armed Forces record that shows the person is instrument pilot qualified by the K.S.A. Armed Forces to conduct instrument flying on airways in that aircraft category and class for the instrument rating sought.

(3) Has passed appropriate Practical tests administered or observed by GACA inspector For non-transport aircraft experience and GACA inspector, DPE or TCE for others.

(e) *Aircraft type rating.* (1) An aircraft type rating may only be issued for a type of aircraft that has a comparable civilian type designation by the president.

(2) Has passed appropriate Practical tests administered or observed by GACA inspector For non-transport aircraft experience and GACA inspector, DPE or TCE for others.

(f) *Aircraft type rating placed on an airline transport pilot certificate.* A person who is a military pilot or former military pilot of the K.S.A. Armed Forces and requests an aircraft type rating to be placed on an existing K.S.A. airline transport pilot certificate may be issued the rating at the airline transport pilot certification level, provided that person:

(1) Holds a category and class rating for that type of aircraft at the airline transport pilot certification level; and



(2) Has passed appropriate Practical tests administered or observed by GACA inspector For non-transport aircraft experience and GACA inspector, DPE or TCE for others.

(g) *Flight instructor certificate and ratings.* A person who can show official K.S.A. military documentation of being a K.S.A. military instructor pilot or K.S.A. military pilot examiner, or a former instructor pilot or pilot examiner may apply for and be issued a flight instructor certificate with the appropriate ratings if that person:

(1) Holds a commercial or airline transport pilot certificate with the appropriate aircraft category and class rating, if a class rating is appropriate, for the flight instructor rating sought;

(2) Holds an instrument rating, or has instrument privileges, on the pilot certificate that is appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought; and

(3) Presents the following documents:

(i) A knowledge test report that shows the person passed a knowledge test on the aeronautical knowledge areas listed under § 61.185(a) appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought and the knowledge test was passed within the preceding 24 calendar months prior to the month of application.

(ii) An official K.S.A. Armed Forces record or order that shows the person completed a K.S.A. Armed Forces' instructor pilot or pilot examiner training course and received an aircraft rating qualification as a military instructor pilot or pilot examiner that is appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought.

(iii) An official KSA. Armed Forces record or order that shows the person completed fundamentals of instruction training course.

(iv) An official K.S.A. Armed Forces record or order that shows the person passed a K.S.A. Armed Forces instructor pilot or pilot examiner proficiency check in an aircraft as a military instructor pilot or pilot examiner that is appropriate to the flight instructor rating sought.

(4) Has passed appropriate Practical tests administer or observed by GACA inspector For non-transport aircraft experience and GACA inspector, DPE or TCE for others.



(h) *Documents for qualifying for a pilot certificate and rating.* The following documents are required for a person to apply for a pilot certificate and rating:

(1) An official K.S.A. Armed Forces record that shows the person is or was a military pilot.

(2) An official K.S.A. Armed Forces record that shows the person graduated from a K.S.A. Armed Forces undergraduate pilot training school or foreign pilot school as scholarship and received a rating qualification as a military pilot.

(3) An official K.S.A. Armed Forces record that shows the pilot passed a pilot proficiency check and instrument proficiency check in an aircraft as a military pilot.

(4) If a person is a military pilot in the Armed Forces from a foreign contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and is applying for a pilot certificate and rating, that person must present the following:

(i) An official K.S.A. Armed Forces record that shows the person is a military pilot in the K.S.A. Armed Forces;

(ii) An official K.S.A. Armed Forces record that shows the person is assigned as a military pilot in the K.S.A. Armed Forces for purposes other than receiving flight training;

(iii) An official record that shows the person graduated from a military undergraduate pilot training school from the Armed Forces from a foreign contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation or from the K.S.A. Armed Forces, and received a qualification as a military pilot; and

(iv) An official K.S.A. Armed Forces record that shows that the person passed a pilot proficiency check and instrument proficiency check in an aircraft as a military pilot in the K.S.A. Armed Forces.

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