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**GEN 1 NATIONAL REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

**GEN 1.7 DIFFERENCES REGARDING ICAO STANDARDS, RECOMMENDED PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES**

The Civil Aviation Authority informs that, with **immediate** effect and until **June 27, 2025**, the Differences with respect to the ICAO Standards, Recommended Methods and Procedures are provided, for Annex 1, up to ICAO amendment 178 and the RAC-LPTA, dated June 24, 2024, through Decree No.44523, regarding licenses for aeronautical technical personnel.

(A1) ANNEX 1-PERSONNEL LICENSES/VOLUME 1 (INCLUDES UP TO AMENDMENT No. 178)

RULE	LEGISLATION COMPLIANCE	TEXT OF THE DIFFERENCE IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE
CHAPTER 2		
2.1.10	<p>2.1.10 Limitation of the privileges of pilots who have reached the age of 60 and restriction of the privileges of pilots who have reached the age of 65. No Contracting State that has issued pilot licenses shall permit the holders of such licenses to act as pilots of an aircraft that is engaged in international commercial air transport operations when the holders of the license have attained the age of 60 or, in the case of operations with more than one pilot, when they have reached the age of 65.</p> <p>Note.— Attention is drawn to 1.2.5.2.3 regarding the validity period of medical examinations for pilots who are over 60 years of age and who are engaged in commercial air transport operations.</p>	<p>By vote of the Constitutional Chamber in CR, the age of pilots cannot be restricted, therefore, the RAC-LPTA regarding licenses does not establish age limits.</p>



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<b>CHAPTER 2</b>		
2.3.1.1	2.3 Private pilot license  2.3.1 General requirements for the issue of the license appropriate to the aeroplane, airship, helicopter and powered-lift categories  2.3.1.1 Age The applicant shall be not less than 17 years of age.	RAC-LPTA 2.3; 2.3.1; 2.3.1.1 Minimum age eighteen (18) years.  The State of Costa Rica establishes the minimum age of <b>eighteen (18) years</b> for private pilots.
2.4.3.1.1	2.4.3 Specific requirements for the issue of the aeroplane category rating  2.4.3.1 Experience  2.4.3.1.1 The applicant shall have completed not less than 200 hours of flight time, or 150 hours if completed during a course of approved training, as a pilot of aeroplanes. The Licensing Authority shall determine whether experience as a pilot under instruction in an FSTD is acceptable as part of the total flight time of 200 hours or 150 hours, as the case may be.  <b>Credit for such experience shall be limited to a maximum of 20 hours.</b>	RAC-LPTA 2.4.3; 2.4.3.1; 2.4.3.1.1  <b>The State of Costa Rica credits a maximum of 50 hours of the instruction received in a flight simulation training device, after study and approval by the DGAC of the flight simulator.</b>
<b>CHAPTER 4</b>		
4.5.1	4.5 Air traffic controller ratings  4.5.1 Categories of air traffic controller ratings Air traffic controller ratings shall comprise the following categories: a) aerodrome control rating; b) approach control procedural rating; c) approach control surveillance rating; d) approach precision radar control rating; e) area control procedural rating; and f) area control surveillance rating.  Note.— The World Meteorological Organization has specified requirements for personnel making meteorological observations which apply to air traffic controllers providing such a service.	RAC-LPTA 4.5.1  In Costa Rica, the Precision Radar Control for Approach authorization does not apply.

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