

FAQs – “Freelance” Bermuda DCA Certificates of Validation (CV)

Q. What is meant by a Freelance Certificate of Validation?

A. A “Freelance” CV is a validation of your tendered base licence/certificate (see Note) giving the holder the privilege of flying all aircraft of the Type specified on the CV that are on the Bermuda register (i.e. They have a registration mark starting with VP-B or VQ-B).

Q. I have heard that the Bermuda DCA will be withdrawing the Freelance CV option?

A. The Department discussed the possibility of such a move in the light of the introduction of Operator specific S.O.P.s. Operator specific SOPs and Flight Time Limitations are an integral part of the Approval granted under Article 85 of the AN(OT)O 2007 which all Bermuda corporate operators will require by 1st November 2009.

However, we have decided to retain this facility because historically we have always afforded such an option, also it enables flexibility within the pilot workforce engaged in flying Bermuda registered aircraft. It is this flexibility which has contributed to the success of the register.

Q. I have heard that the fee for a Bermuda “Freelance CV” is going to increase - is that correct?

A. That is correct, from the 1st April 2009; all CV’s that are issued under the “Freelance” category will incur a charge of US\$2000 (Two thousand US Dollars).

Q. How long will such a CV last?

A. The validation will last until the expiry date listed on your submitted ‘base’ licence. In the case of non-expiring certificates (e.g. F.A.A.) the duration will be 5 years.

Q. Say, after a period I wish to change or add another Type to my validation?

A. That can be done, but it will incur another \$2000 fee.

Q. My CV was issued on the basis of my F.A.A. Temporary Certificate which is only valid for 120 days; will I have to pay the \$2000 again when I receive the hard copy of my full F.A.A. Certificate?

A. No, we will re-issue your CV for the full 5 years at no charge, providing it is for the same aircraft Type.

Q. What are the charges if I do not want a "Freelance" CV, but am just restricting the use of my validation to a defined Operator or a particular aircraft registration?

A. From 1st April 2009, there will be no charge in this situation for both Initial Issue and a Renewal for whatever reason (e.g. expiry or change of Type).

Note: Base licence is the licence or certificate that is presented to the BDCA to be validated as being acceptable.