

Procedure of Issuing the Medical Certificate for un-powered flying in The Netherlands.

In The Netherlands the following procedure is in operation since October 1, 2004, to obtain a medical certificate for gliding, ballooning and paramotor flying:

1. Pilots can download a questionnaire to fill in before the medical examination, or can obtain it from the doctor who performs the assessment. This questionnaire consists of a number of personal data, last issue of medical certificate (category, date and limitations), accidents and incidents, alcohol, medicines, smoking habits and 30 questions about health.
2. At the end of the questionnaire the pilot signs the form. With this signature he gives permission to the doctor who performs the assessment, to obtain, if necessary, any relevant information from other doctors. He also declares that the answers given are in accordance with the facts.
3. The pilots can make an arrangement for the examination at a KNVvL-certified Sport Medical Centre or a KNVvL-certified AME. Only certified sport doctors, joining the Federation of Sport Medical Centres and AME's who have a contract with the KNVvL are allowed to perform the aero medical assessments.
4. The sport doctors and AME's are familiar with the provisions for medical licensing for these categories of pilots.
5. The sport doctors are trained in aviation medicine concerning these medical assessments and can get advice from the Medical Commission. At regular intervals there will be a Newsletter concerning aero medical issues. At least once a year a training course is organised, including theory of flying principles, backgrounds of the assessments, theoretical cases for the assessments, and in the afternoon and evening the sport doctors can fly with gliders themselves. Attention is to be paid a.o. to positive and negative G.
6. If the candidate meets the requirements he/she gets the medical certificate directly from the Sport Medical Centre or AME. On the medical certificate is printed the expiry date and, if applicable, limitations.
7. The costs of the assessments incl. the Medical Certificate are € 50.00 – 80.00.
8. If the candidate does not agree with the decision of the sport doctor or AME he can enter a petition procedure. This will be handled by a commission consisting of a member of the Medical Commission, a sport doctor, an AME and if necessary a medical specialist in the concerning profession.

The provisions for medical licensing in The Netherlands are sent separately. The provisions are in accordance with Annex 1 of ICAO. There are some (minor) changes in comparison to the text of ICAO. A number of notes and recommendations are deleted. The NL version is filed at ICAO.

Marja Osinga, M.D.
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