



FEDERATION OF INDIAN PILOTS

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To:

Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, IAS
Director General of Civil Aviation
Office of Director General of Civil Aviation,
Aurobindo Marg, opp. Safdarjung Airport,
New Delhi, Delhi 110003.

Sub: Issuance of PPL and Open Rating to experienced pilots

Sir,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Federation of Indian Pilots, with regards to an issue brought to our attention by one of our members. Our member has been flying with an Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) since 2005 on aircraft such as ATR, 737 and A320 and has logged over 13000 hours as Pilot in Command (P1).

Our member had recently requested for an open rating and Private Pilot License (PPL), however, he has been informed by the authorities that they have to go through the entire process as an ab initio, despite having a vast amount of flying experience.

We understand that the current regulations and processes such as the egca portal do not enable the automatic grant of a PPL or Open rating to experienced pilots based on their existing flying records and qualifications.

However, we strongly believe that the current process for obtaining a PPL as an ab initio at this stage for experienced pilots is impractical and unfair. May we request your kind intervention so that a solution that is fair and practical for pilots who have dedicated their careers to the aviation industry, is found.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards

Capt. Surinder Mehta
President, FIP