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Fellow pilots,

On December 9, 2025, Transport Canada (TC) released a new Privacy Notice and Declaration (PND) form to be signed by pilots during in-person medical examinations for Aviation Medical Certificates.

The form was designed by TC to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Act - to inform applicants of how TC collects and manages their information, the authority of the Minister of Transport to collect information, and the obligation of applicants to provide information under the Canadian Aviation Regulations.

At that time, ALPA Canada immediately reviewed the form and identified several concerns before engaging with TC to voice our concerns and suggest appropriate revisions to the form. We expressed to TC that the release and immediate implementation of this new form had created widespread concern and uncertainty for our pilots. Further, the form clearly, lacked clarity in several areas and these issues needed to be addressed by TC.

Areas of Concern

Ensuring that the privacy rights of our members are safeguarded is of the utmost importance to ALPA. With this in mind we reviewed the Privacy Notice for Aviation Medical Examinations that Pilots were signing **prior** to the issuance of this new TC Form.

Old Form: Specifically, the “Statement of Applicant” in the previous form that pilots were signing read in part as follows:

I authorize the release of any information contained herein or in other relevant medical reports, including electrocardiograms, audiograms, specialist reports and other relevant medical information to Transport Canada, Civil Aviation Medicine Branch, for the sole purpose of establishing my medical fitness to hold a licence or permit issued by Transport Canada. I am aware that it is an offence under the Aeronautics Act to knowingly make a false declaration.”

New Form: The new form issued by TC on December 9, 2025 modified the previous Statement of Applicant to a Declaration reading as follows:

“Additionally, I hereby authorize TC to collect and review any additional information about me from third parties that may be deemed necessary to establish that I meet the requirements for the medical certification of licensed aviation personnel, as specified in the Canadian Aviation Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, information contained in healthcare provider records, laboratory reports, medical test results, medical record systems, and pharmacy databases.

*I **understand** that refusal to provide the required information will result in TC suspending the assessment of my medical certificate application with no entitlement for a refund.”*

While the requirement under the *Canadian Aviation Regulations* to provide information as part of a pilot’s application for issuance or renewal of a medical certificate has existed since at least 2005, this new modified language raised concerns about the scope and breadth of information being sought as well as the immediate suspension of a pilot’s medical certificate for failing to provide personal information.

As a result, ALPA Canada raised these issues with TC, together with some other issues we saw with the form.

Response from Transport Canada

We are pleased to announce that yesterday we received a response from TC, noting the following: **“TC appreciates your feedback and wording suggestions to enhance the clarity of the form. In response to your suggestions, the PND has been updated ... your recommendations have been accepted or addressed in the updated form.”**

[1] First, the language in the updated form now aligns more with the language in the Statement of Applicant that pilots had been previously signing. Specifically, it now reads as follows:

*“Additionally, I **hereby** authorize TC to collect and review any additional medical information about me from third parties that may be deemed necessary to establish that I meet the requirements for the medical certification of licensed aviation personnel, as specified in the Canadian Aviation Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, information contained in healthcare provider records, laboratory reports, medical test results, medical record systems and pharmacy databases.”*

[2] Second, the suspension language was tempered to “may” from “will” which aligns with the permissive authority provided to Transport Canada under the *Canadian Aviation Regulations*.

TC has advised ALPA Canada that applicants who signed the PND within the past month will not be required to re-sign the updated version for their current medical. They will instead sign the new version at their next medical, and no applicant will be disadvantaged having signed the earlier version.

Updated Form

In a notice to Canadian Aviation Regulation Advisory Council members, it was then confirmed that the updated form would be used in Aviation Medical Examinations going forward.

To access the new form, click the following below:

[Updated Privacy Notice and Declaration Form](#)

This situation reinforces our position to TC, that as a key aviation stakeholder, the Association can provide valuable assistance when engaged early in the process of developing and implementing aviation-specific policies.

Looking ahead, despite our input having been successfully incorporated into the updated form, we are continuing to make further inquiries into the matter with TC (e.g. concerning the meaning and use of “aggregate data”) to ensure our members’ interests are fully protected on a go forward basis.

In unity,

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