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Exemption and direction — Aerodrome Rescue and Fire Fighting Service qualifications (Norfolk Island Regional Council)

1 Definitions

Note In this instrument certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the Civil Aviation Act 1988 and the regulations. These include: ARFFS, ARFFS operation, ARFFS provider, CASR, firefighter and officer in charge.

In this instrument:

NIRC means Norfolk Island Regional Council, ARN 1017028.

prescribed ARFFS training means a program of training in, or the demonstration of competency in an assessment of, the specialist skills and knowledge required for ARFFS that has been approved in writing by CASA.

prescribed Diploma qualification means one of the following:

(a) the Diploma of Public Safety (Firefighting Management) awarded by an Australian registered training organisation;

(b) a qualification approved by CASA in writing that is equivalent to the qualification mentioned in paragraph (a).

2 Application

This instrument applies to NIRC in its capacity as an ARFFS provider.

3 Exemption

(1) Subject to the condition mentioned in subsection (2), NIRC is exempt from compliance with paragraph 139.773 (1) (a) of CASR to the extent that the officer in charge must hold an AFC Advanced Diploma that meets the standards in the Manual of Standards (MOS) — Subpart 139.H.
It is a condition on the exemption that NIRC must ensure that the officer in charge holds a minimum of the prescribed Diploma qualification and has successfully completed the prescribed ARFFS training.

4 Directions

(1) CASA directs NIRC to:
   (a) amend its operations manual to identify the position held by the person who NIRC appoints to be the officer in charge from time to time at an aerodrome under subregulation 139.773 (1) of CASR; and
   (b) submit the amended operations manual to CASA for approval within 90 days of the day this instrument is made.

(2) If a person acts in the capacity of the officer in charge at an aerodrome and exercises the powers of the officer in charge under Division 139.H.4 of CASR for an ARFFS operation, CASA directs NIRC to ensure that the person:
   (a) is based at the aerodrome; and
   (b) is a member of the staff of firefighters on duty to undertake the ARFFS operation at the aerodrome.

5 Repeal

This instrument is repealed at the end of 30 September 2020.