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**EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY DEFERMENT OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
(RPAS) SKILLS TESTING AND EXAMINER RE-DESIGNATION**

Effective date: 01 June 2026

Validity Period: 01 June 2026 until 31 August 2026.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) serves to notify all RPAS stakeholders, including Approved Training Organizations (ATOs), RPAS pilots, and designated examiners, that the temporary deferment published under AIC A 04/26 is hereby extended until 31 August 2026.

2. CONTINUATION OF DEFERMENT

- 2.1. All provisions outlined in AIC A 04/26 remain applicable, including the deferment of:
- 2.1.1. RPAS Skills Testing
 - 2.1.2. Examiner Re-designation
 - 2.1.3. Issuance of affected RPAS certificate and ratings

3. CURRENT STATUS OF STANDARDIZATION

- 3.1. The NCAA is currently engaged in a comprehensive benchmarking and standardization process, aligned with the corrective measures outlined in the AIC. This includes the development of standardized documentation, the consolidation of testing procedures, and ensuring alignment with international best practices.

- 3.2. We acknowledge the operational impact this deferment has on RPAS Approved Training Organizations (ATOs) and other stakeholders. Please be assured that this process remains a top priority, and once the benchmarking exercise has been finalized, the outcomes and revised framework will be communicated and shared with industry without delay.
- 3.3. This approach is consistent with the Authority's commitment to maintaining both operational continuity and regulatory integrity during the ongoing standardization process.
- 3.4. The NCAA appreciates the continued cooperation and understanding of all stakeholders during this period.

4. ENQUIRIES

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