

Transport Canada Answers

Canadian Aviation Pride
Fierté en aviation canadienne



In March 2018, Canadian Aviation Pride's Chair posed a number of questions to Transport Canada's Director of Civil Aviation Medicine, Dr. D.A. Salisbury to provide you with answers to important questions of interest to our community.

We hope that this will allow those seeking a medical certificate to feel comfortable in disclosing important information to their Civil Aviation Medical Examiner (CAME).

HIV and licensing

How does HIV affect an aviation medical certificate?

"We do not do HIV testing as part of an aviation medical. HIV status itself is less of an issue than what is the state of health of the person seeking certification. When someone is ill and/or being actively treated with the most powerful drugs used in this area, we have generally restricted them from flying due to the secondary effects of those situations. When that period of time is over and they have recovered then they can generally return to the cockpit. We use the clinical indicators of illness to guide this process and that is why the web guideline is so technical. The CD4 count and the drug regime being used are indicators of illness and frankly side effects that are generally thought to be incompatible with safe flying." ■