

Transport Canada Answers

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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).

Transgender concerns

How does this affect a license and medical certificate and what special aspects need to be taken care of for a license holder?

“Transport Canada has no issue with trans-gender people flying except when and if they are recovering from gender re-assignment surgery or are undergoing significant drug therapy. If the clinical status of the person post surgery or after a period of acclimatization to drug therapy is stable and their treating physicians are satisfied that the person is clinically stable then they can be found fit to fly. Again, it will depend on the medications being used as some may have deleterious side effects such as sedation that make their use in the cockpit unsafe. It is not the diagnosis that is the issue but the treatment and its effects on performance. As I am sure you appreciate I have given you our basic philosophy/policy. Each case will be assessed on its own individual merits and the current medical certification system has enough flexibility that we can tailor a response to almost any condition or combination of conditions.” ■