

Directive 2006/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on a Community air traffic controller licence (Text with EEA relevance)

*Article 5*

**Conditions for obtaining a licence**

- 1 Student air traffic controller licences shall be granted to applicants who:
- a are at least 18 years old and are holders of at least a secondary education diploma or a diploma granting access to university or equivalent.

Member States may provide that the national supervisory authority evaluate the educational standard of applicants who do not fulfil this educational requirement. If this evaluation demonstrates that an applicant has experience and education which gives him/her a reasonable prospect of completing air traffic controller training, this shall be regarded as sufficient;

- b have successfully completed approved initial training relevant to the rating, and rating endorsement if applicable, as set out in Part A of Annex II;
- c hold a valid medical certificate; and
- d have demonstrated an adequate level of linguistic proficiency in accordance with the requirements set out in Annex III.

The licence shall contain at least one rating and one rating endorsement, if applicable.

- 2 Air traffic controller licences shall be granted to applicants who:
- a are at least 21 years old. However, Member States may provide for a lower age limit in duly justified cases;
  - b are holders of a student licence and have completed an approved unit training plan and successfully passed the appropriate examinations or assessments in accordance with the requirements set out in Part B of Annex II;
  - c hold a valid medical certificate; and
  - d have demonstrated an adequate level of linguistic proficiency in accordance with the requirements set out in Annex III.

The licence shall be validated by the inclusion of one or more ratings and the relevant rating, unit and language endorsements for which training was successfully completed.

- 3 The instructor endorsement shall be granted to holders of an air traffic controller licence who:
- a have provided air traffic control services for an immediately preceding period of at least one year, or such longer duration as is fixed by the national supervisory authority having regard to the ratings and endorsements for which instruction is given; and
  - b have successfully completed an approved on-the-job training instructor course during which the required knowledge and pedagogical skills were assessed through appropriate examinations.