

**Question for written answer E-005002/2012
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Exemptions from the requirements for a commercial pilots licence as outlined in the Joint Aviation Regulations-Flight Crew Licensing

On 8 April 2012, Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 harmonising the qualification and medical requirements for pilots was implemented by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). Prior to this date, the rules applicable to flight crew licensing (FCL) and flight time limitations (FTL) were the competency of Member States.

The Irish Aviation Authority availed of a horizontal opt-out, fixed for one year until 8 April 2013, for the full introduction of Part 1 of the rules applicable to flight crew licensing.

Can the Commission confirm whether an individual flight instructor can apply to the Commission after this date for an exemption from the theoretical knowledge requirements for a commercial pilots licence as outlined in the Joint Aviation Regulations-Flight Crew Licensing 1.230(a)(2)?

If not, how can individual flight instructors with 'Restricted' rating continue to operate under licence?