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Summary / Overview of the amendment to explain/ensure that the reader understands: the rationale for the amendment; the major changes; and, importantly, the full context (including desired outcome) of the amendment.

The Regulated Community is reminded to check this amendment against any applicable AAMC, Waivers or Exemptions to ensure their ongoing validity.

The Regulatory Article has been substantially rewritten to increase clarity. The draft RA should be read in its entirety. Detailed NPA responses can be found on the gov.uk website. Key changes to the RA include:

- -Retitling the RA to include Supernumerary Crew in addition to Aircrew. Supernumerary Support Crew requirements will continue to be detailed in RA 2340.
- -Inclusion of new AMC to RA 2135(1) in paragraph 2 to permit an ADH or AM(MF) to specify a civil medical standard in lieu of a military standard if that is the medical policy advice. In such circumstances it is not envisaged that oversight by a MAME is required as the civil medical certificate will stand on its own merit. Medical policy advice available to the MAA suggests that the suitability of a civil medical standard is likely to be limited to a small number of cases in the Regulated Community. In all other circumstances, in which a civil medical may be used as contributory evidence of medical fitness, review by a MAME remains a requirement.
- -Removal of Annex A. Medical policy relating to periodicity, medical standard and examining organisations is recorded in AP1269A. The AP1269A editorial team intend to include similar tables to those previously in Annex A. This change is desirable because AP1269A is configured to be more responsive to changes in Regulated Community requirements it is subject to more frequent update than RA 2135. A copy of AP1269A is available to all in the Defence Air Environment, either through single service medical authorities or the Command Flight Medical Officer.
- -Removal of RPAS Crew Health Categories (Open and S1 RPAS requirements will be in RA1600-1604; S2 and Certified RPAS will have medical standards detailed in AP1269A per crewed Aircraft).

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