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Hello David

I agree this is different. As the flight hours are not needed for someone to do their job, we do not see a strong policy justification for them being allowed an exemption from the travel rules. Unlike the limited exception for essential maintenance, people could use this excuse to travel multiple times and potentially use this justification for what are in reality recreational flights.

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[redacted], [redacted] – Can you close the loop on this one. Think we had a more recent request along similar lines.

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[redacted], [redacted] – could you consider please?

There was a related query about flying for aircraft safety recently, However, the arguments for someone to travel/leave home just to keep up skills for a hobby might be different.

David

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Hi David,

Please see below, this is anything your team can help with ?

Many thanks

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Hi [redacted]

I have spoken with the below constituent who emailed [redacted].

The flying is not to do with employment, however he holds a private pilot licence which still requires him to fly so many hours within 90 days to be in a position to keep up his safety skills, and to be allowed to carry passengers in the future.

Although the Civil Aviation are the overseeing body for this, [redacted] is concerned at whether or not he is in a position to travel from our current level 2 area to Cumbernauld, which is currently a level 3, in order to carry out his flying hours. Are you able to advise as to any guidance for this, as this is the closest airport for him to fly from and he does not wish to break any rules.

Any advice would be gratefully accepted.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With Kindest Regards

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Good Afternoon Michael

I am writing in regards to seeking your help, to raise questions with the Scottish Government, about General Aviation in Scotland.

The UK Government has issued guidance specifically relating to General Aviation in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-general-aviation/coronavirus-covid-19-general-aviation>

I cannot find an equivalent for Scotland.

Aviation is a reserved matter but the restrictions on travel are a devolved matter.

It appears that the travel exemptions relate to various sectors but there is no mention of General Aviation.

It appears that someone could travel from Falkirk to Cumbernauld for driving lessons but a qualified pilot couldn't do this same journey (without interacting with anyone) to fly to maintain experience for safety reasons.

I hope you can help with this as the general aviation sector is struggling under these conditions and it represents a safety issue if private pilots cannot fly regularly.

Kind Regards

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