

**FAQ n.19200****FAQs:**

Licensing, Aircrew, Regulations

**Question:**

**Following the introduction of a new variant to an existing type rating, how do pilots attain the privileges to operate the new variant?**

**Answer:**

**1. Licensing following the introduction of a new variant to an existing type rating.**

When a new variant of a type is introduced the existing type endorsement in the pilot licence may remain unchanged but valid for all variants as included in the 'EASA Type Rating & License Endorsement List Flight Crew' published on the Agency's web page. The new endorsement should be added by the pilot's competent authority at the next routine licensing action or at the request of the pilot in accordance with ARA.FCL.220 (a).

**2. Exercise of the licence privileges in the new variant.**

The pilot must receive differences training or familiarisation as appropriate in accordance with FCL.710. This would mean the pilot has to undergo a differences training course under the responsibility of a qualified instructor and have it confirmed with the instructor's signature in the pilot's logbook.

**3. Qualification of pilots, instructors and examiners for the new variant:**

- a. Pilots holding a type rating intending to operate the new variant should receive differences training in accordance with FCL.710. This differences training is to be recorded in the pilot's logbook and signed by a qualified instructor.
- b. Instructors holding instructor privileges as a TRI or SFI on the existing type intending to use their instructor privileges also on the new variant should

qualify in accordance with either FCL.900(b) (special conditions for the introduction of a new type) or with (a) above (differences training on the new variant).

- c. Examiners holding examiner privileges as a TRE or SFE on the existing type intending to use their examiner privileges also on the new variant should qualify in accordance with either FCL.1000(b) (special conditions for the introduction of a new type) or with (a) and (b) above (differences training on the new variant and instructor privileges).
- d. Pilots, instructors and examiners without existing type privileges shall complete the full type rating course and follow the requirements of Part-FCL for instructor and examiner privileges on any variant in the type.

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