

(e) *Aircraft Radio Operators' Licences*.—Aircraft Radio Telephone and Telegraph Licences are granted on production of evidence from the Post and Telegraph Department of technical and theoretical qualification to standards laid down by the International Convention for Aerial Navigation and the Telecommunication Convention, and on applicants submitting satisfactory proof of having completed the requisite air experience.

During the year opportunity was taken to amend the examination syllabus and general requirements for the issue of First- and Second-class Navigators' Licences and Aircraft Engineers' Licences. The standard of these licences now conforms to that in force in other Commonwealth countries. Consideration was also given to the question of devising instrument-flying standards for pilots engaged in commercial aircraft services, and, although no definite requirements have yet been laid down, it is anticipated that syllabi for Category "A" and "B" instrument ratings will be promulgated before the end of 1946.

During the twenty-eighth session of the International Commission for Air Navigation held during August, 1945, Annex E to the Convention, which prescribes the requirements for aircrew personnel, was suppressed and was not replaced. However, the Commission drew up a draft Annex E, which, although not obligatory, was recommended for adoption by contracting States. It is not proposed to translate the recommendations into the Air Navigation Regulations because of the short time which will elapse before the acceptance of P.I.C.A.O. standards. Consideration is, however, being given to the advisability of modifying the present Pilot's "B" Licence to provide for a higher standard of technical and operational qualification in the case of pilots engaged on scheduled air services. Such modification would follow the general requirements prescribed for the Air Transport Pilot's Licence provided for in the new draft Annex E.

SECTION XI.—METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

Meteorological services for civil aviation continued to be provided by the Directorate of Meteorological Services under the arrangement established during the war period. The facilities which will be necessary to meet internal and overseas requirements are at present under consideration.

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