

SECTION X.—LICENSING

The demand for the issue of pilots' licences which was experienced during the year ended 31st March, 1946, has not abated during the year ended 31st March, 1947. This is in part due to the expansion of the services being maintained by the operating companies throughout New Zealand, chiefly New Zealand National Airways Corporation, and in part also to the expansion experienced in club and private flying consequent upon the cessation of hostilities and the release of aircraft to clubs and private operators from the Royal New Zealand Air Force. The fact that there are a number of young pilots with considerable experience on twin- and multi-engined aircraft is proving of assistance to the operating companies who are extending their services to the public, and a number of ex-Air Force instructors are now engaged in club flying. During the year the syllabus for the First Class Navigators' Examination was revised in order to bring it up to the standard required for the issue of this licence in the United Kingdom.

Licences issued during the period 1938-47 are shown in the following table, whilst those current at the 31st March, 1947, are shown in parentheses:—

Licence or Certificate.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
PERSONNEL									
Pilot's "A" Licence ..	205	86	30	30	3	..	1	224	667 (863)
Pilot's "B" Licence ..	26	20	4	2	4	5	3	44	146 (200)
Navigator's Licence—									
First Class ..	2	9	6	4	..	8	5	14	{ 11 (18) 14 (25)
Second Class ..									
Radio Telegraph Licence—									
First Class ..	..	..	..	..	..	17	9	30	{ 3 (13) 1 (4) 31 (53) 1 (..)
Second Class ..									
Third Class ..									
Temporary ..									
Radio Telephone Licence ..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	1	6 (8)
Flying Instructors' Authorities ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28 (44)
Aircraft Engineers' Licences ..	16	11	8	9	5	19	19	9	32 (125)
AERODROME LICENCES									
Public	5	1	..	..	..	1	..	15	.. (15)
Temporary	12	4	5	..	6	1	2	1	1 (..)

The following examinations were conducted during the year:—

(a) *Pilot's "B" Licence*—

Number of examinations ..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Number of candidates ..	..	..	..	..	..	274
Number of candidates passed ..	..	..	..	..	..	134
Number of candidates failed ..	..	..	..	..	..	140

(b) *First Class Navigators' Examinations*—

Number of examinations ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Number of candidates ..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Number of candidates passed ..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Number of candidates failed ..	..	..	..	..	..	12

(c) *Second Class Navigators' Examinations*—

Number of examinations ..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Number of candidates ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
Number of candidates passed ..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Number of candidates failed ..	..	..	..	..	..	23

(d) *Aircraft Engineers' Examinations*—

				Sat.	Passed.	Failed.
Category "A" ..	..	..	..	59	15	44
Category "B" ..	..	..	..	8	2	6
Category "C" ..	..	..	..	57	25	32
Category "D" ..	..	..	..	3	1	2
Category "X" ..	..	..	..	24	14	10
Totals ..	..	..	..	151	57	94