

New guidance on cabin crew recurrent training launched in new ICAO website

The ICAO has launched a [new website](#) dedicated to return to normal operations. The website includes guidance on:

- Cabin crew recurrent training.
- Transport of vaccines.
- Managing risks to flight crew performance.
- On-site inspection and surveillance of AMOs and maintenance control organisations.
- This website replaces the Quick Reference Guide (QRG) drafted by ICAO's cabin safety group (ICSG) with ITF's input, federation to which SITCPLA belongs.

Over the last year ICAO has issued substantial guidance material to both reduce the transmission of COVID- 19 and find ways to maintain a global flying infrastructure. As a trusted stakeholder at ICAO, the ITF has been involved in a variety of committees and working groups representing the interests of our affiliates and our members. Guidance material was required by state regulators to enable them to draft temporary safety directives, regulations and guidance for their operators.

Specifically, by means of the QRG the Annual Recurrent Training for Cabin Crew, and the extended Flight Time Limitations were flexibilized to accommodate repatriation flights, routes where layovers are not possible and minimum cabin crew levels on passenger aircraft doing cargo operations. The exemptions and alleviations had a time limit of March 31 this year.

However, the world is nowhere near ready to operate normally. It will be a gradual return with regions and States at different stages of recovery. ICAO has decided to keep 31 March as the global planned exit from exemptions and alleviations, with the proviso that States may adopt a flexible approach and continue to put public health as the primary factor in deciding when to end their own application of the exemptions and alleviations. With this in mind, ICAO has replaced the QRG with [this website](#), that we encourage you to visit.