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Aviation medical examiner

An aviation medical examiner is a medically qualified practitioner with the relevant authority's authorization for specified aeromedical work. Being a doctor, holding an aviation-medicine qualification and being authorized for a particular examination scope are separate matters. This guide concerns career structures, not anyone's medical fitness to fly. [REG1, EMP1, EMP2]

What the role does

- Conduct aeromedical work within the authorized professional scope. [EMP2, REG1]
- Maintain clinical records, referrals and professional governance. [EMP1, EMP2]
- Keep the relevant authorization, knowledge and facilities current. [REG1]

Where the work happens

Approved aeromedical or occupational-health clinic; Airline medical service.

Employer example 1

Etihad Airways • United Arab Emirates - Abu Dhabi • Senior Aviation Medical Examiner

Closed vacancy historical example • Checked 2026-10-27 [EMP1]

Category	What this employer states
Essential in this source	Employer-listed medical qualification plus postgraduate aviation medicine and local medical licensing. Ten years relevant experience, including five in aviation medicine after the higher qualification; relevant local regulatory knowledge.
Other stated conditions	Expired advertisement uses historical HAAD terminology; verify present professional and regulator requirements.

One employer and stated role only; this record does not establish current hiring unless explicitly marked active.

Desirable requirements are not separately classified here; do not infer that none apply.

Employer example 2

Health Partners Group • United Kingdom - Gatwick/hybrid • Aviation Medical Examiner / Occupational Health Physician, REF7298

Active vacancy when checked • Checked 2026-10-27 [EMP2]

Category	What this employer states
Essential in this source	Full GMC registration and current licence to practise. UK CAA Class 1 AME authorization and recognized aviation-medicine training. DOccMed or higher occupational-medicine qualification.
Other stated conditions	At least three days weekly.

One employer and stated role only; this record does not establish current hiring unless explicitly marked active.

Desirable requirements are not separately classified here; do not infer that none apply.

PREPARE AND VERIFY

Separate requirements from preparation

UK examiner authorization: CAA certification involves medical registration, appropriate aviation-medicine training and assessment of the proposed practice arrangements. Initial authorization and extensions to further

examination classes have distinct conditions. Completing training alone does not guarantee appointment or authorize every examination category. [REG1]

Still to verify: UAE current professional licensing and GCAA appointment requirements were not independently established; historical employer wording must not be used as eligibility advice. The UK employer example is a full government-hosted employer advertisement; direct employer-site confirmation remains desirable.

Explore a realistic entry route

- First establish the ordinary medical-registration pathway in the jurisdiction where you intend to practise. If you are not already medically qualified, treat aviation medicine as a later specialization to investigate, not an alternative shortcut into medicine.
- Compare professional registration, specialist education, regulator authorization and employer experience in separate columns. Confirm the current authority and terminology; an expired advertisement can illustrate a past role but cannot settle present licensing eligibility.
- For an established practitioner, investigate the competent authority's appointment process and the employer's scope. Record future changes separately from rules already in force. Seek official professional guidance rather than using a career workbook to assess a patient or yourself.

Build evidence of your skills

- Make a purely administrative comparison chart of the two employer examples: professional registration, specialist education, authorized scope and experience. Include no patient information, examination results or diagnostic scenarios.
- Write a learning log template with topic, approved learning source, date and unanswered question. Label it a personal planning aid, not a recognized continuing-professional-development record or proof of certification.

Prepare for an interview

- Preparation prompt, not an actual interview question: how would you explain the distinction between a professional medical licence and a regulator's aeromedical authorization to a non-specialist employer?
- Prepare a genuine example of recognizing the limits of your professional scope and seeking appropriate advice. Applicants without clinical experience should not invent a patient case or imply clinical competence.

Investigate possible next roles

Investigate senior medical, governance or aviation-medicine education roles only against their own professional requirements. Additional authorization is not an automatic promotion and does not replace maintaining medical registration.

Sources and scope

[EMP1] [Etihad Airways Senior Aviation Medical Examiner](#)

Closed vacancy historical example. United Arab Emirates - Abu Dhabi. Checked 2026-10-27.

[EMP2] [Health Partners Group Aviation Medical Examiner / Occupational Health Physician, REF7298](#)

Active vacancy when checked. United Kingdom - Gatwick/hybrid. Checked 2026-10-27.

[REG1] [UK Civil Aviation Authority Guidance on AME certification](#)

AME certification, specialist training, facilities, assessment and scope extensions. UK appointment framework only; detailed UAE applicability unresolved. The page also flags a future 2027 maintenance change, which is not treated as already effective. Checked 2026-10-27.

Educational reference. Verify current requirements with the relevant authority and employer. Examples are selected employer conditions, not an exhaustive application checklist or worldwide eligibility rules. Verify the current notice before acting. Learning exercises are not operational training, assessment or evidence of professional authorization. No emergency response procedures, screening methods, investigative tactics or personal medical eligibility advice are provided. No job guarantee.