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Introduction

Article I, para 3, Objects of the IFATCA Constitution specifies under point j) that "the Federation shall collect and distribute information on professional problems and developments".

In 1973, after the Reykjavik Conference, the Belgian Guild compiled the "Information Handbook" (IHB), which was accepted by the 1974 Tel Aviv Conference.

In 1994, the IHB contains the information of 100 Member Associations (MAs).

In 2023, the IHB comprises the data from more than 130 MAs. A complete overhaul of the IHB questionnaire is carried, removing obsolete questions and adding Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), following a working paper presented at the 2023 Montego Bay Conference (WP 154). The questionnaire is made available online exclusively, and the processes to compile the data, produce the manual and analyse metrics is automated.

In 2025, enough data is received to be able to start deriving information from the KPIs mentioned in 1.4 above. At the Abu Dhabi Conference, the Directors approve the creation of the Purple Book, which aggregates and presents in a graphical form the information derived from the data contained in the IHB.

The IHB contains the most up-to-date information on all aspects relating to environmental and human factors in ATC in the States represented by the MAs of the Federation. It should enable its users to identify those MAs that may have useful information on specific professional matters, after which direct contacts with such MAs should be established to obtain the desired detail of information.

The Purple Book only presents information derived from the data contained in the IHB. Some of this data may be outdated, approximate or inaccurate. The reader should exercise caution in interpreting and using the information it contains. While the Purple Book proposes extremely valuable figures that enhance greatly the understanding of IFATCA's member association work conditions and human factors, it does not replace a thorough research process and cross-verification of the data. It is also important to note that national legislation and industrial evolution can differ tremendously from one member association to the other.

Questions or concerns related to the Purple Book can be directed to office@ifatca.org.

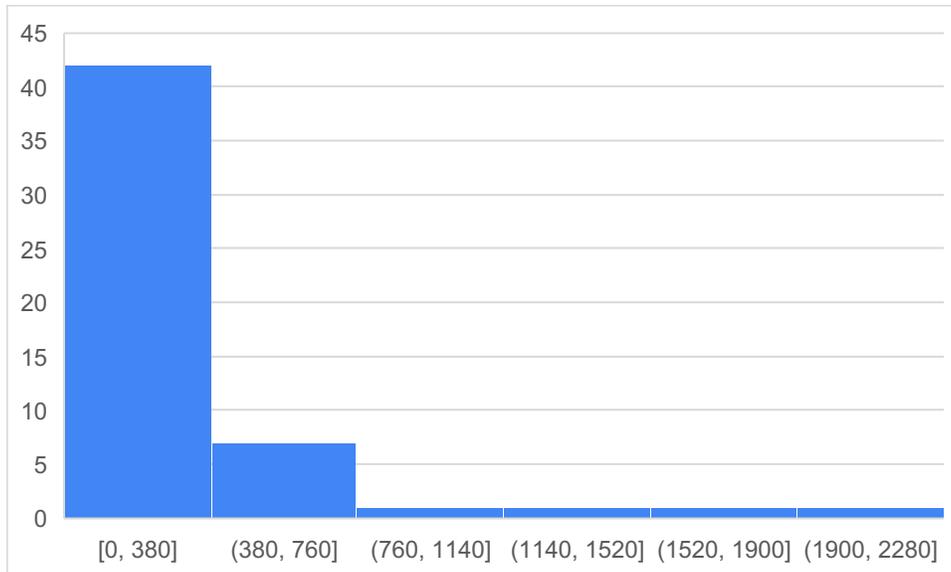
1. General Information

1.1 RESPONSE INFORMATION

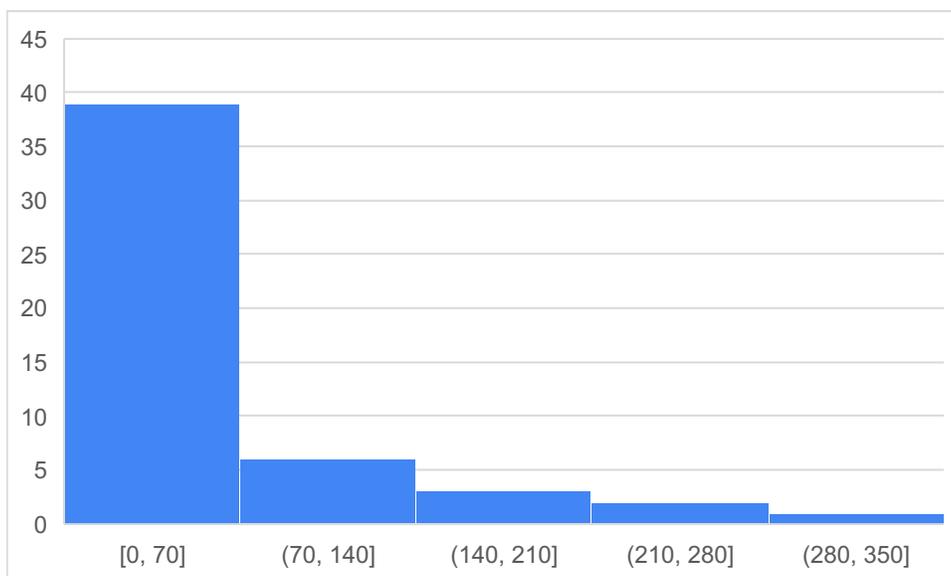
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1.2 MEMBERSHIP

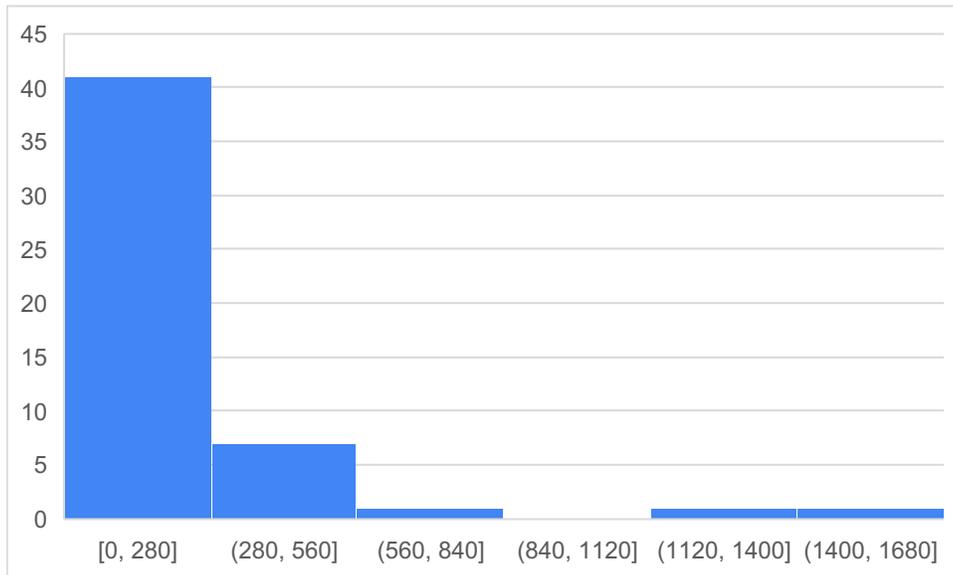
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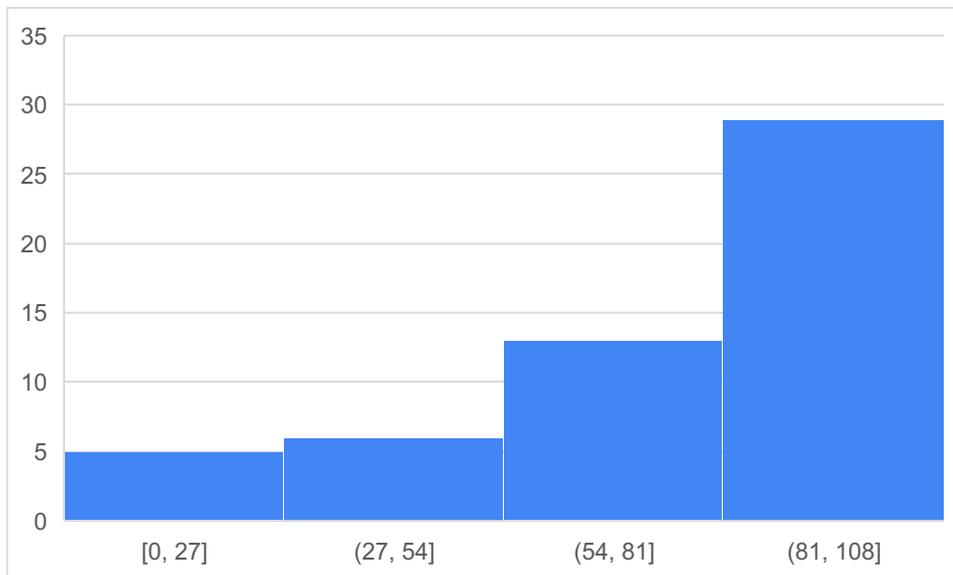
1.2.2 Total number of female members in the association



1.2.3 Total number of male members in the association

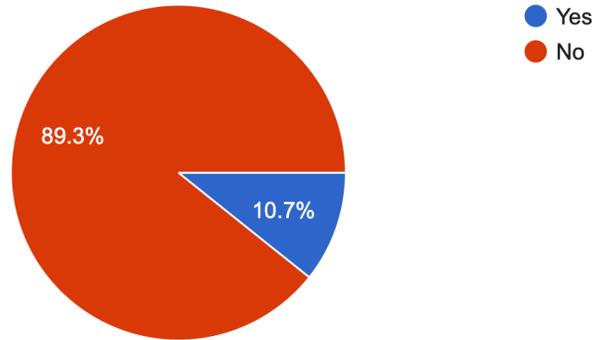


1.2.4 Percentage of ATCOs who are members of the association



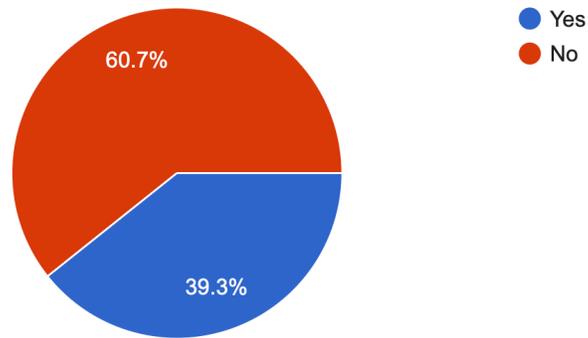
1.3 OTHER ATCO ASSOCIATION(S)

1.3.1 Are there any other ATCO association(s) in your State?

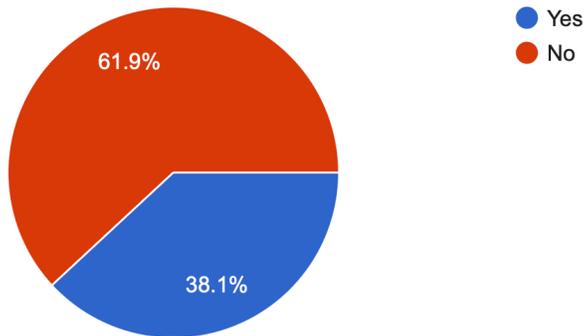


1.4 ASSOCIATION / AFFILIATION TO TRADE UNION(S)

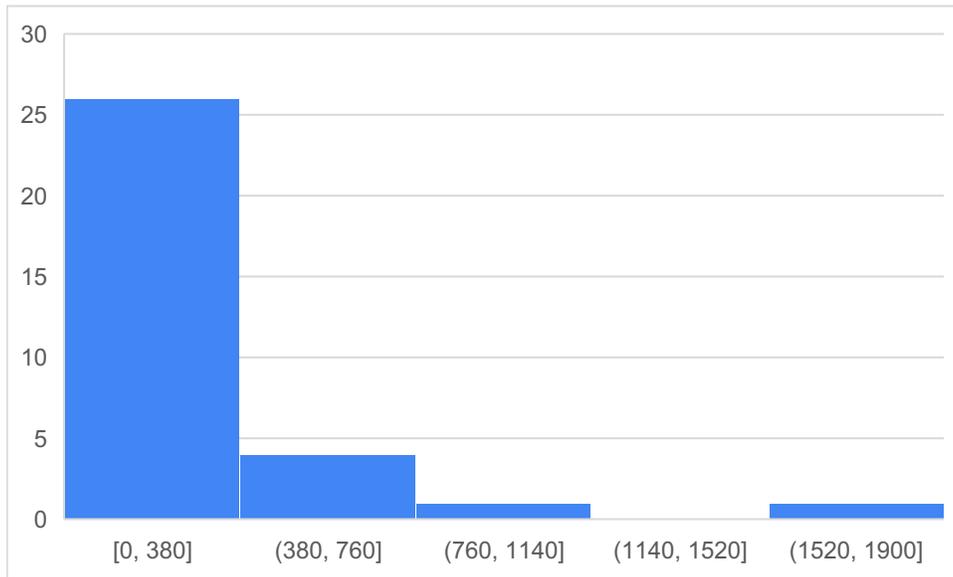
1.4.1 Is your association also a trade union?



1.4.2 If not, is your association affiliated/associated to a trade union?



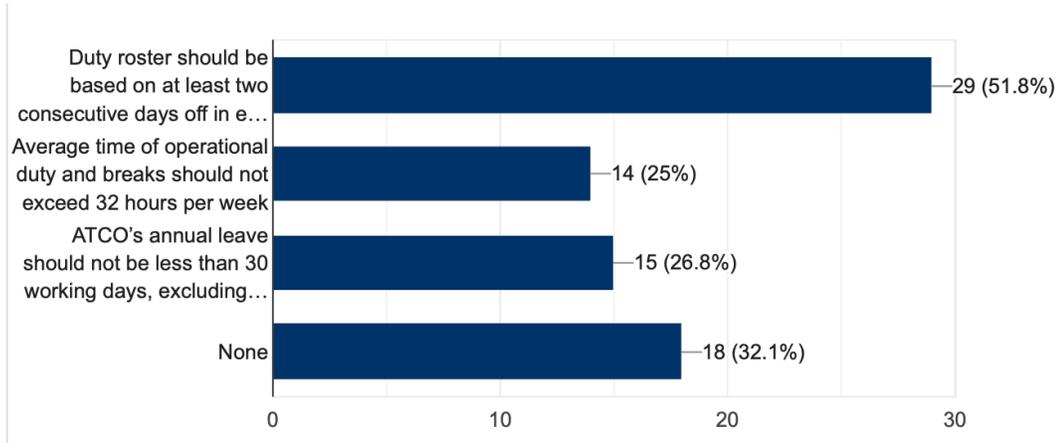
1.4.3 Number of ATCOs who are also members of the trade union (if applicable)



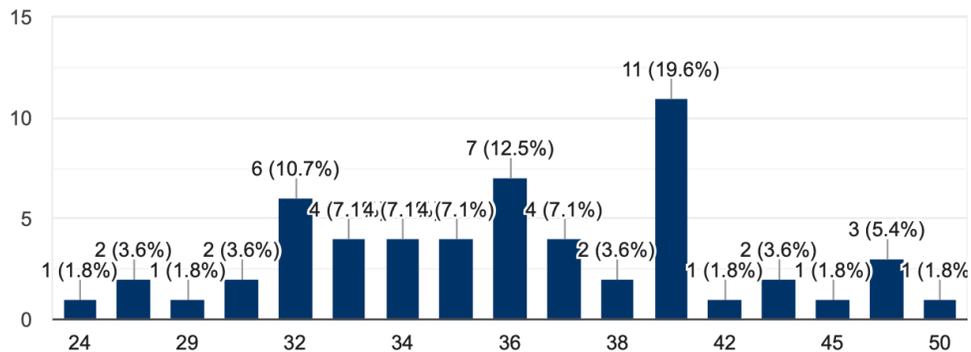
2. Social and Labour Aspects

2.1 WORKING HOURS

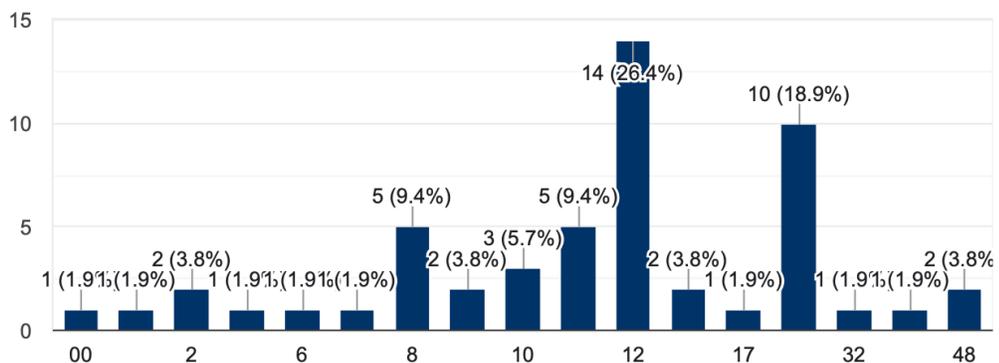
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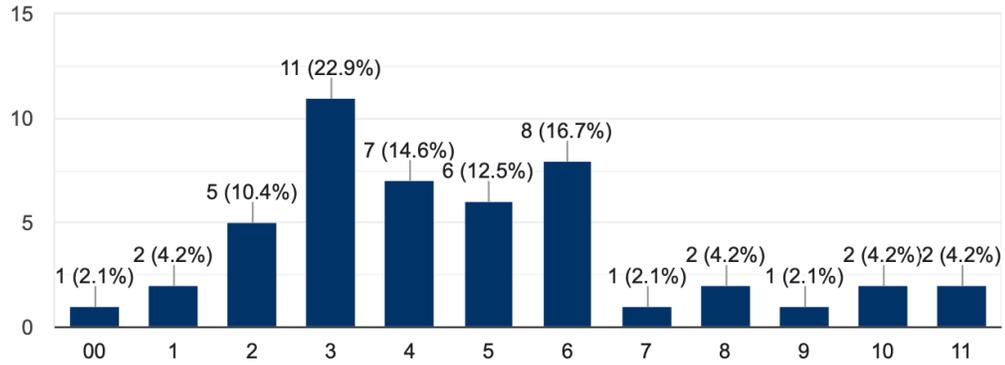
2.1.2 Number of working hours per week:



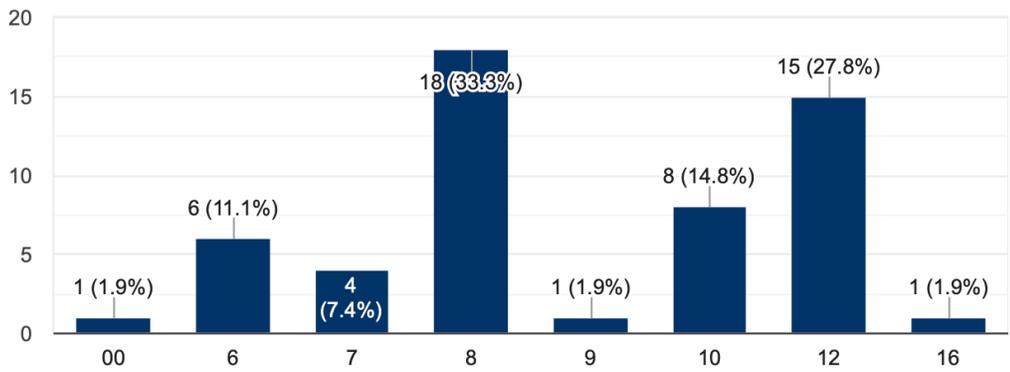
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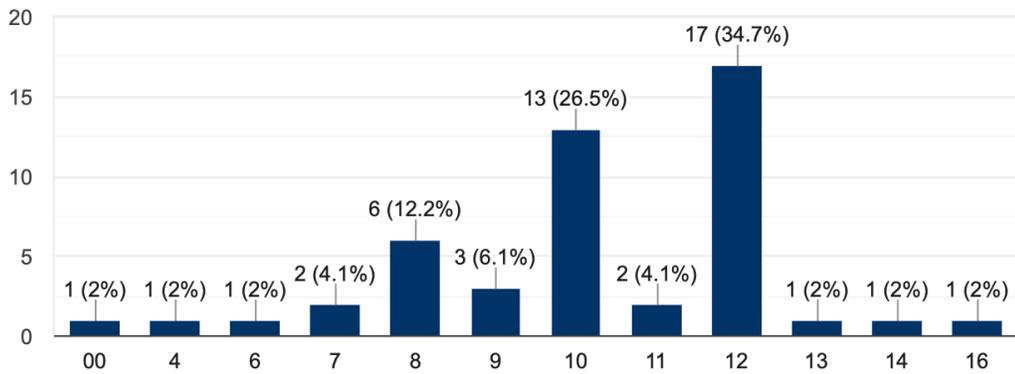
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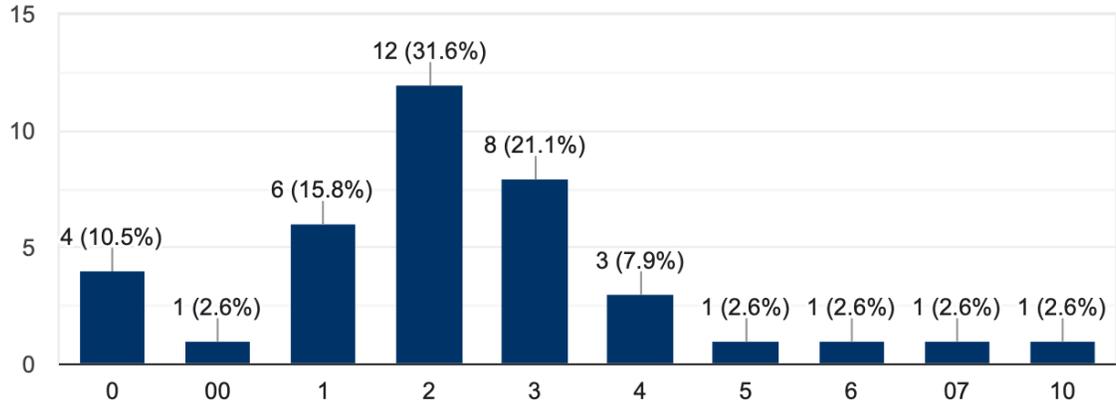
2.1.5 Maximum length (hours) of day shift (if any):



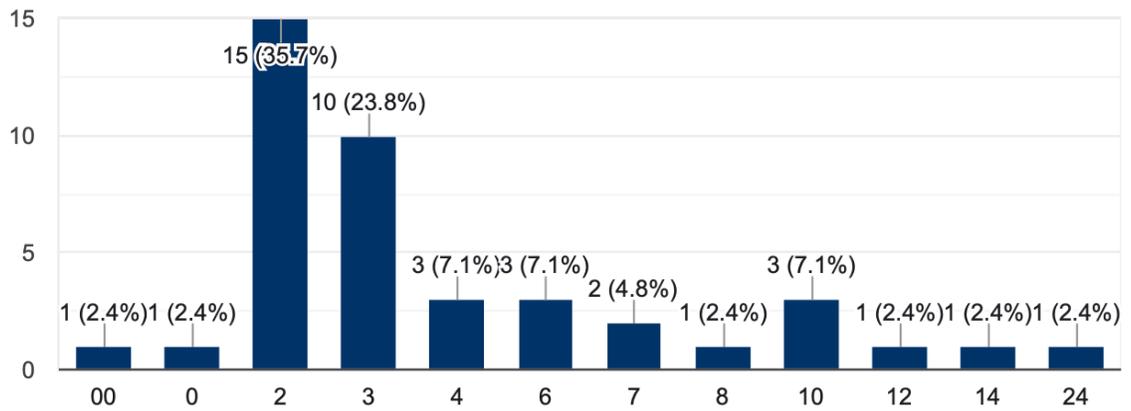
Maximum length (hours) of night shift (if any):



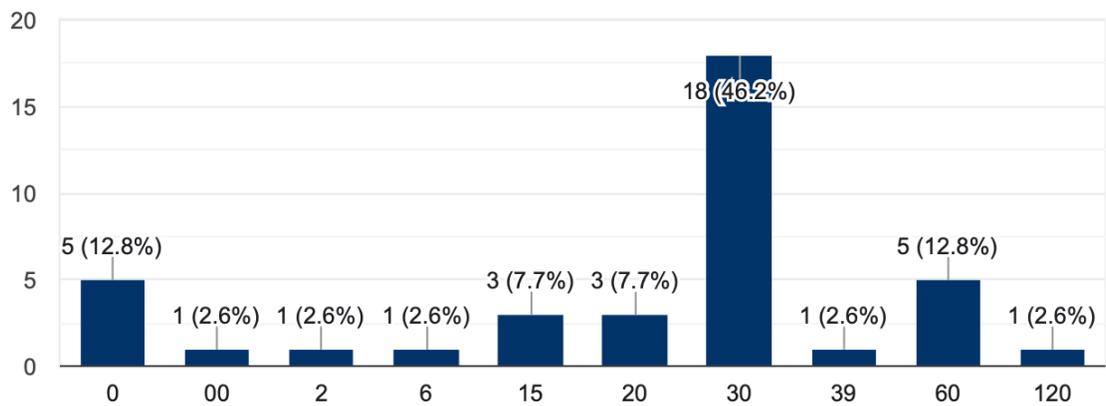
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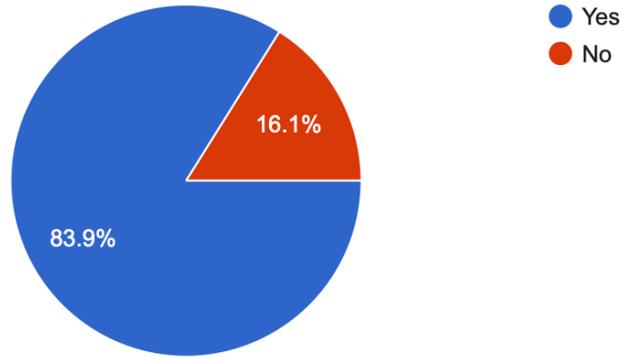
2.1.7 Maximum continuous working time (hours) (if any):



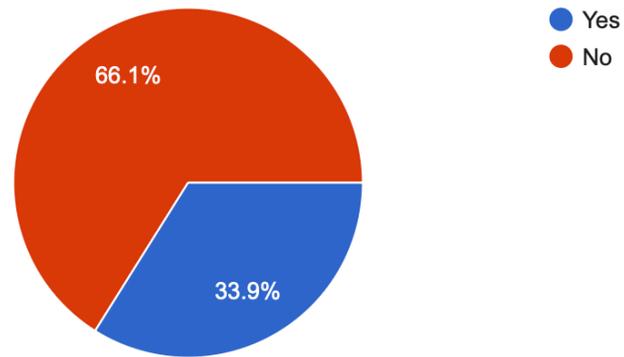
2.1.8 Minimum length of a break (minutes) (if any):



2.1.9 Are ATCOs allowed to sleep during breaks?

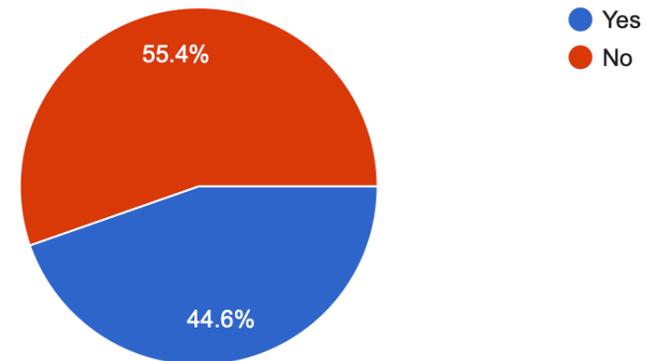


2.1.10 Can ATCOs have individual (custom) rosters?

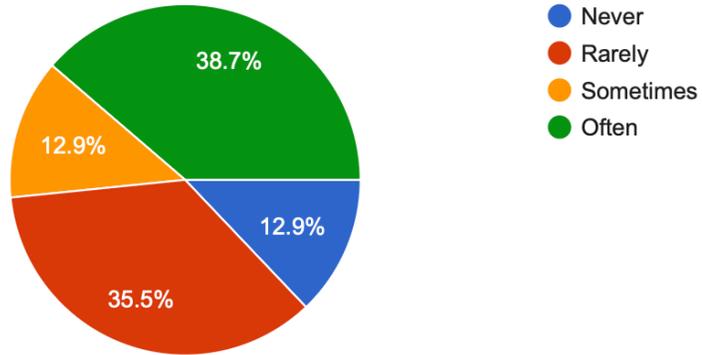


2.2 OVERTIME WORK

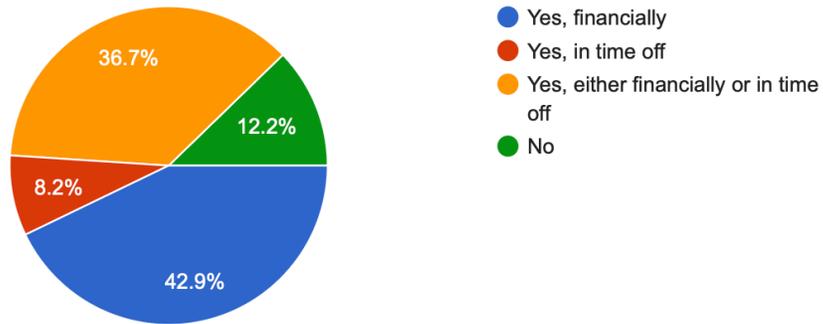
2.2.1 Is overtime work compulsory?



2.2.2 If Yes, how often?

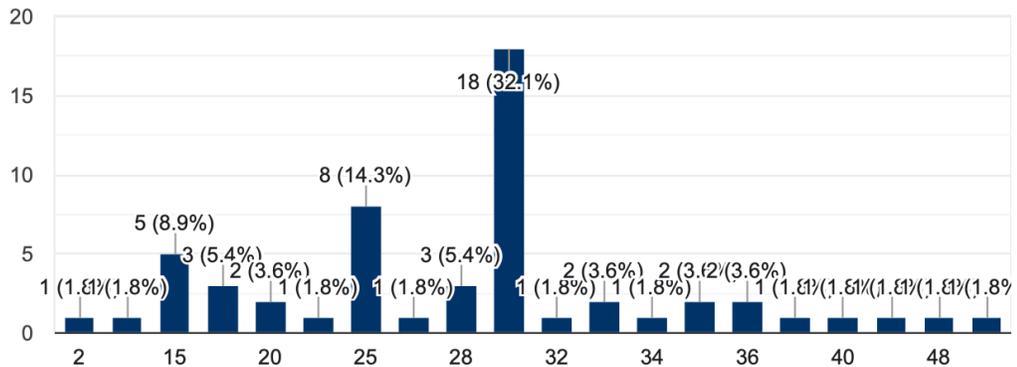


2.2.3 Is overtime compensated?

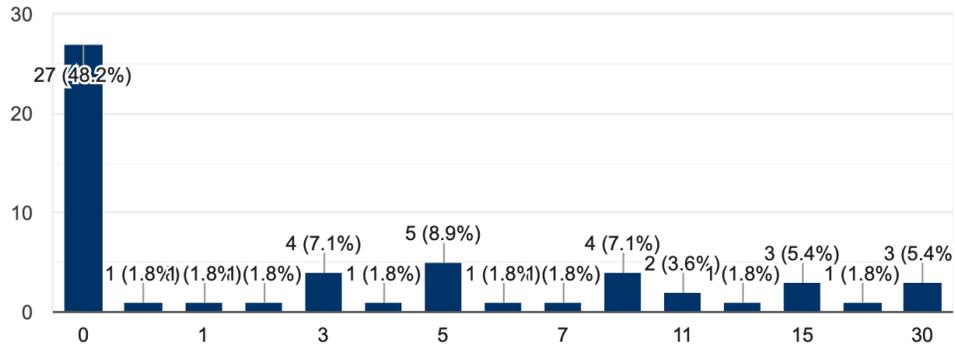


2.3 VACATION SCHEME

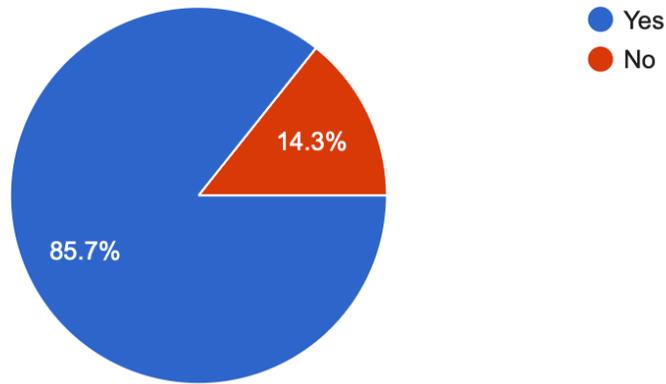
2.3.1 Number of days of paid leave per year:



2.3.2 Number of days of extra paid leave per year:

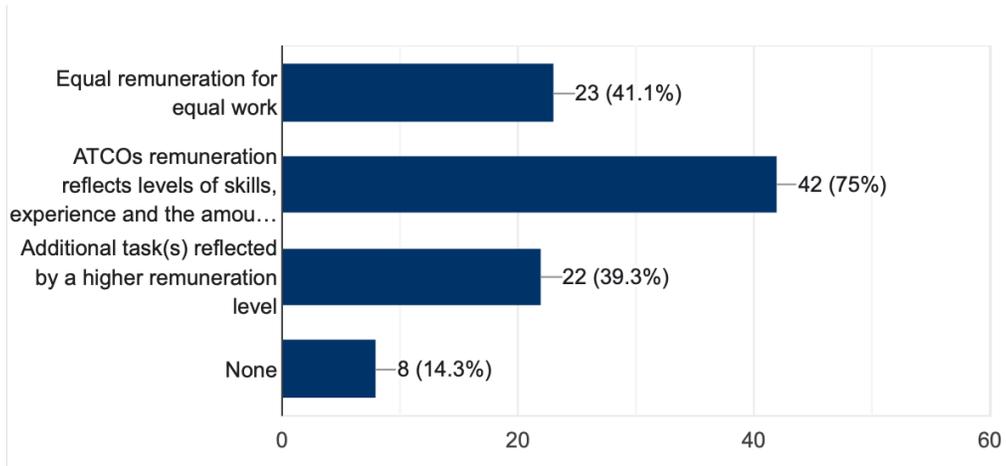


2.3.3 Is it possible to obtain unpaid leave?



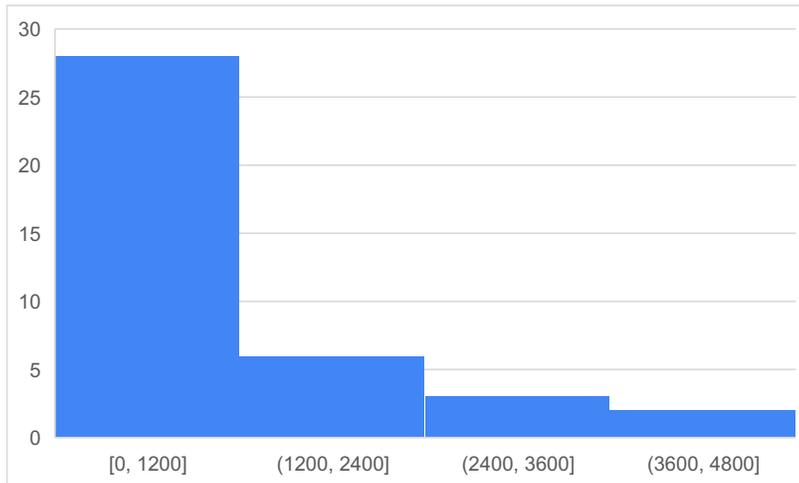
2.4 FINANCIAL ASPECTS

2.4.1 Remuneration principles implemented (select all that apply):

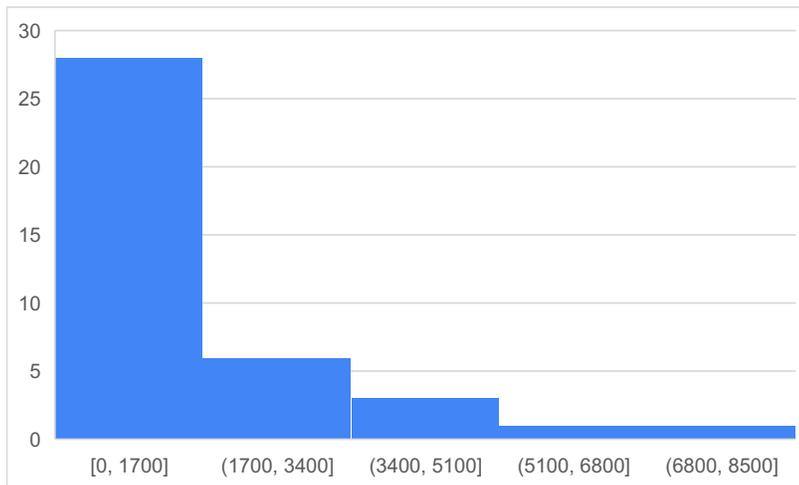


2.4.2 Salary

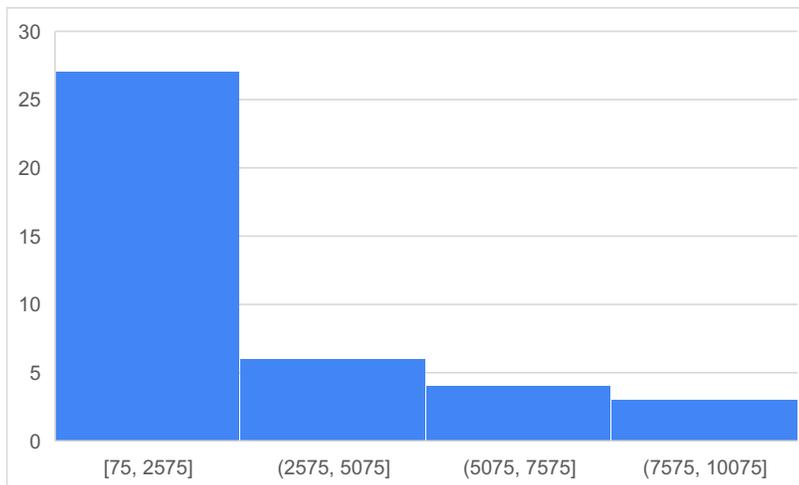
2.4.2.1 MINIMUM monthly gross salary (USD) - students:



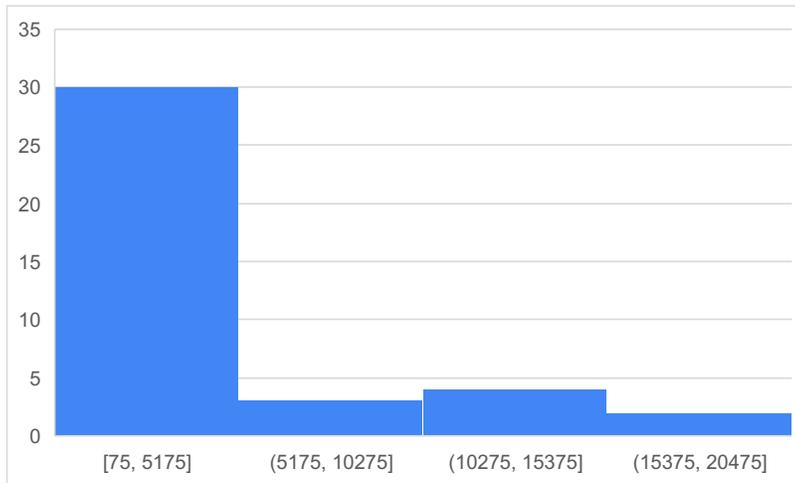
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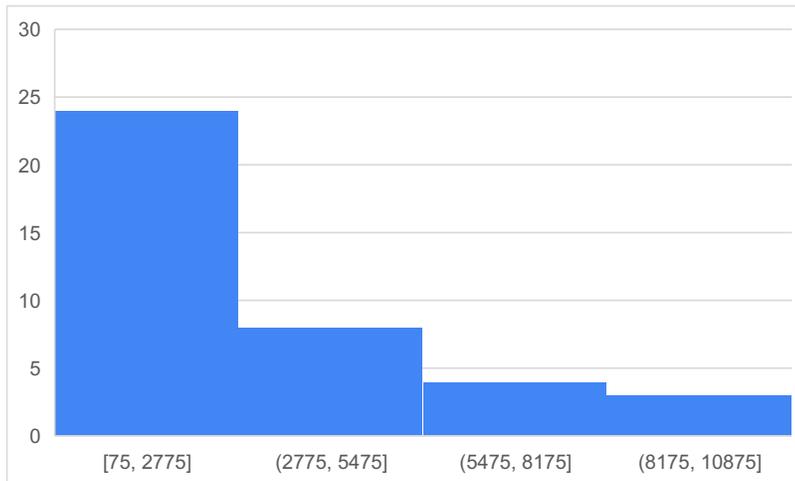
2.4.2.3 MINIMUM monthly gross salary (USD) - aerodrome (TWR) control:



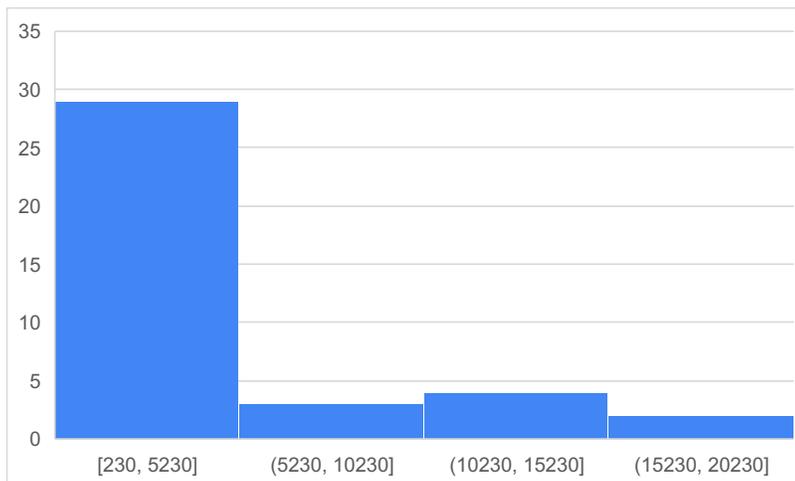
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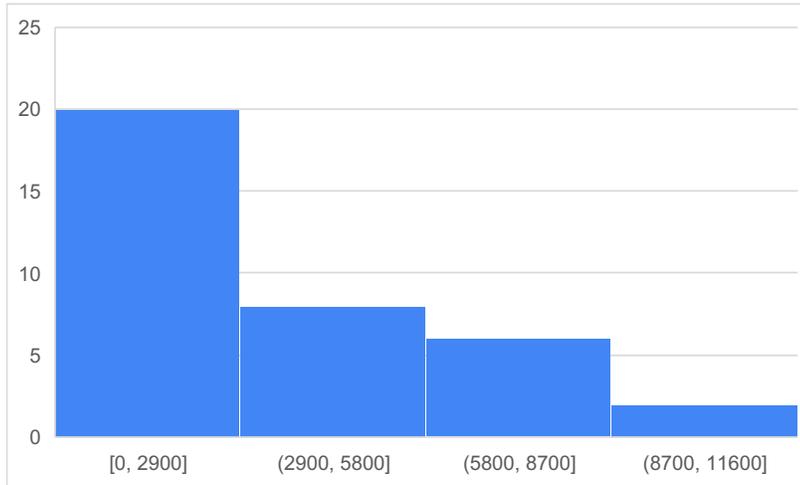
2.4.2.5 MINIMUM monthly gross salary (USD) - approach (APP) control:



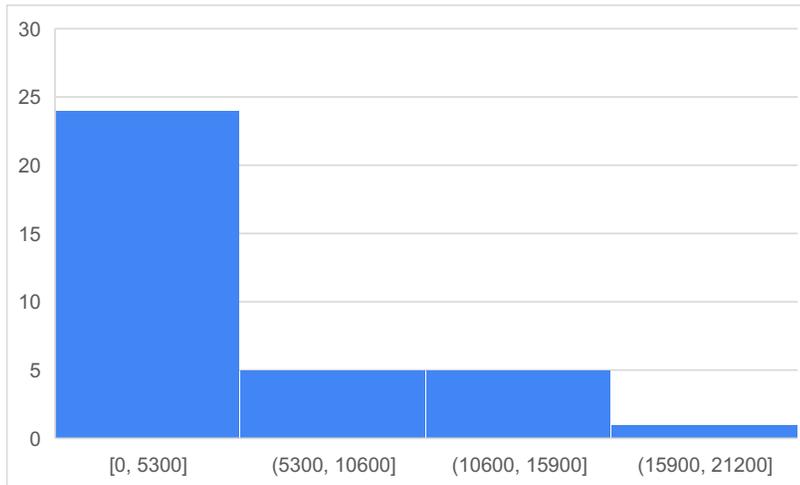
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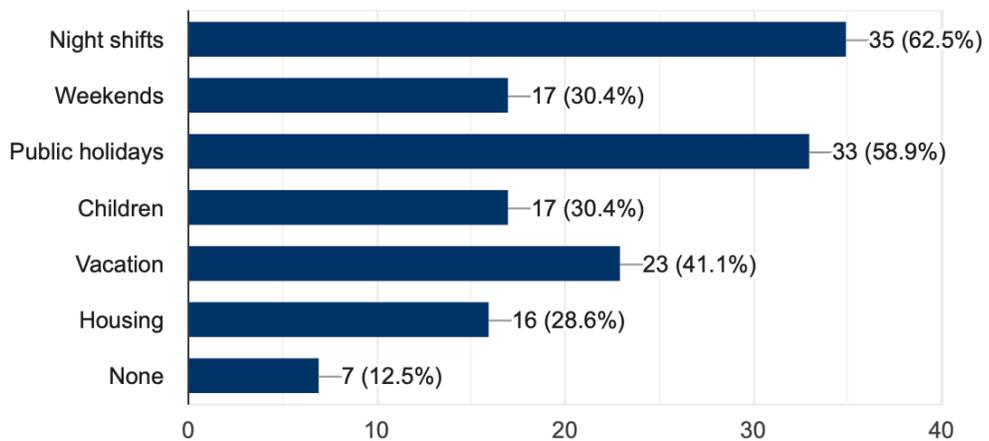
2.4.2.7 MINIMUM monthly gross salary (USD) - area (ACC) control:



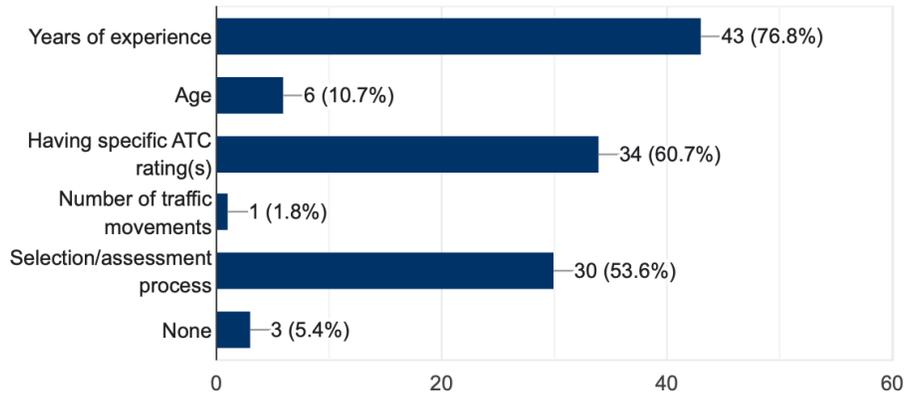
2.4.2.8 MAXIMUM monthly gross salary (USD) - area (ACC) control:



2.4.3 Allowances paid (select all that apply):

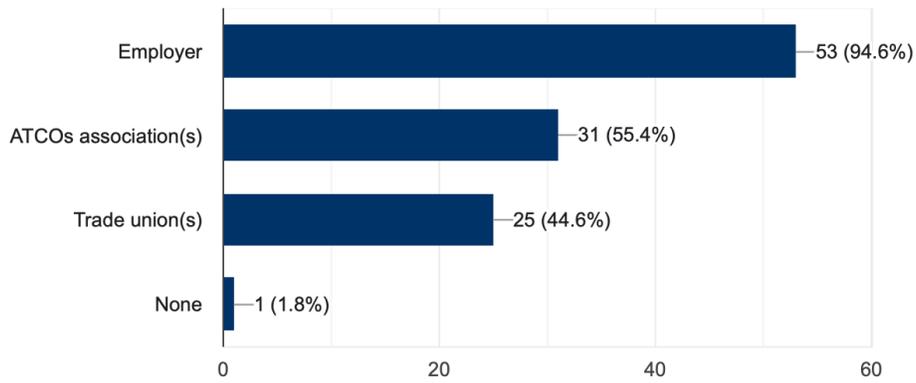


2.4.4 Promotions are determined by (select all that apply):



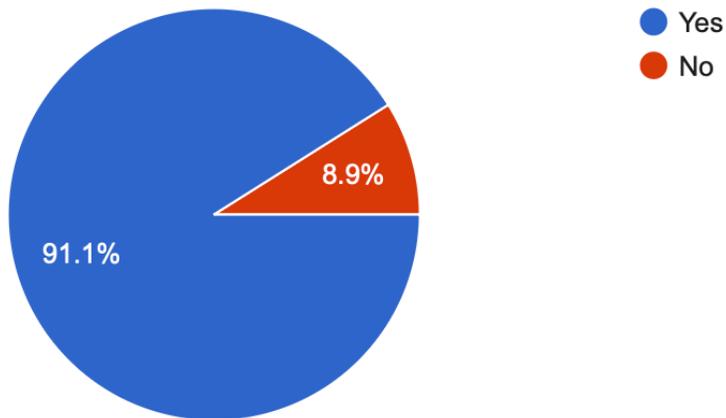
2.5 WORKING ENVIRONMENT

2.5.1 Parties involved in assessing the working environment (select all that apply):

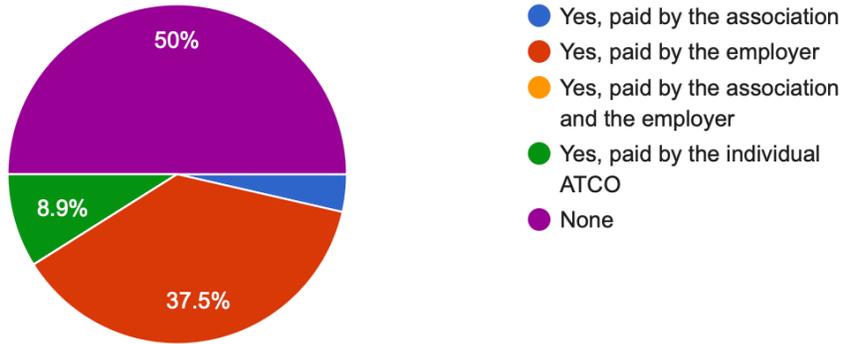


2.6 SOCIAL SECURITY

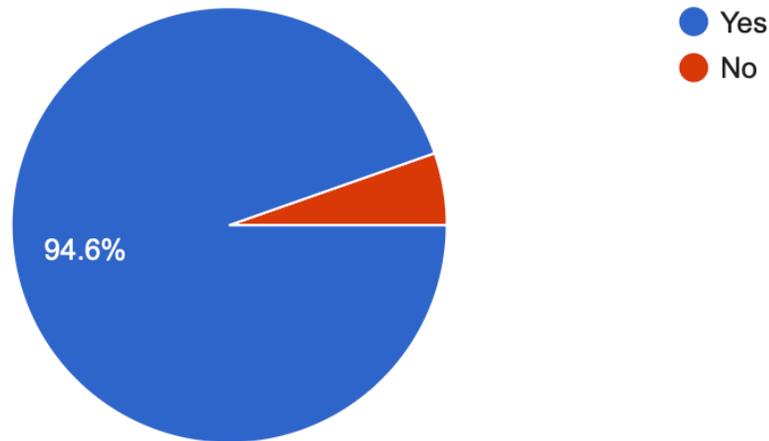
2.6.1 Licences issued in accordance with ICAO:



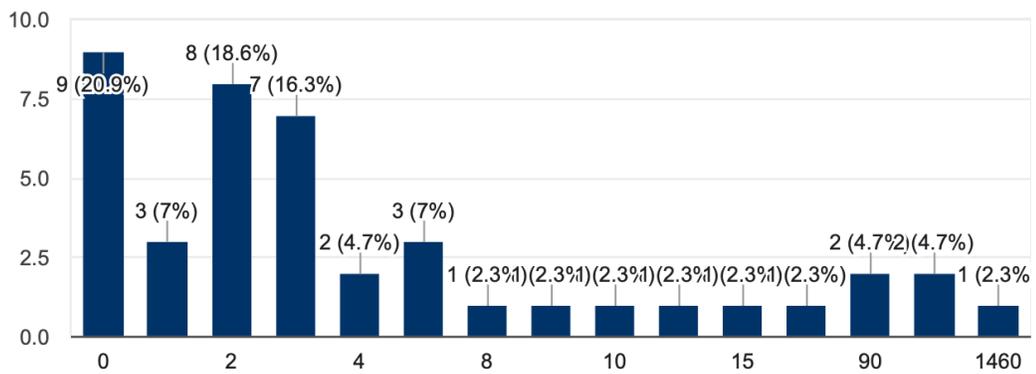
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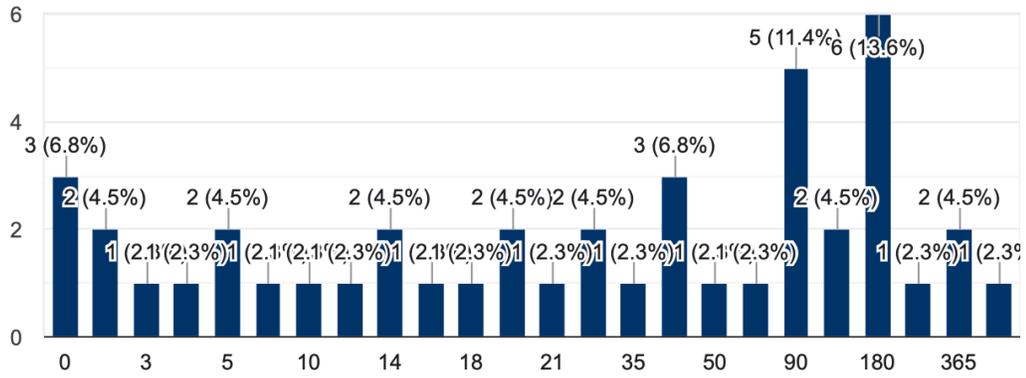
2.6.3 Sick leave:



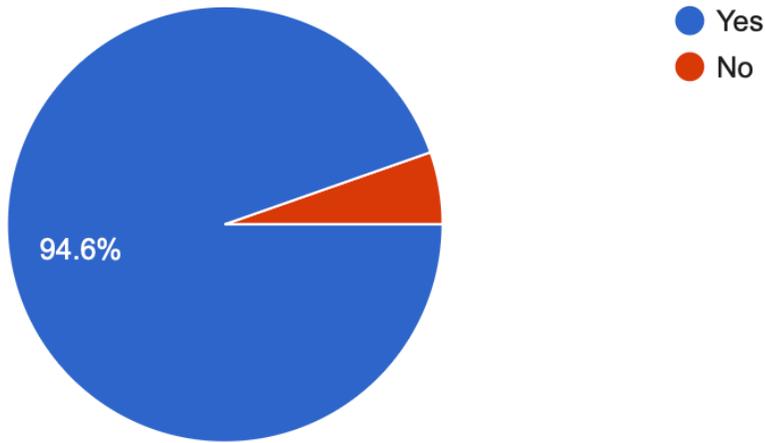
2.6.3.1 If Yes, maximum number of days without a certificate:



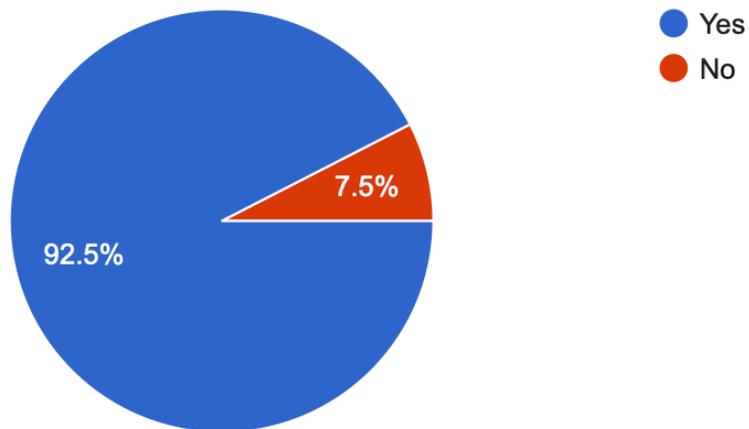
2.6.3.2 If Yes, maximum number of days fully paid:



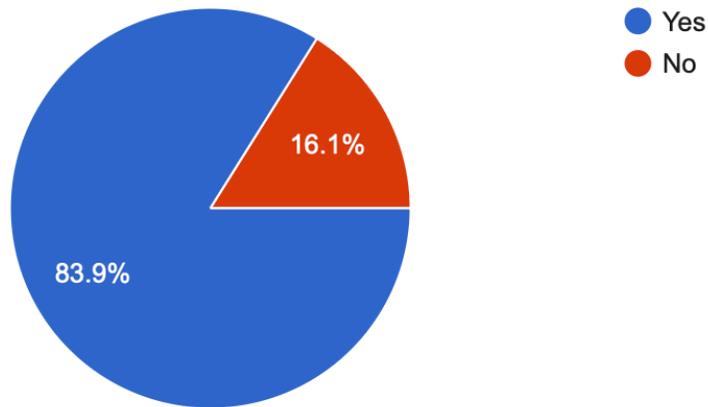
2.6.4 Pregnancy leave:



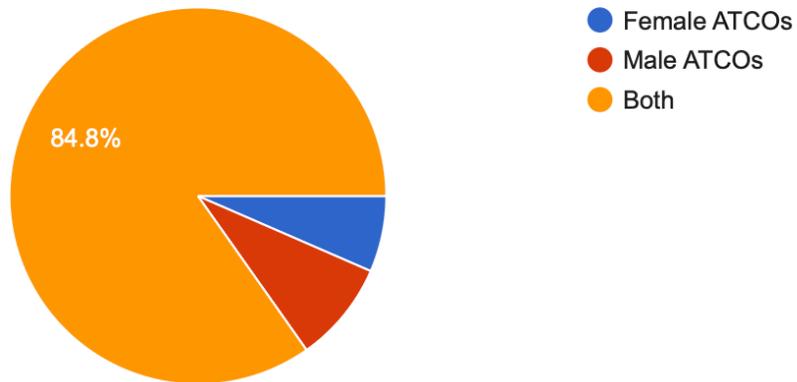
2.6.4.1 If Yes, is the leave paid?



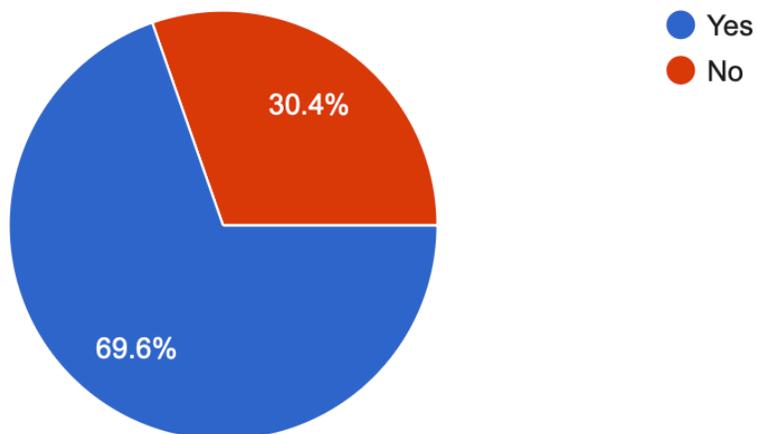
2.6.5 Parental leave:



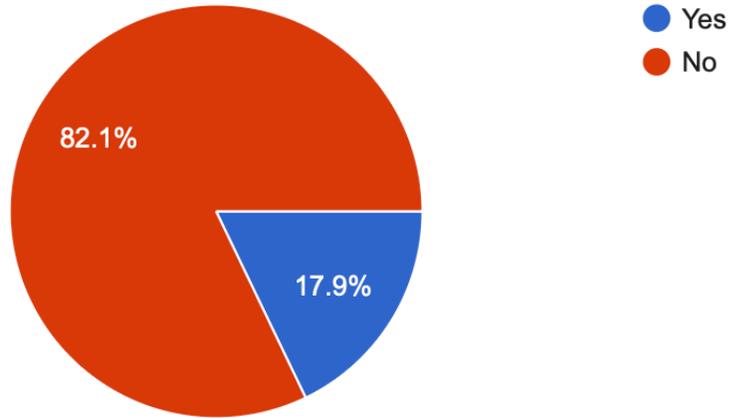
2.6.5.1 If Yes, is it available for:



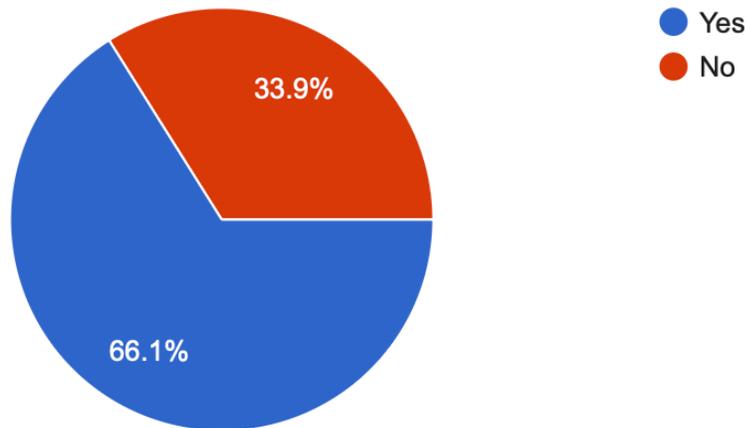
2.6.6 Medical/psychological assistance provided:



2.6.7 Ageing ATCOs policy(ies) implemented:

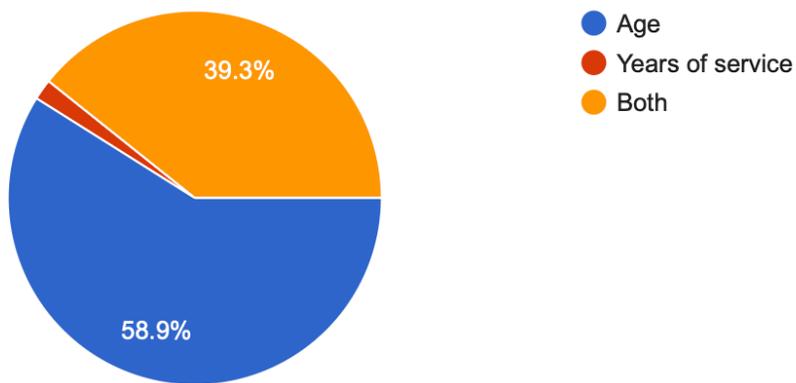


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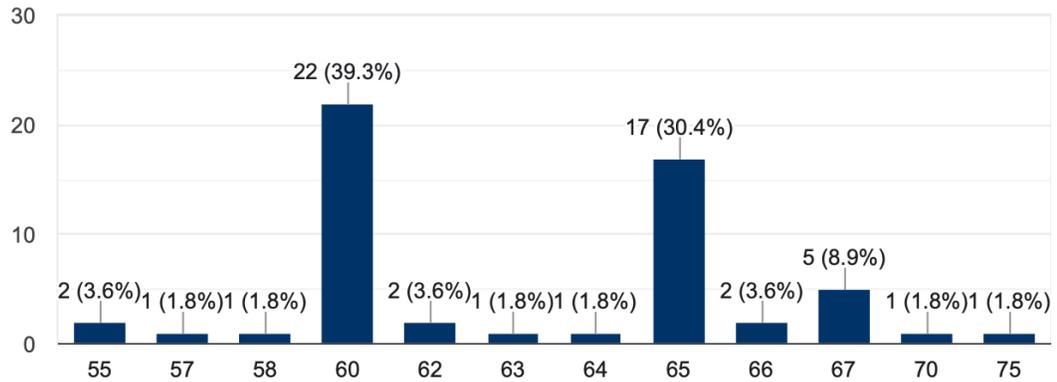


2.7 RETIREMENT

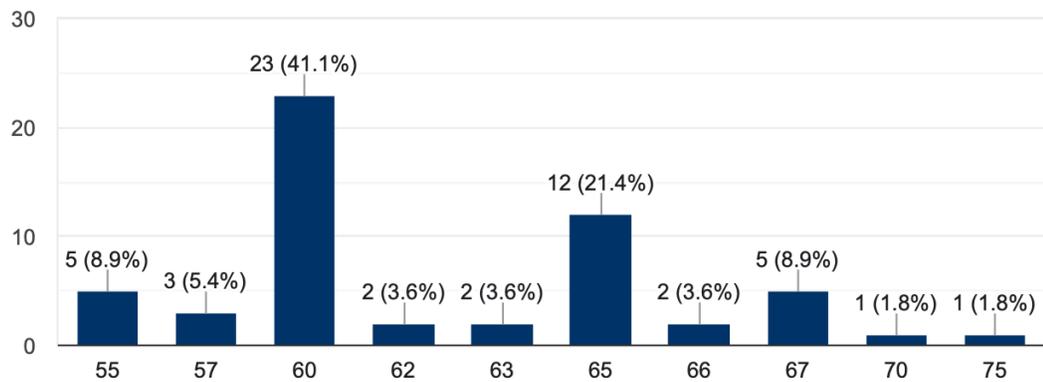
2.7.1 Conditions of retirement:



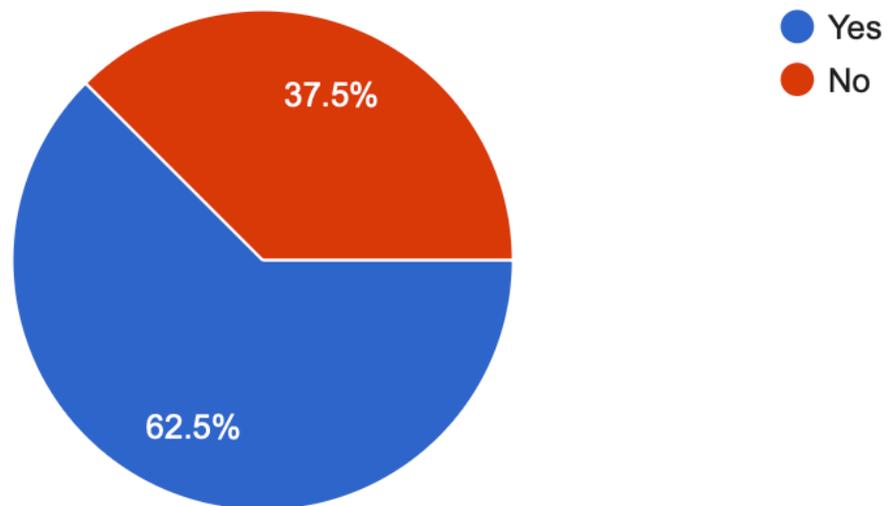
2.7.2 Retirement age for men:



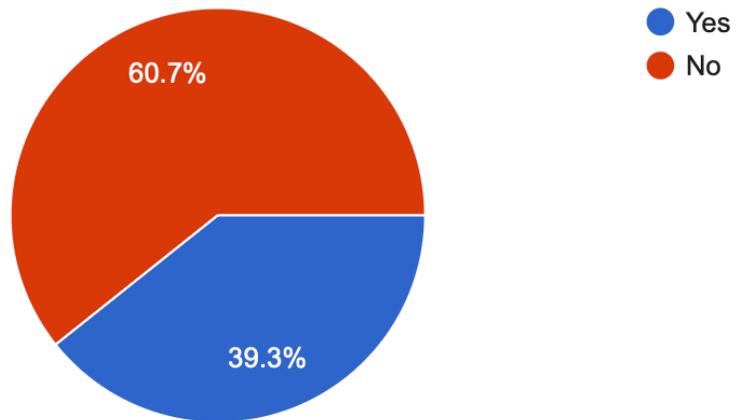
2.7.3 Retirement age for women:



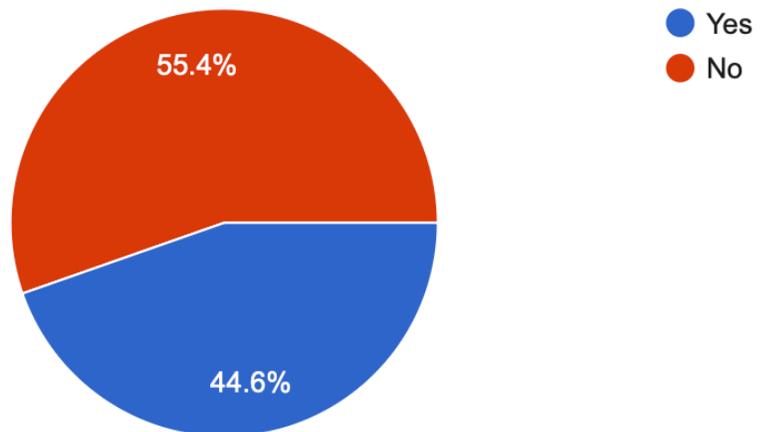
2.7.4 Is a lump sum paid?



2.7.5 Are allowances included?



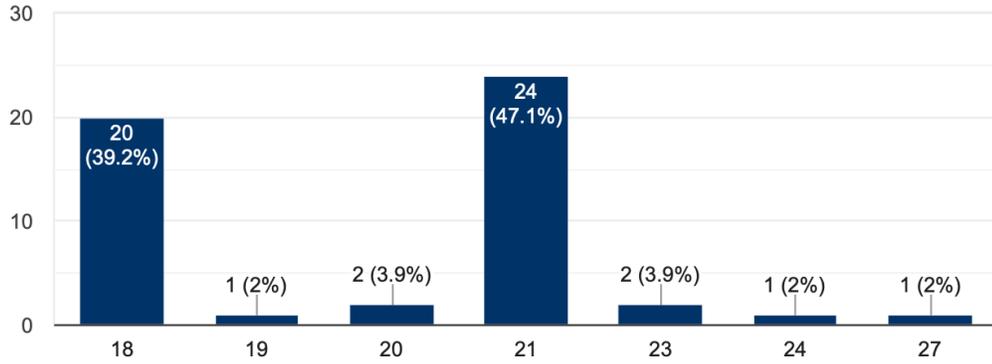
2.7.6 Is there an early retirement programme?



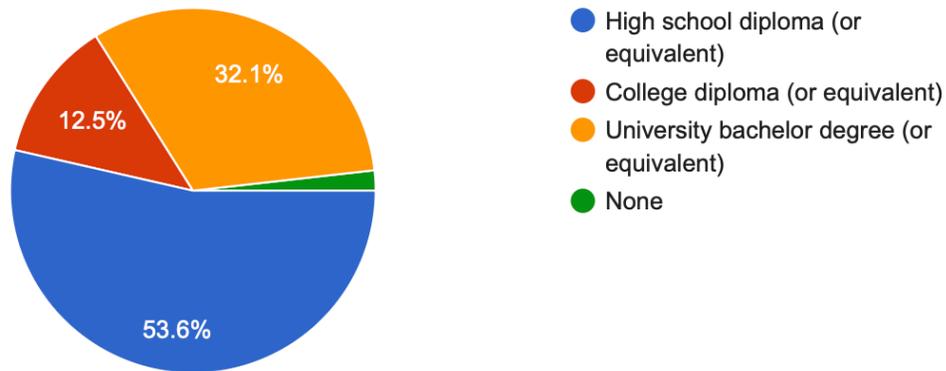
3. Professional Aspects

3.1 RECRUITMENT

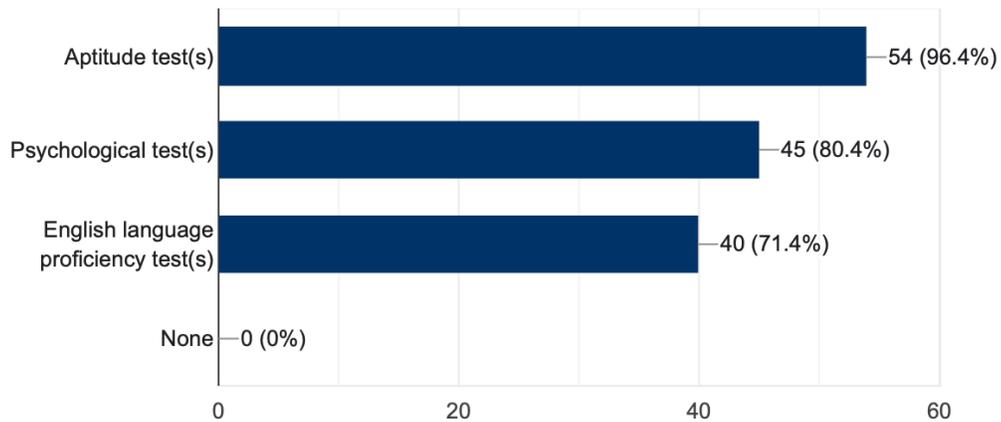
3.1.1 What is the minimum age to be recruited as ATCO (if applicable)?



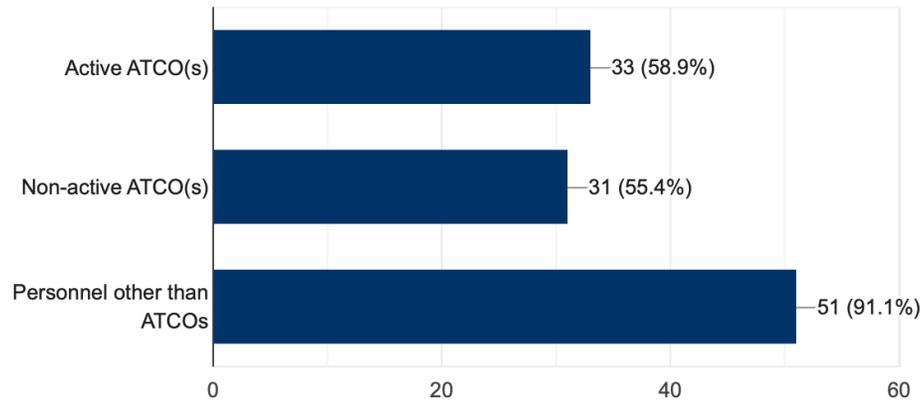
3.1.2 What is the entry standard required to be an ATCO?



3.1.3 The selection process comprises (select all that apply):

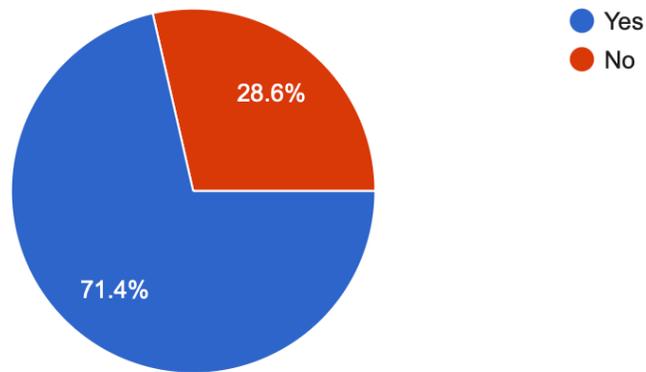


3.1.4 The selection committee is composed of (select all that apply):

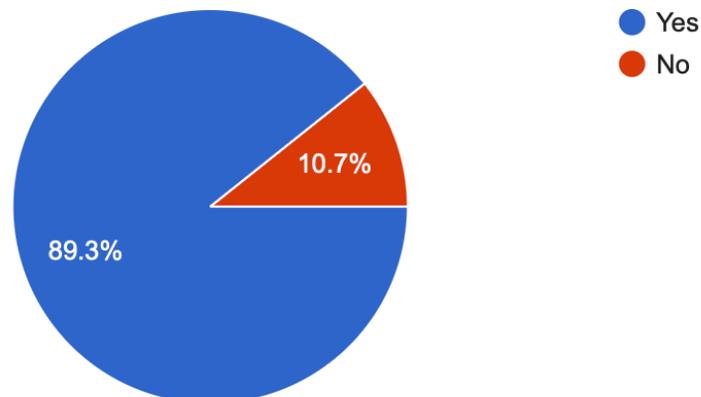


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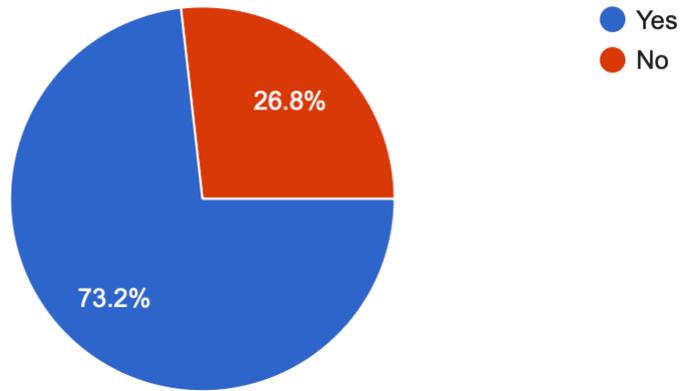
3.2.1 Is there an approved training organization (ATO) in your State?



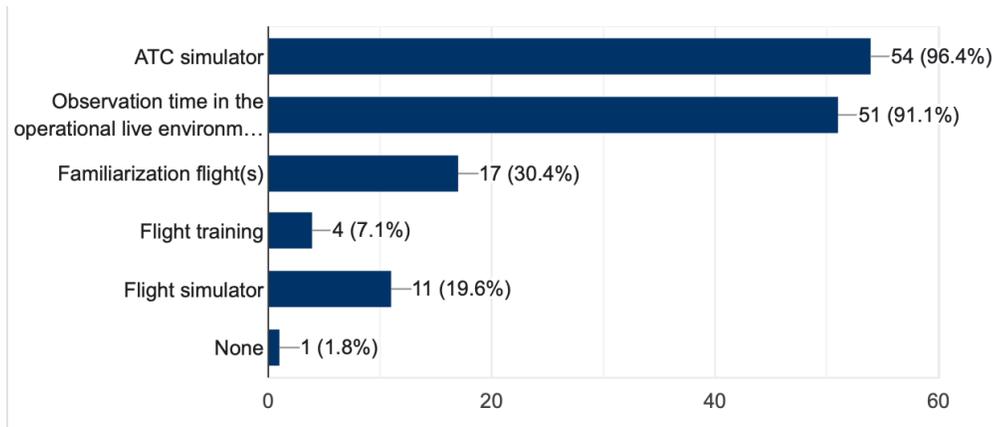
3.2.2 Are the training and assessment plans compliant with ICAO (Annex 1, PANS-TRG Doc 9868)?



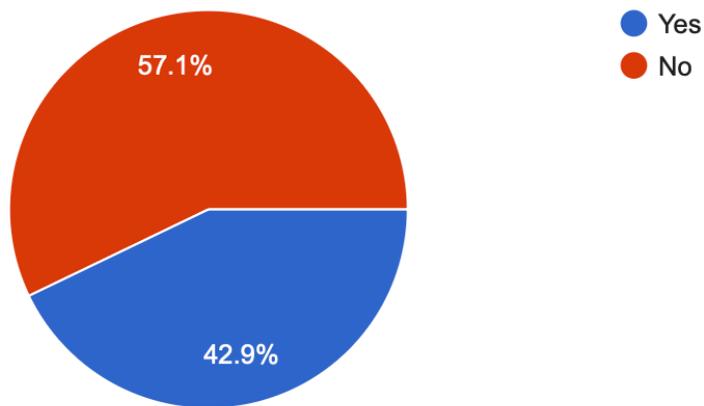
3.2.2.1 Has the competency-based training and assessment methodology (ICAO Doc 10056) been implemented?



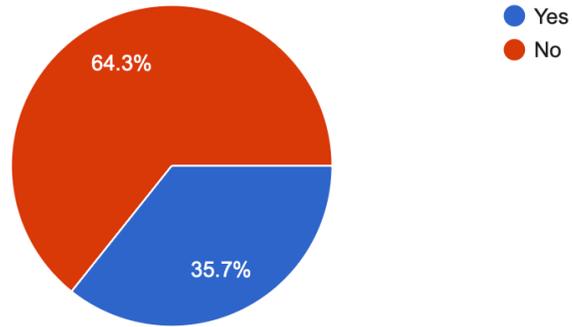
3.2.3 The training curriculum includes (select all that apply):



3.2.4 Is training in your State available for foreign students?

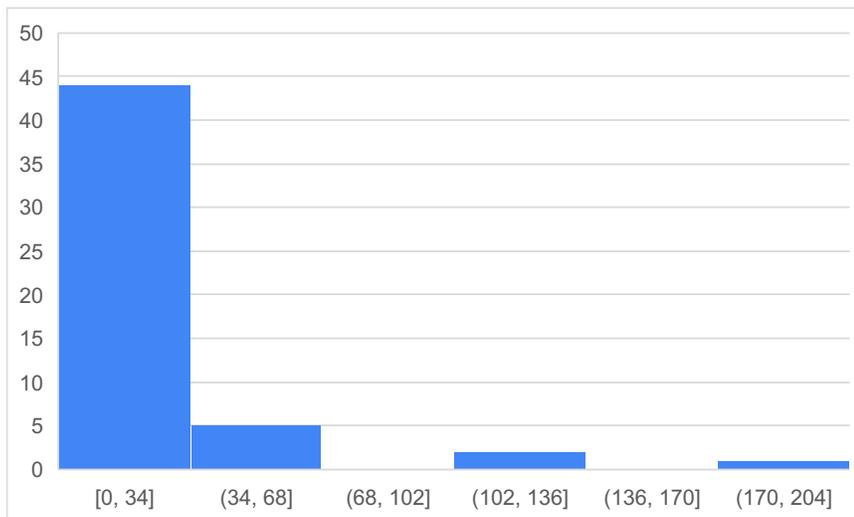


3.2.5 Are scholarships offered/available?

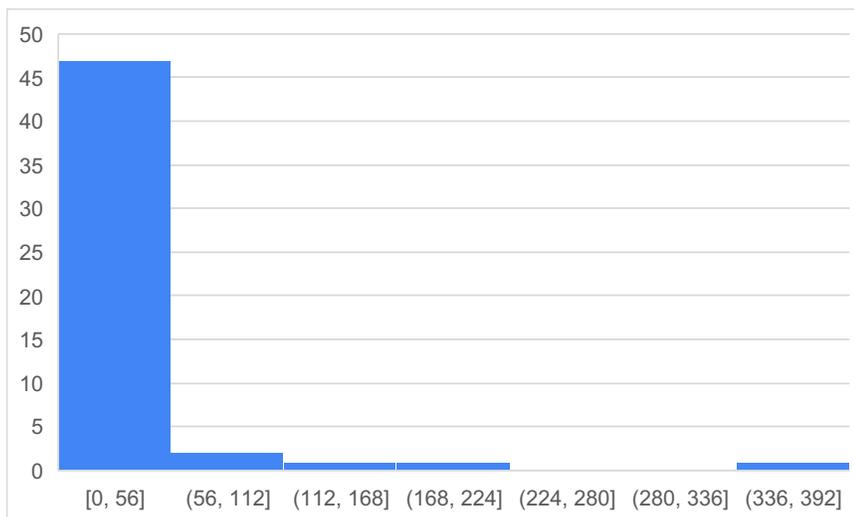


3.3 TRAINING AFTER VALIDATION

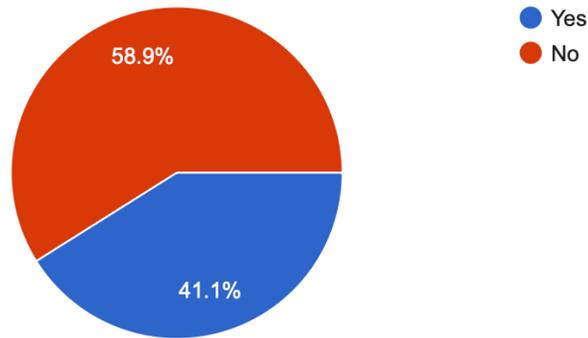
3.3.1 Number of hours of theoretical refresher per ATCO per year:



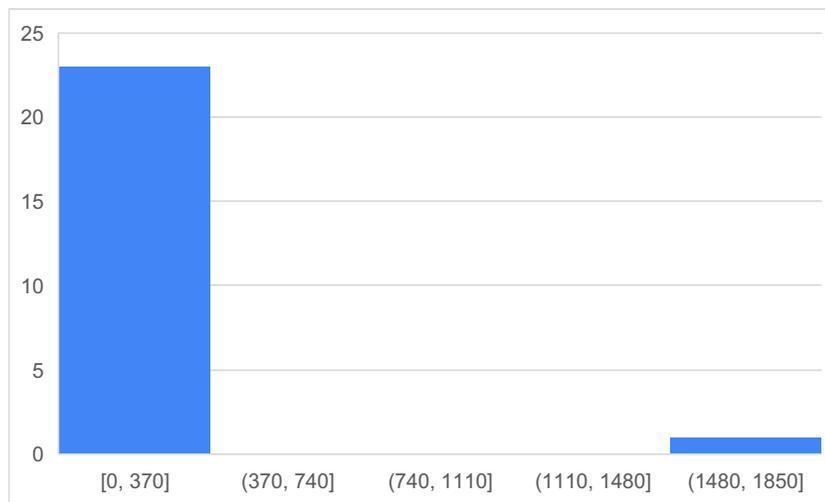
3.3.2 Number of hours of practical exercises (simulator) per ATCO per year:



3.3.3 Is there a programme in place to achieve and maintain English language proficiency?

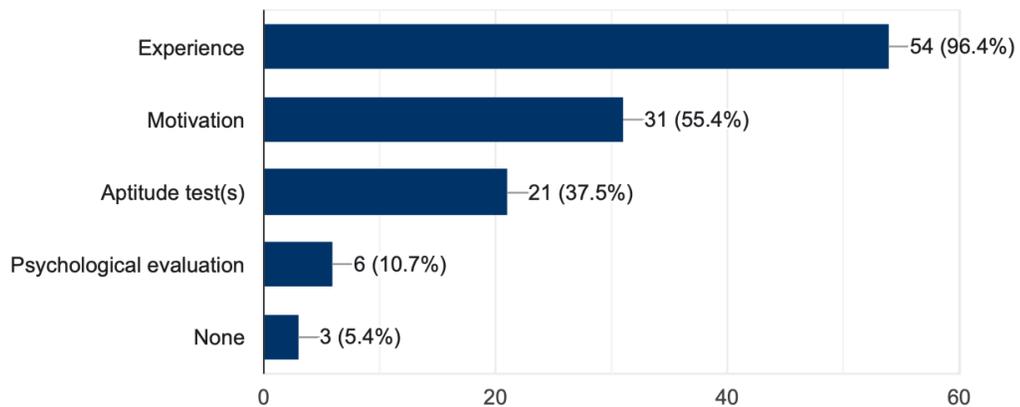


3.3.3.1 Number of hours of English language training per ATCO per year (if applicable):

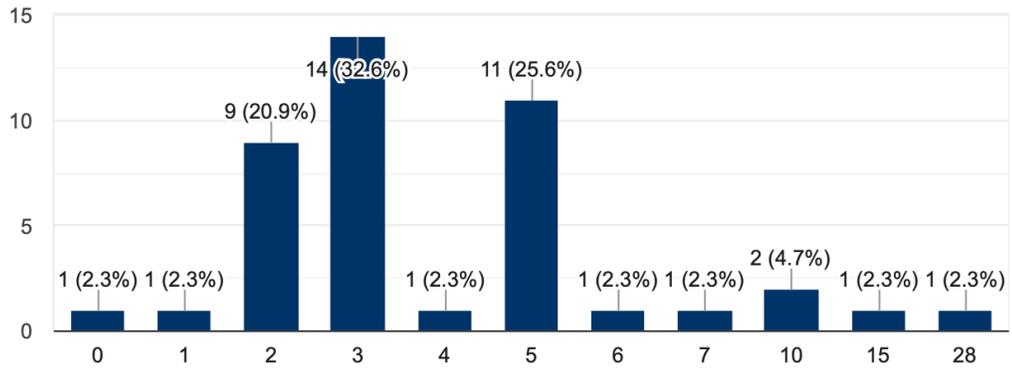


3.4 ON-THE-JOB TRAINING INSTRUCTORS (OJTIs) SELECTION

3.4.1 Which of the following criteria are used for OJTIs selection (select all that apply)?

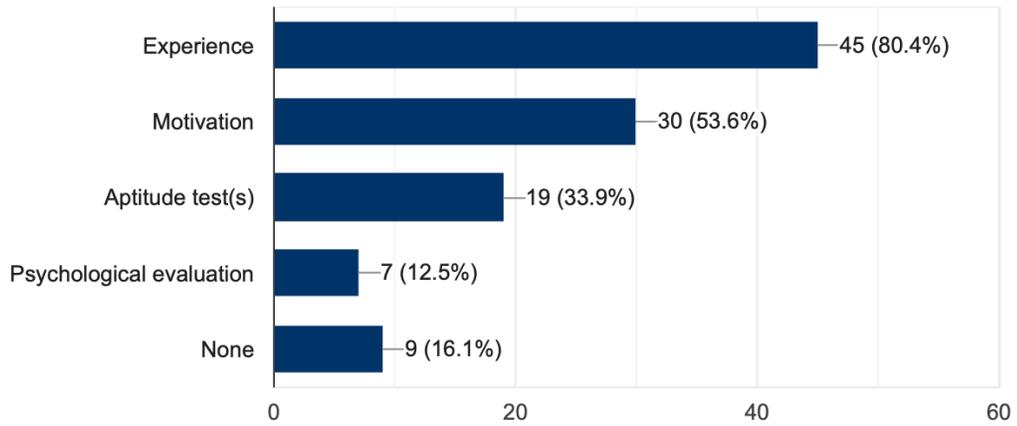


3.4.1.1 If experienced is considered in the selection process, what is the minimum, in years (if applicable)?

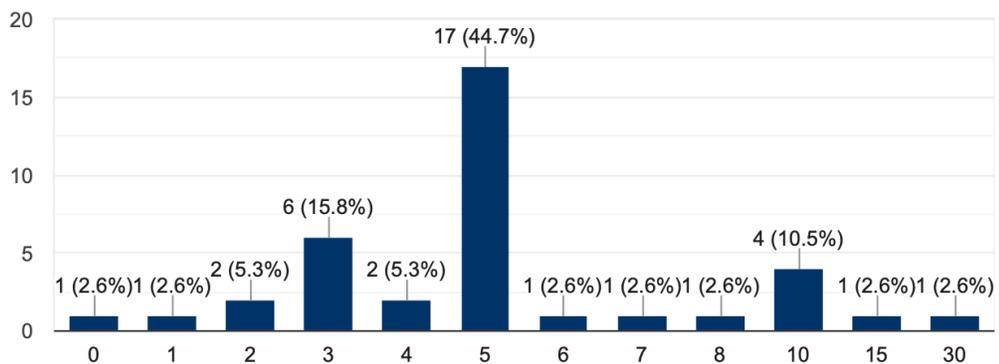


3.5 ASSESSORS SELECTION

3.5.1 Which of the following criteria are used for assessors selection (select all that apply)?

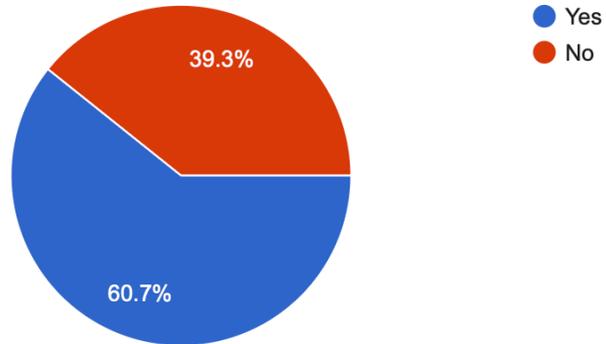


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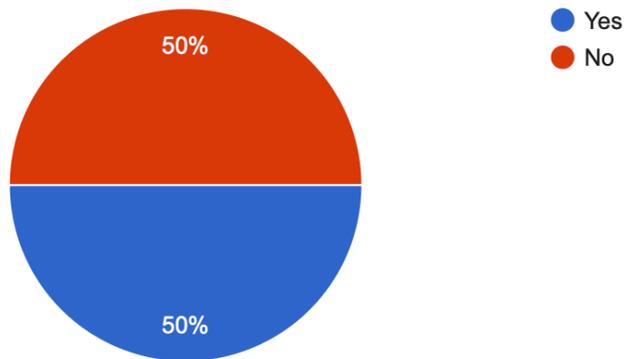


3.6 REFRESHER TRAINING

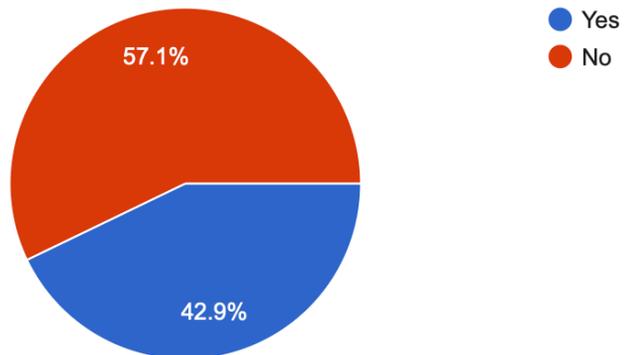
3.6.1 Refresher courses for ATCOs are provided at regular intervals:



3.6.2 Refresher courses for OJTIs are provided at regular intervals:

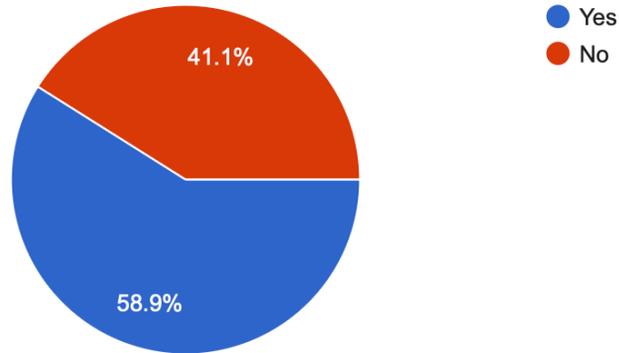


3.6.3 Refresher courses for assessors are provided at regular intervals:

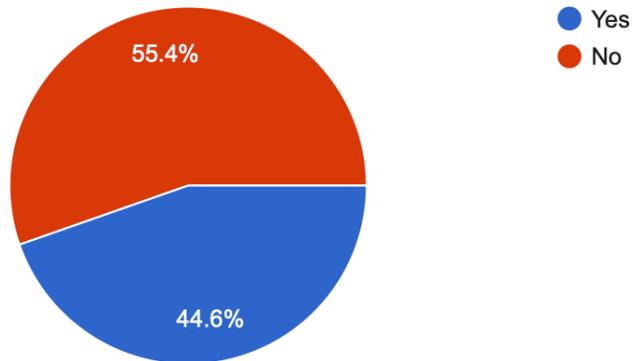


3.7 MANAGERIAL TRAINING

3.7.1 Supervisor courses are available:

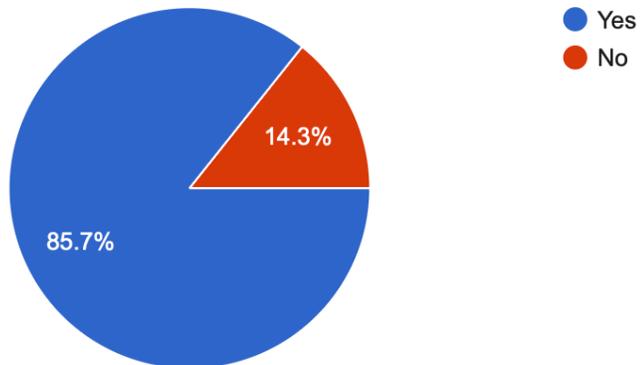


3.7.2 Management courses are available:

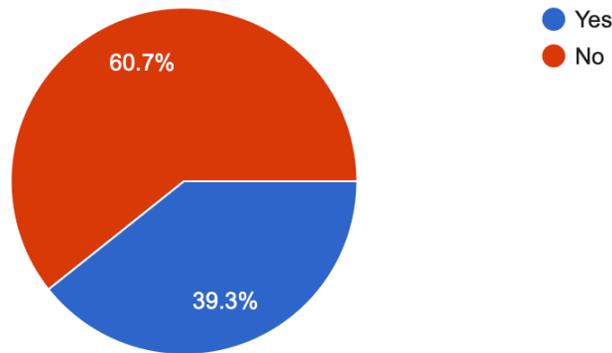


3.8 SAFETY SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTED BY THE ANSP

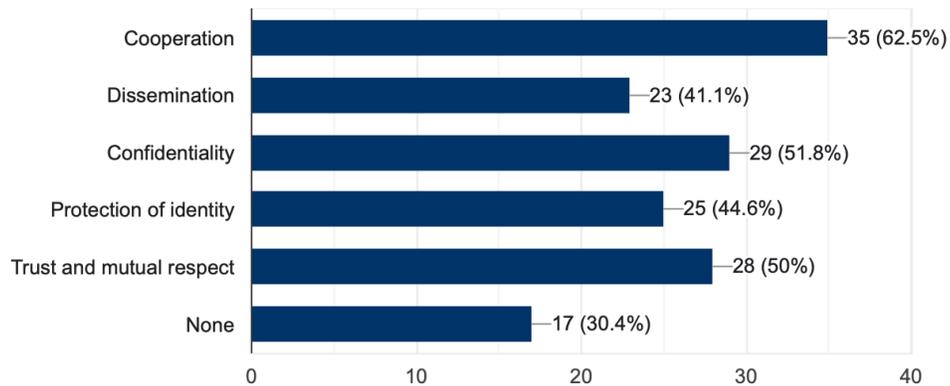
3.8.1 A Safety Management System (SMS) has been implemented by the ANSP:



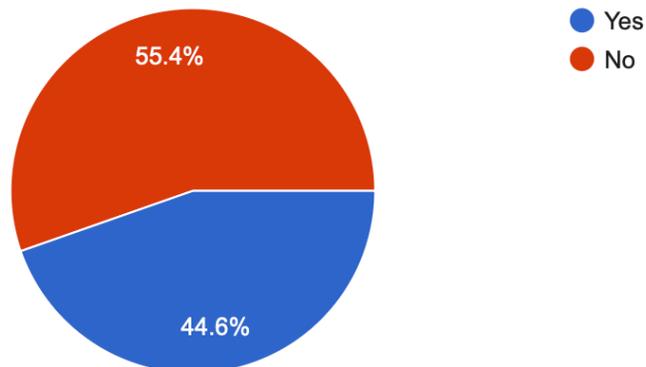
3.8.2 A Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) programme has been implemented by the ANSP:



3.8.3 The following Just Culture (JC) principles have been implemented by the ANSP (select all that apply):



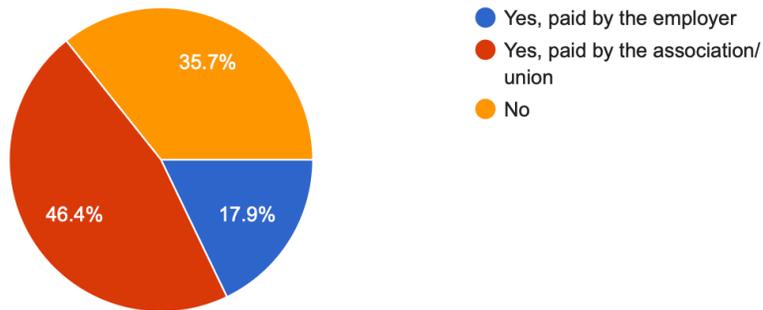
3.8.4 Fatigue Policy: countermeasures to sleepiness and fatigue have been implemented by the ANSP:



4. Legal Aspects

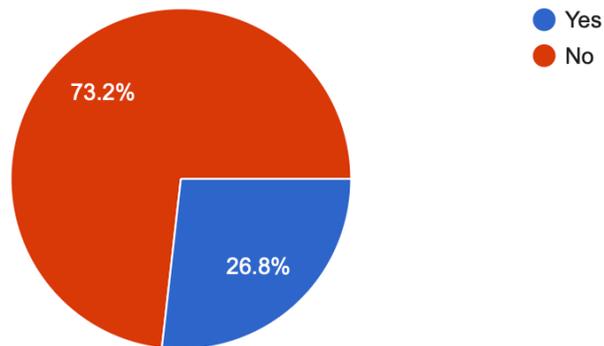
4.1 LEGAL LIABILITY PROTECTION

4.1.1 Is legal defence provided?

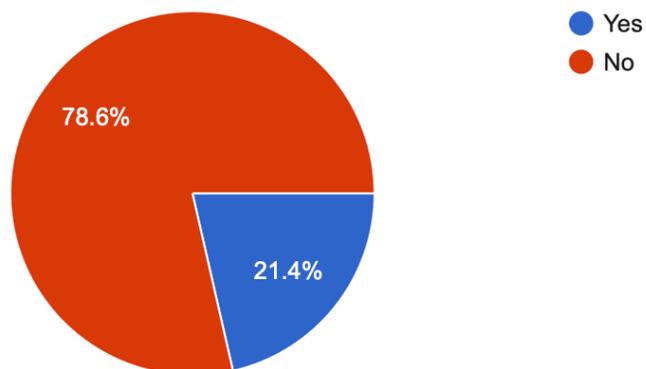


4.2 ASSOCIATION INVOLVEMENT IN SAFETY AND QUALITY ANALYSES

4.2.1 Is the association involved in safety investigations?

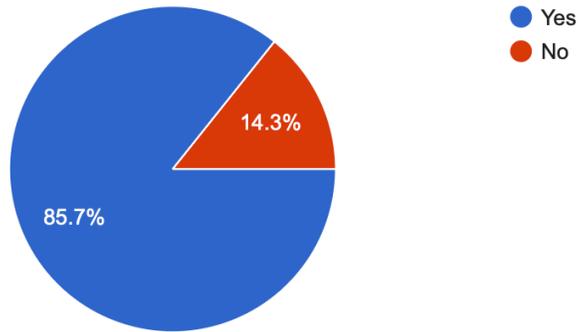


4.2.2 Is the association involved in quality evaluations of services provided?

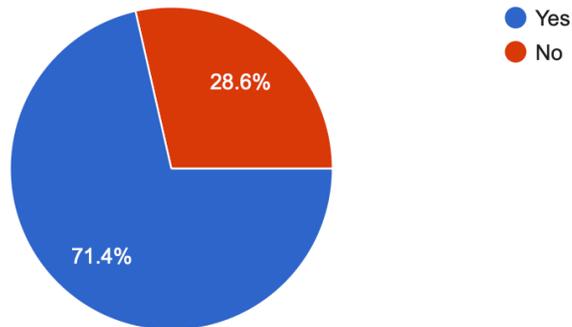


5. Involvement in the Development of Procedures, Equipment and Safety Tools

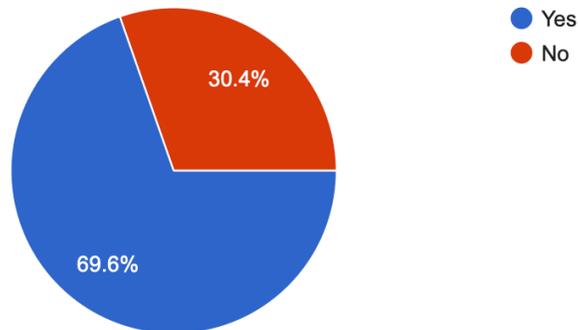
5.1 Are ATCOs involved in developing or amending procedures?



5.2 Are ATCOs involved in developing or amending equipment and/or ATC systems?



5.3 Are ATCOs involved in developing or amending safety tools?



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