Can B2 Certifying Staff hold A licence equivalent task certification privileges?

The short answer is yes! B2 Certifying staff may hold limited authorisation related to specific tasks, the approval is issued by the 145 organisation and is not transferrable.

See the following for guidance:

66.A.20(a)(3)(ii) 3. A category B2 aircraft maintenance licence shall permit the holder:

(ii) to issue certificates of release to service following minor scheduled line maintenance and simple defect rectification within the limits of tasks specifically endorsed on the certification authorisation referred to in point 145.A.35 of Annex II (Part-145).

This certification privilege shall be restricted to work that the licence holder has personally performed in the maintenance organisation which issued the certification authorisation and limited to the ratings already endorsed in the B2 licence. (The category B2 licence does not include any A subcategory.)

145.A.35 (o) The holder of a category B2 aircraft maintenance licence may only exercise the certification privileges described in point 66.A.20(a)(3)(ii) of Annex III (Part-66) following the satisfactory completion of

- (i) the relevant category A aircraft task training and
- (ii) 6 months of documented practical experience covering the scope of the authorisation that will be issued.

The task training shall include practical hands on training and theoretical training as appropriate for each task authorised.

Satisfactory completion of training shall be demonstrated by an examination or by workplace assessment.

Task training and examination/assessment shall be carried out by the maintenance organisation issuing the certifying staff authorisation.

The practical experience shall be also obtained within such maintenance organisation.

AMC 145.A.35(o)

Notes based on AMC 145.A.35(o)

This privilege cannot be transferred to another Part-145 approved organisation.

When a B2 licence holder already holds a certifying staff authorisation containing minor scheduled line maintenance and simple defect rectification for a particular aircraft type, new tasks relevant to category A can be added to that type without requiring another 6 months of experience. However, task training (theoretical plus practical hands-on) and examination/assessment for these additional tasks is still required

When the certifying staff authorisation intends to cover several aircraft types, the experience may be combined within a single 6-month period.

For the addition of new types to the certifying staff authorisation, another 6 months should be required unless the aircraft is considered similar. The term '6 months of experience' may include full-time employment or part-time employment.

The important aspect is that the person has been involved during a period of 6 months (not necessarily every day) in those tasks which are going to be part of the authorisation.