



CAAB'S CHARGING SCHEME



Notice of Imposition
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NOTICE OF IMPOSITION

CAAB's consultation process

The Civil Aviation Authority of The Bahamas (CAAB) published on the 31st August 2020 the Notice of Intent describing the CAAB's intention to implement a charging scheme for air traffic control services (ATC) and regulatory oversight activities. This Notice of Intent was publicly disseminated, and it is available on the CAAB's website (www.bcaabahamas.com/notice-of-intent-caabs-charging-scheme/).

On the 18th of November 2020, the CAAB held an initial consultation meeting with the Airspace Users. The dissemination material presented during the meeting is available on the CAAB's website (www.bcaabahamas.com/caab-consultation-meeting-presentation/). The meeting was open to all Airspace Users and the general public.

Airspace Users and the general public were given until the 30th of November 2020 to provide comments and suggestions. The CAAB's responses to the comments and suggestions are available on its website (www.bcaabahamas.com/caab-consultation-meeting-response-to-airspace-users/).

On the 21st of December 2020, the CAAB held the closure meeting of the consultation process. The meeting was open to all Airspace Users and the general public. The CAAB presented the latest update of the charging scheme, and the meeting attendants were given the opportunity to provide additional insights.

This document describes the final version of the CAAB's charging scheme, which will become effective on the 1st of March 2021. The CAAB will publish in due time a supplement to The Bahamas Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) with all of the detailed operational information required to fully comply with the applicable ICAO's recommendations.

Outcome of the consultation meeting on the 21st of December 2020

After consultation with the Airspace Users, the CAAB has reviewed the investment plan, to reflect the comments and suggestions that were received. This has allowed for the reduction of the current projected capital expenditure figure, by eliminating two (2) investment items:

1. PSR2D/MSSR sites at Freeport and Crooked Island, in favor of ADS-B surveillance technology. The CAAB will assess the need for radar technology at a later stage, ensuring adequate engagement of the Airspace Users in the process. The CAAB will explore the possibility of sharing surveillance infrastructure with the neighboring FIRs, as a way to enhance cost-efficiency.



- VOR/DME stations in Exuma, Andros, Long Island, and Crooked Island. Based on the received feedback, the CAAB has decided to withdraw the investment earmarked for VOR technology from the investment plan for the time being. However, the CAAB intends to build a back-up infrastructure for PBN operations (terminal and en-route), based on the deployment of four (4) DME stations, which are therefore kept in the plan.

The updated investment plan allows for the reduction of the total capital expenditure for 2021-25 from 49.3 m USD to 33.3 m USD, resulting in a reduction of the ATC fees.

The rest of the capital investments remain as indicated in the document: *Consultation Meeting with Airspace Users – Response to Comments (7th of December 2020)*, which is available on the CAAB's website (www.bcaabahamas.com/caab-consultation-meeting-response-to-airspace-users/).

Additionally, the CAAB has reviewed its operating costs to reflect the progress of the negotiation with the external service providers. In particular, the FAA's service fee for sharing the flight data required to bill the Airspace Users has been updated based on the latest figures available as communicated by the FAA.

The resulting fees are listed in the next section. Note that the CAAB has progressively reduced the ATC fee applied to the overflights, during the consultation process, to continuously reflect the latest available information and the feedback received by Airspace Users. The overflight fee contained in this Notice of Imposition is 15.4% lower than the fee published in the Notice of Intent.

CAAB's charging scheme

All aircraft Maximum Take-Off Weights (MTOW) referenced in this Notice of Imposition are considered as certified by the aircraft manufacturer.

The CAAB's charging scheme is structured as follows:

- Aircraft transiting The Bahamas' airspace without landing in or taking off from The Bahamas will be charged a distance-based fee, which will depend on the aircraft MTOW in accordance with the following table:

Aircraft MTOW	BSD per 100 nautical miles
10,000 kg and below	\$8.50
10,001 kg to 20,000 kg	\$16.90
20,001 kg to 40,000 kg	\$29.60
40,001 kg to 60,000 kg	\$38.00
60,001 kg and above	\$51.60



The charges will be calculated based on the Great Circle Distance (GCD) between (i) the point of entry into The Bahamas' airspace and (ii) the point of exit from The Bahamas' airspace.

- Aircraft landing in or departing from The Bahamas will be charged a flat fee, which will depend on the aircraft MTOW in accordance with the following table:

Aircraft MTOW	BSD per flight
10,000 kg and below	\$10.00
10,001 kg to 20,000 kg	\$20.00
20,001 kg to 40,000 kg	\$35.00
40,001 kg to 60,000 kg	\$45.00
60,001 kg and above	\$61.00

The charges will be levied on a per-flight basis.

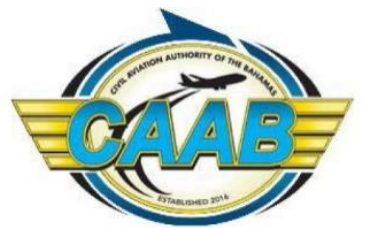
- Passengers landing in or departing from The Bahamas will be charged a flat fee of one dollar (\$1.00). The charges will be levied on a per-flight basis.

The following aircrafts are exempted from the CAAB's charges:

- a) Aircraft engaged in search or rescue operations or the provision of emergency medical services.
- b) Aircraft performing an emergency landing at an airport other than the airport of its intended destination.
- c) Aircraft operated by private users and powered by a single piston-engine.
- d) Aircraft owned or chartered by the Government of The Bahamas.
- e) Aircraft belonging to the Armed Forces or Governments of ICAO's member states.

Questions and concerns

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