



Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS



With effect from 25 March 2021, the new Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs) will come into effect to replace the Civil Aviation General Regulations (CAGR) - 2017 and Schedules.

To ensure a seamless transition, the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas (CAA-B) shall grant operators, organizations and service providers sufficient time to achieve compliance with the new CARs. The following transition arrangements will apply until 30 September 2021:

- (a) All aviation documents, such as licences, permits, certificates, authorisations or other documents issued to persons, organisations or service providers by the CAA-B, shall remain valid until they expire or are replaced, provided the holder continues to comply with the conditions under which they were issued. Aviation document holders shall continue to enjoy all associated corresponding rights and privileges during the transition period.

Note: This also applies to an aviation document using different terminology that is no longer stated in the CARs (i.e. check pilot)

- (b) Manuals approved by the CAA-B will remain valid until 30 September 2021. Approved manual holders are required to submit new manuals for approval in accordance with the applicable CAR at least 60 days prior to that date.
- (c) It is recognized that with the introduction of the new CARs based on current ICAO Annexes that there may be some existing operators/organizations or service providers who may not be able to fully comply with those CARs. Where this is the case, and subject to justification, an exemption may be granted by the CAA-B where appropriate upon written application.
- (d) An operator/organization or service provider that has a current approved fatigue management system may continue to operate under that system until 30 September 2021. After this date that system will require approval based on either the prescriptive requirements of the applicable regulations or a fatigue risk management system determined by a risk assessment using SMS principles.
- (e) Any skill test or recent experience requirement conducted under the previous Schedules shall remain valid until it expires.
- (f) All existing Directives or exemptions from the CAA-B will continue to apply until they are surrendered, expire, are revoked or replaced.
- (g) Any system, programme or committee accepted, established or convened by the CAA-B under the CAGR will continue without change pending review by the CAA-B.

The CAA-B will continue to liaise/consult with operators/organizations during the transition phase to address any issues that may arise.

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