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NOTICE TO ALL AIRMEN AND AIR OPERATORS LICENSED UNDER THE CIVIL AVIATION ACT 2021

VARIATION OF GENERAL EXEMPTION

(FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO PASS THE BAHAMAS AIR LAW EXAM)

On October 11 2024, and pursuant to section 18 of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act, 2021 the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas (CAA-B), generally exempted ALL airmen holding CAA-B issued airmen certificates, and for whom the CAA-B is the Competent Authority, from the requirement to demonstrate a level of knowledge appropriate to the privileges granted to the airmen by passing the CAA-B Bahamas Air law as required in accordance with Bahamas Civil Aviation Regulations CAR LIC .075, CAR LIC .215(a), CAR LIC.220(a), CAR LIC.310(a), CAR LIC.515(c) and CAR LIC.615(b), as applicable, by extension of time for compliance with the applicable CAR LIC until the 31st January, 2025.

It was a condition of the aforesaid exemption that ALL Bahamas licensed airmen shall have registered for and passed the applicable CAA-B Bahamas Air Law Exam no later than 31st January, 2025. Further, the General Exemption was not applicable to applicants for new CAA-B airmen certificates, who were required to register for and pass the applicable CAA-B Bahamas Air Law Exam prior to the issuance of a CAA-B airmen certificate.

Status

To date, of the airmen that have sat the applicable CAA-B air law examination, 70% have passed. There remain a number of airmen who have yet to register and/or sit and pass the applicable air law examination. For pilots, a command over Air Law is non-negotiable, given their responsibility for the safety of crew and passengers alike.

Variation

Pursuant to section 18 of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act, 2021 the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas (CAA-B), hereby varies the General Exemption issued on the October 11 2024, so that ALL airmen holding CAA-B issued airmen certificates, and for whom the CAA-B is the Competent Authority, and **who have not yet passed** the applicable CAA-B Bahamas Air Law Examination, **are hereby further exempted** from the requirement to demonstrate a level of knowledge appropriate to the privileges granted to the airmen by passing the CAA-B Bahamas Air law as required in accordance with Bahamas Civil Aviation Regulations CAR LIC .075, CAR LIC .215(a), CAR LIC.220(a), CAR LIC.310(a), CAR LIC.515(c) and CAR LIC.615(b), as applicable, **by a further extension of time for compliance with the applicable CAR LIC until the 30th June 2025.**

Validity

This **variation** of the General Exemption issued on October 11, 2024, shall have effect from the date of issue and **will expire on 1st July, 2025** unless previously varied, suspended or revoked.

Date of Issue: 15th January, 2025



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(See Notes below)



Notes

Air Law

Air Law is a set of rules that govern the use of airspace and aviation activities. It applies to both national and international levels. Because of the essentially international character of aviation, a large part of air law is either [international law](#) or international uniform law (rules of national law that have by agreement been made internationally uniform).

An Air Law exam is an assessment of knowledge of the rules and regulations that govern air travel and airspace. These exams are often required for airmen to obtain or renew their licenses.

Air law exams are important because they ensure that people who work in the aviation industry are knowledgeable about the rules and regulations that govern air travel. This knowledge helps to maintain safety standards and ensure compliance with international air law.

The importance of Air Law stretches far beyond the mere need to pass an exam. It is about understanding the frameworks that ensure the safety of millions of passengers who take to the skies each day. It is about being part of an international community of professionals who operate according to a shared set of rules and standards.

The domain of Air Law encapsulates the treaties, regulations, and agreements that facilitate international flights, manage air traffic, and safeguard aviation's orderly development. It covers a range of legal issues, including airspace sovereignty, aircraft registration, aeronautical charting, and more.

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The Air Law exam

To prepare for this examination, it is imperative that all airmen familiarize themselves with the syllabus provided which outlines the topics that will be covered. You are strongly urged to peruse the syllabus diligently to ensure you are adequately prepared for the examination. Below are available materials to help you prepare.

- Air Law Study guide to assist ATPL and CPL students · Air Law 3rd Country ICAO Licence Conversion
- Sample questions are widely available on commercial sites like: · ATPL Online – The ATPL Multiple Choice Question Database · BGOnline Question Bank – Bristol Ground school and · EASA exam preparation & question bank for pilots | Aviationexam

The above sites are linked on CAA-B's website at www.caabahamas.com

There are also a variety of textbooks which cover the subject matter and will be core to your understanding of the subject. Some examples of these books are as follows:

- “Air Law: ATPL GROUND TRAINING SERIES BOOK 1” Paperback – 9 Feb. 2024 by CAE Oxford Aviation Academy (Author), Air Transport Pilot Licence ATPL (Author)– this contains all the learning required for the Air Law examination and chapter 27 has revision questions.
- “Air Law” Aviation Study Guide – 4th edition published in by Cranfield Aviation Training School Limited 2024 – Dt Stuart E. Smith (author) – this contains all the learning for the Air Law examination and self-assessment tests with answers.
- “010 – Air Law eTextbook 2016” available on Air Law – EASA exam eTextbook | Aviation exam. This book is an Electronic textbook linked to Aviationexam question bank mentioned above.

General Exemptions

In accordance with the Civil Aviation Act 2021, the CAA-B may exceptionally grant a General Exemption from the provisions of The Bahamas Civil Aviation Regulations (CAR’s) when satisfied that there is a need and subject to compliance with any supplementary condition the CAA-B considers necessary in order to ensure an acceptable equivalent level of safety in the particular case. The CAA-B cannot grant an exemption from the Civil Aviation Act 2021.

The use of the General Exemption mechanism is utilized as the exception to the rule, not the norm.

General Exemptions are not issued by the Director General, nor should they be used or relied upon by an airmen or air operator, to overcome an unpopular requirement or to suggest that compliance with a regulation is optional.

The General Exemption process should not be regarded by an airmen or air operators as a means to circumvent the regulations, nor is a General Exemption to be regarded as the primary solution to an operational/organizational difficulty that may be faced by an airmen or air operator.

Should an Airmen or Air Operator have any questions or require further clarification regarding the CAA-B Bahamas Air Law exam, they should contact CAA-B at testing@caabahamas.com

