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NOTICE TO ALL AIRMAN AND AIR OPERATORS

EXEMPTION

USE OF BASIC MEDICAL CERTIFICATE IN THE BAHAMAS

Pursuant to section 18 of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act, 2021 the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas (CAA-B), hereby generally exempts ALL airmen holding a Basic Medical Certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or another International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Contracting State with the equivalent of a Basic Medical Certification, in accordance with the requirements of CAR MED 2.001(a) (iii) and (iv), for the use of Light Sport Aircraft and Ultralight Aircraft for personal and recreation travel operations only.

Conditions

ALL such airmen shall have at minimum, a valid Class 3 Medical Certificate issued by a State licensed physician of an ICAO Contracting State. The Medical Certificates and online aeromedical education must be completed every 48 months.

ALL such airmen shall adhere to all other existing Civil Aviation Authority Regulations.

Validity

This General Exemption shall have effect from the date of issue and will expire on 30th June 2026 unless varied, suspended or revoked.

Date of Issue: 16th June, 2025

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Chequita Johnson (Ms.)
Acting Director General
Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas

Notes

Exemptions

In accordance with section 18 the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act 2021, the Director General may grant an Exemption from the provisions of The Bahamas Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs) when satisfied that the Exemption is required in the public interest and will not adversely affect aviation safety or security.

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

Operational Limitations

The following Operational Limitations apply to all flight operations conducted under a Basic Medical Certificate within the jurisdiction of The Bahamas. Airmen are required to strictly adhere to these conditions when exercising privileges under a Basic Medical Certificate:

- Not operate an aircraft under a Basic Medical Certificate for hire or compensation.
- Operations under Basic Medical Certificates are restricted to personal travel and recreational purposes only.
- Aircraft must have a maximum take-off weight (MTOW) not exceeding 6,000 lbs.
- No more than five (5) persons on board, inclusive of the pilot.
- Day VFR (Visual Flight Rules) and IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) operations are permitted.
- Night IFR operations are permitted.
- Night VFR operations are strictly prohibited.
- Aircraft must not exceed a maximum operating altitude of 18,000 feet.
- Aircraft must not exceed a maximum indicated airspeed of 250 knots.