



**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
(NPRM 01/2025)**

REVISION TO CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (**NPRM**) is a public notice that is issued when the CAA-B wishes to add, remove, or change operating regulations as part of the rulemaking process.
- 1.2 Recently ICAO amended numerous Annexes. Those amendments have resulted in revisions to the following regulations;
- (a) CAR MET is amended to incorporate ICAO Annex 3, Amendment 82.
 - (b) CAR ATS is amended to incorporate ICAO Annex 11, Amendment 54.
 - (c) CAR AIS is amended to incorporate ICAO Annex 15 Amendment 44
 - (d) CAR CNS is amended to incorporate the following Amendments:
 - a. ICAO Annex 10 Volume I Amendment 94
 - b. ICAO Annex 10 Volume III Amendment 93
 - c. ICAO Annex 10 Volume V Amendment 91
 - (e) CAR SMS is amended to incorporate ICAO Annex 19 Amendment 2
 - (f) CAR FAL is amended to incorporate ICAO Annex 9, Amendment 30.
 - (g) CAR AGA 1 is amended to incorporate ICAO Annex 14, Volume 1, Amendment 18.
 - (h) CAR AGA 2 is amended to incorporate ICAO Annex 14 Volume II Amendment 10
 - (i) CAR DEF is amended to incorporate the changes made by the aforementioned ICAO Annex Amendments.
- 1.3 Pursuant to its mandate under the Civil Aviation Act, the Civil Aviation Authority proposes to introduce the following regulations, which seek to enhance the regulatory framework by establishing comprehensive provisions relating to:
- (a) Drone Regulation
 - a. CAA-B CAR OPS 4A UAR Unmanned Aircraft UA Recreational Flights
 - b. CAA-B CAR OPS 4B UAC Unmanned Aircraft Commercial and Governmental Operations
 - c. CAA-B CAR OPS 4C UAD Unmanned Aircraft Demonstration Flight
 - d. CAA-B CAR OPS 4D UAM Urban Air Mobility Operations
 - e. CAA-B CAR OPS 4E UAS Unmanned Aircraft System UAS and Operation
 - f. CAA-B CAR OPS 4F UAEX Unmanned Aircraft Experimental Operations
 - g. CAA-B CAR OPS 4G UAEV Unmanned Aircraft Events Operations
 - (b) Ultra Light Aircraft Operations – CAR OPS 5 Chapter 13
 - (c) Light Sports Aircraft Operations – CAR OPS 5 Chapter 14
 - (d) Emergency Air Transport Services - CAR OPS 1.263
- 1.4 The CAA-B now seeks comments on this NPRM from the aviation industry and the concerned parties before proceeding further.
- 1.5 Abbreviations
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| CAA-B | Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas |
| CARs | Civil Aviation Regulations |
| NPRM | Notice of Proposed Rule Making |
| SARPS | ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices |

2. OBJECTIVE

2.1 The objective of this NPRM is to advise all concerned parties of the proposed changes and to obtain comments regarding these changes. A number of regulatory criteria have been identified to guide the development of these changes. The criteria require that the new legislation/regulations should:

- (a) be clear, concise and unambiguous;
- (b) be consistent with the CAA-B's international obligations;
- (c) be harmonised with ICAO SARPS and international standards, unless unique CAA-B circumstances require otherwise; and
- (d) be enforceable.

3. EFFECT OF CHANGES

3.1 The Bahamian persons/organisations affected by the proposed changes are expected to be;

- (a) Aircraft operators;
- (b) Licence holders;
- (c) Air Navigation Service Providers;
- (d) Airport operators, including
 - (1) public authorities associated with airports;
 - (2) providers of security services.
- (e) Persons involved with national aviation security and facilitation programmes.

3.2 All persons affected by these regulations are requested to review the changes and determine the effect on their particular operation.

3.3 The effective date for above CARs is planned for **31 December 2025**.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 The proposed amendments are made available through a link from the CAA-B website (<http://caabahamas.com>) under the Legislation/NPRM link.

4.2 Once promulgated, the amended regulation will be available in electronic format on the CAA-B website (<http://caabahamas.com>) under the Regulations Tab.

5. HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THIS NPRM

All submissions must be received by 1st December 2025 and will be evaluated and assessed with a view to incorporating any necessary changes to the amended regulations prior to their formal promulgation.

In order to simplify the collation and summarising of comments, it is requested that responses be made using the NPRM response link on the website and submit those comments online. For those persons unable to submit a response online the CAA-B will accept an email or letter together with the Response Sheet (refer to page 5/6) and any additional comments attached as necessary to regsreview@caabahamas.com.

Note: Please ensure that you identify the CAR at the top of the response page.

The CAA-B may contact persons in respect to submissions in order to clarify issues but is not obliged to individually acknowledge or respond to comments or submissions. If no response is received by the due date it will be considered as "acceptable without comment"

Your review of these regulations is very much appreciated.

A blue ink signature is written over a circular stamp. The stamp is the CAAB logo, featuring the text "CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY" and "BAHAMAS" around the perimeter, with "CAAB" in the center and a small aircraft icon above it.

Ms. Chequita M. Johnson
Director General

Date: 31 October 2025

RESPONSE SHEET

TITLE of CAR

Please submit this response sheet as soon as possible prior to **1st December 2025**. Please indicate your acceptance or otherwise of the proposal by ticking [✓] the appropriate box below. Any additional constructive comments, suggested amendments or alternative action will be welcome and may be provided on this response sheet or by separate correspondence.

- ☐ The proposals are ***acceptable but would be improved if the following changes were made:*** (Please provide explanatory comment).

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- ☐ The proposals are ***not acceptable but would be acceptable if the following changes were made:*** (Please provide explanatory comment).

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- ☐ The proposals are ***not acceptable under any circumstances.*** (Please provide explanatory comment).

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