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**DEPARTURE PROCEDURES  
PHILIP S. W. GOLDSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

In order to maintain the highest possible flight safety aspects at the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport, the following procedures will continue to be adopted when the Belize Air Traffic Control Unit issues take off clearances:

**1. AIRCRAFT DEPARTING ON VISUAL FLIGHT RULES (VFR)**

Departing VFR aircraft shall be required to make turns after they have:

- a. crossed the end of the active runway; **AND**
- b. reached/crossed an altitude of 500 feet or higher on aerodrome QNH.  
**before** turning on course.

**2. AIRCRAFT DEPARTING ON INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES (IFR)**

All departing IFR aircraft shall be required to:

- a. maintain runway heading; **AND**
  - b. cross a minimum altitude of **1,000** feet or **higher** on aerodrome QNH **when there is no VFR traffic inbound/outbound in the departure path before** turning on course. If VFR traffic is above 500 feet, inbound/outbound in the departure path consideration must be made to assign a higher altitude before turning on course for the purpose of flight safety.
- 3. Right turns must be requested by pilots and approved by Air Traffic Control.**

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