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**BELIZEAN AIRMEN LICENSES AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATES**

**PART I**

**Purpose of this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC)**

This AIC gives you information and guidance regarding the procedure to obtain the Belizean airman license and medical certificate. The purpose of this AIC is to inform the aviation industry of the changes that are necessary in order to assess and issue all pilots with Belizean licenses and medical certificates.

This AIC is mandatory and constitutes a part of the BCAR-APL (Belize Civil Aviation Regulations Aeronautical Personnel Licensing). This AIC describes the steps that need to be followed in order to obtain a Belizean license and medical certificate. When exercising the privileges of the licenses described in this AIC, the following steps should be followed.

This AIC replaces AIC C015/09: Belize Airmen Licenses and Medical certificates.

**General**

**Applicability**

This AIC prescribes rules governing the issuing of Belizean licenses and medical certificates for all pilots in Belize. For the purposes of this AIC, an airman is:

- (a) any individual who engages, as the person in command or as a pilot, mechanic or member of the crew, or who navigates, an aircraft while the aircraft is underway.

### **Belizean airman medical and license requirements**

- (a) Any person wishing to fly a Belizean registered aircraft or act as a pilot in command of any aircraft which is registered in the Belize Department of Civil Aviation) BDCA Civil Aircraft Register must apply to obtain a Belizean airman medical certificate and subsequently a Belizean airman license.
- (b) Any new pilot who wishes to act as a pilot of a Belizean registered aircraft must comply with BCAR APL and must also obtain a Belizean airman medical certificate before being issued a Belizean airman license.

### **Belizean Airman License and Medical Certificate**

In order to obtain a Belizean airman license, the applicant must obtain a Belizean medical certificate. All valid foreign Medical Certificates issued by other International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) member States will be acknowledged and accepted by the BDCA as its own in order to obtain a Belizean license. This disposition will be valid for those Medical Certificates issued on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010.

After this date all applicants for a Belizean license and/or medical certificate must be examined by one of the Belizean aeronautical medical examiners designated by the BDCA for the issue of a Belizean medical certificate.

The medical assessment is a one step process and not a two step process as previously reported:

- 1) All pilots must complete a psycho-physical assessment carried out by any Aeronautical Medical Examiner designated by the Belize Department of Civil Aviation.

The form for this examination will be provided by the medical provider.

Upon completion of the psychophysical examination those pilots qualifying under the current BDCA standards, will be issued with the respective medical certificate.

Compliance with this procedure is mandatory and it is in all pilots' interest to complete the medical assessment starting before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010.

There will be concerns about those pilots who have obtained their foreign medical certificates that have an expiry date after 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010. **Those medical certificates issued by other ICAO Contracting States will no longer be valid for use in Belize after 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.** In other words, starting on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010, all pilots will be required to hold a Belizean Medical Certificate issued by one of the Belizean designated medical examiners in order to hold a valid Belize Airman License.

There will be 2 types of medical certificates issued by the BDCA for airmen.

- **First Class:**
  - \*Airline transport pilots- aeroplane and helicopter – valid for 12 months
  - Commercial pilots – aeroplane and helicopter - valid for 12 months
  - **Over the age of 40 valid for 6 months**
  
- **Second Class**
  - Private pilot aeroplane and helicopter – 5 years
  - **Over the age of 40 valid for 2 years**
  - **Over the age of 50 years for 1 year**

The BDCA Airman Licenses will then be issued by the BDCA Licensing Unit on the merits of their foreign validation certificate, meaning all those pilots who were issued a validation of a foreign license in Belize will be issued with a Belizean Airman license granting them with the same ratings and privileges.

NOTE: \* This type of license is not currently offered by the BDCA.

## PART II

### IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO PILOT VALIDATION CERTIFICATES AND ISSUANCE OF BELIZEAN LICENSES

This Circular advises all pilots of the amendments to the implementation and issuance of Belizean licenses and validation certificates. This implementation is carried out in accordance with the present Belize Civil Aviation Regulations (BCAR-APL).

#### CHANGES

In general, the major change will be the replacement of the paper booklet issued certificate. This will be replaced by a plastic card which has been drafted in accordance with the latest ICAO's Annex 1 standards. The implementation date for the issuance of this plastic license will be 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010.

The examples that were provided in AIC C015/09 remain the same for both airman and maintenance engineer licenses.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUE OF A BELIZEAN AIRMAN LICENSE

Pilots interested in obtaining a Belizean license are required to present the following documents:

- 2 copies of a Belizean Passport or 2 copies of another official identification document (Social Security Card).

- Current Medical Certificate issued by an ICAO Contracting State or by one of the Belizean designated medical examiners.
- Updated Logbook.
- 2 passport size photographs.
- Pay the corresponding fee for the issuance of the license.

### **PART III**

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER LICENSE**

This section of the circular advises of the impending changes to the Belize Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's License. In an effort to streamline this process, the BDCA has undertaken a review of the present issued license. These changes are also being done in accordance with the present Belize Civil Aviation Regulation Aeronautical Personal Licensing (BCAR APL) Part 10.

#### **CHANGES**

In general, the major change will be the replacement of the booklet issued license. This will be replaced by a card which has been drafted in accordance with latest ICAO Annex 1. The implementation date for the issuance of this license will be 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010. All engineers are hereby advised and urged to obtain this new license starting from the aforementioned date.

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