



Belize Department of Civil Aviation

OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE

Subject: Placencia Municipal Airport Night Operations

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Initiated by: BDCA

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1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE.

This document has been developed in order to provide the requirements for flight operations when operating into the Placencia Municipal Airport at night.

2. WHAT THIS OD CANCELS

This OD cancels BDCA-01-2020 Rev. Original.

3. WHO THIS OD AFFECTS.

This OD applies to all BCAR OPS 1 AOC holders operating aircraft into Placencia Municipal Airport at night. It also applies to all persons responsible for the dispatch of aircraft operating into the Placencia Municipal Airport.

4. WHERE TO GET A COPY OF THIS AC.

You can ask for a copy of this OD at the BDCA Technical Library or download from the BDCA website at www.civilaviation.gov.bz.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

January 04, 2021.

6. GENERAL.

Operational Directives (ODs) are issued by the Belize Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA) in accordance with the provisions of BCAR OPS 1.015 and contains information about standards,



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practices and recommendations acceptable to the Department.

7. PURPOSE.

This OD is issued to provide general guidance for flight operations at night into the Placencia Municipal Airport

8. CANCELLATION.

This OD is the first version.

9. REFERENCES.

BCAR OPS 1, the Belize Civil Aviation Act

10. INTRODUCTION.

As upgrades to the Placencia Municipal Airport have been completed, this aerodrome is now equipped with lighting to aid flight operations in times of low visibility.

Safety has always been the overriding consideration in the conduct of all aviation activities. In considering this operational directive, the safety features built into the Placencia Municipal Airport was taken into consideration. It is understood that as one safety feature may not be present, another must be put into place so as to reduce risk.

In this specific instance, it is noted that not all infrastructure and safety features required to provide flight crew with sufficient information to make a safe landing under all conditions are present at the Placencia Municipal Airport. The provisions contained in this directive are intended to compensate for the information that will not be available to flight crew during night operations into the Placencia Municipal Airport.

11. REQUIREMENTRS

- a) All Flights shall be conducted with the minimum flight crew established in the aircraft flight manual or as established in Annex 1 to BCAR OPS 1.940.



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- b) In the event a single flight crew member is utilized for the conduct of flight described in this operational directive, that flight crew member shall only do so after having completed familiarization training for night operations at the Placencia Airport. This familiarization training shall include a minimum of five (5) full stop landings at the Placencia Airport at night.
- c) All aircraft shall comply with the requirements for instrument flight as detailed in BCAR OPS 1 subpart K
- d) At a minimum, one of the two crew members operating a particular flight must have completed familiarization training for night operations at the Placencia Airport prior to passenger carrying operations.
- e) Flights shall be operated under Instrument Flight Rules irrespective of weather conditions. The following procedure applies:
- Flights shall fly on Radial 180 from BZE VOR
 - Minimum enroute altitude 3,000 ft
 - Pilot need to request IFR FPL cancel at 50NM from BZE DME this puts them approximately 9NM north of PLA.
 - Controller will monitor their descent and release the Aircraft to 122.8 freq when the pilot reports Aerodrome in sight.
 - Operator shall inform ATC after last flight has safely landed
- f) Alternatively, an enroute procedure may be presented to the BDCA for acceptance.

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