



BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE: Experience requirements for an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer License BCAR APL Part 10.

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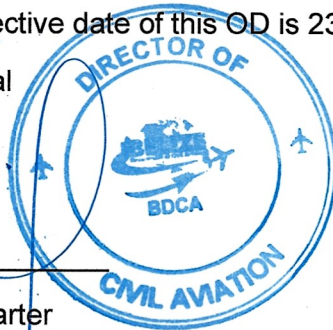
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1. The purpose of this Operational Directive (OD) is to notify the aviation industry of the revised **experience requirements** applicable to applicants applying for an **Aircraft Maintenance Engineer License – without type rating**. It is intended to provide clear and accessible guidance to help eligible applicants understand and navigate the licensing process.
2. This OD issued under the Belize Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA) in accordance with BCAR APL 10.8 and is applicable to applicants seeking an aircraft maintenance engineer license – without type rating.
3. This OD is issued under the authority of the Belize Civil Aviation Act, Cap 239 and AIC C005/24 titled Operational Directives and Advisory Circulars.
4. This OD can be downloaded from the BDCA's website or can be requested from the BDCA technical librarian at info@civilaviation.gov.bz
5. The effective date of this OD is 23rd June 2026.

6. Approval



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1. Background

Previously, **BCAR APL 10.8(a)(1)** required applicants for the grant or extension of a licence to demonstrate a confirmed minimum of **three (3) years** of specific aviation maintenance engineering experience. In order to ensure congruence throughout the licensing process the BDCA will accept a minimum of two (2) years of specific aviation maintenance engineering experience.

As a result, the experience requirements now applicable are those set forth in **BCAR APL 10.8(b) through (f)**, which remain in full effect and the revised minimum experience requirements of two (2) years, as set forth above under BCAR APL 10.8 (a). Applicants are advised to refer to these subsections for the specific experience criteria relevant to the licence category they are seeking.

BCAR APL 10.8 Experience Requirements – LWTR

b) Applications must also show the following minimum experience, which must have been gained whilst maintaining operating aircraft and not in component workshops or on static or non-flying aircraft:

1) for a Category “A” and/or “C” LWTR, 24 months relating to Airframe and/or engine maintenance, 12 months of which must be in the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application.

2) for any Category “R” and/or “X” LWTR (excluding Category “X” – Compass Compensation and Adjustment), 24 months related to avionic systems, 12 months of which must be in the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application.

3) 6 months, within the 12 months referred to in (1) and (2), relevant to the specific LWTR for which application is being made.

c) Where an applicant for Category “X” Electrical holds a valid License which includes both Category “A” and Category “C” LWTR sub divisions, the experience in BCAR 10.8 b (2) above need not be complied with and the applicant need show only the 6 months experience relevant to the LWTR required in BCAR 10.8 b (3).

Any of the periods specified in this paragraph may be concurrent.

d) Where in a particular case, the LWTR or Sub-Division syllabus covers systems or subjects which may not be encountered necessarily by an applicant, specific practical experience on that subject or system will not be required, provided that the general area of the LWTR/Sub Division is supported by experience; for example in the case of:

1) LWTR Turbine Engines-Aeroplanes, experience of propellers may not have been gained;

2) LWTR Instruments, experience of INS may not have been gained;



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3) LWTR Electrical, experience of a.c. power may not have been gained. However lack of experience in these subjects will not exclude them from the examination.

e) Category “B”

1) Applications for Category “B” Aeroplanes or Rotorcraft must show confirmed Minimum specific periods of 12 months, within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application, major maintenance/major repair/overhaul activity on aeroplanes or rotorcraft, as applicable, below 5700 kg. This experience is additional to, but may have been obtained concurrently with; the experience required for the prerequisite

Category “A” License. Notwithstanding this minimum period of experience, an applicant must show an appropriate breadth and depth of experience on specific aircraft to support the application.

2) An applicant for the grant or extension of a License to include Category “B” must hold the equivalent LWTR in Category “A” Aeroplane or Category “A/C” Rotorcraft, together with the equivalent Type Rating(s).

3) Category “B” LWTR is only granted concurrently with an appropriate Type Rating.

f) Category “D”

1) Applications for grant/extension of a License in Category “D” must show confirmed minimum periods of 2 years use of a Category “C” Type Rated License on piston engines in aircraft and 12 months, within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application, overhaul of aircraft piston engines.

2) An applicant for the grant or extension of a License to include Category “D” must hold the equivalent LWTR in Category “C” – Piston Engines (Aeroplanes) or “A/C” –Piston Engine Rotorcraft as appropriate together with the equivalent type ratings.

3) Category “D” LWTR is only granted concurrently with an appropriate Type Rating

2. Applicability

The OD is intended for individuals who are:

- (a) Currently employed at a BDCA approved aircraft maintenance organization (AMO) - Part 145; or enrolled in a BDCA approved ab-initio training course; and.
- (b) Seeking to begin or advance their aviation maintenance career by obtaining aircraft maintenance engineer license without type rating.



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3. Conclusion

This OD has been issued to provide clear, practical guidance to applicants seeking to obtain an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Licence – Without Type Rating through a BDCA-approved AMO. The revision to BCAR APL 10.8 removes the previous three-year experience requirement under subsection (a)(1), while the experience requirements under subsections (b) through (f) remain fully applicable.

For any further clarification, consultation can be made with the BDCA office or at info@civilaviation.gov.bz.