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RENEWAL OF LICENSES FOR RUNWAYS, HELIPORTS AND ROAD LANDING PERMITS.

The Belize Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA) is in the process of developing the 2026 Inspection and Surveillance Plan. To facilitate this process, all operators are requested to inform the Department by January 30, 2026 via the email address: info@civilaviation.gov.bz, of their intentions regarding the renewal of aerodrome licenses for runways, heliports and the permits for road landings.

This information is essential for updating the BDCA database and finalizing the 2026 Surveillance Plan, in order to support the ongoing safe operations of aerodromes as mandated by the Civil Aviation Act, CHAPTER 239:

Article 4. (2) (c): The Minister may make provision by regulations—

- for the licensing, inspection and regulation of aerodromes and establishments for the manufacture or repair of aircraft or aircraft parts, for access to aerodromes and other places where aircraft have landed and for prohibiting or regulating the use of aerodromes and establishments mentioned above which are not licensed.

Article 21 - Licensing of Aerodromes:

- (8) The owner or occupier of any land or place on which an unlicensed aerodrome exists or unauthorized aerodrome is being constructed, or the operator thereof, commits an offence and upon summary conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both, and in addition thereto, the court may order such aerodrome to be destroyed and the costs incurred in such destruction recovered from the owner or occupier of such land or aerodrome, or any other person found responsible for the construction of such aerodrome; and it shall not be a sufficient defense to a prosecution under this section to show that the aerodrome was not in use at the time of inspection.

- (9) Any person who—
 - (a) without lawful excuse uses any aerodrome when such aerodrome has not been licensed.
 - (e) fails to comply with any requirements of this section or any regulations made thereunder or with any lawful direction given to such person by the Minister or the Director of Civil Aviation, commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both such fine and term of imprisonment.
- (10) Where an aerodrome is constructed without the written permission of the Director of Civil Aviation or used without an aerodrome license issued by the Director of Civil Aviation, any article found at the site of the aerodrome or any fixtures, machinery, vehicle, aircraft or other things found thereon, shall be forfeited and disposed of in such manner as the court shall seem just.

This Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Aviation Act, CAP 239.

The BDCA will proceed to update the AIP based on the information received regarding aerodrome licenses for runways and heliports and permits for road landings. The specific provisions to be revised are:

- a) AD 1, Aerodromes/Heliports Introduction, AD 1.3 Index to Aerodromes and Heliports
- b) GEN 2 Tables and Codes, GEN 2.4 Location Indicators

These amendments will ensure that published aeronautical information accurately reflects only those aerodromes and landing sites that hold a valid BDCA aerodrome license and/or permit, thereby enabling aircraft operators to identify facilities that comply with BDCA requirements and are authorized for operational use.

For further information or clarification, please direct your inquiries to the BDCA email at: info@civilaviation.gov.bz or visit the BDCA office in person for detailed clarification.

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All users are reminded to contact the Belize AIS office in accordance with the International Standards of ICAO and national regulations of Belize.