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## **Designated Aviation Medical Examiners for Belize**

### **1. Introduction**

1.1 This AIC is intended to provide you with information regarding the designation of Aviation Medical Examiners (AME) in Belize. The Belize Department of Civil Aviation maintains an oversight of the activities of the AMEs.

### **2. Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of this AIC is to inform the aviation industry of the availability of AMEs designated by the Belize Department of Civil Aviation (BDCA), to conduct aviation medical examinations and issue aviation medical certificates in Belize.

### **3. Background**

3.1 This AIC is mandatory and constitutes a part of the Belize Civil Aviation Regulations Aeronautical Personnel Licensing (BCAR-APL)

### **4. Applicability**

4.1 This is applicable to the Flight and Ground crew that requires an aviation medical certificate who is engaged as a Pilot, Air traffic controller and Flight Operations Officer/Flight Dispatcher. All these mentioned here must consult with the AMEs.

### **5. Belize Medical Certificate**

5.1 In order to obtain a Belize aviation license, the applicant must obtain a Belize medical certificate. The following medical practitioners are designated as AMEs by the BDCA to carry out aviation medical examinations for the issue of a Belize medical certificate.

1. **Doctor Filiberto Cawich – Belize Medical Associates**
2. **Doctor Amin Hegar – Belize Vision Center**
3. **Doctor Elfryn Reyes. – Belize Defense Force Hospital**

5.2 All aviation license holders must complete a psychophysical assessment carried out by any of the aforementioned AMEs designated by the BDCA. It must be understood that although an applicant is only required to visit one AME, he/she is obligated to meet all the essential requirements set forth by the International Civil Aviation Organization`s (ICAO) Annex 1 standards in obtaining an aviation medical certificate and the BCAR APL. Even though an applicant may meet several of the required standards of the psychophysical examination, he/she may be required to do further testing in order to confirm that his/her abnormalities will not affect his /her operational capability. If an AME has confirmed the existence of an abnormality or has reason to believe that the applicant does not meet the established minimum standards required to obtain a medical certificate, he has the right to request further testing on that applicant by a specialist.

Since 1st April 2010, Belize airmen Licenses are being issued by the BDCA Licensing Unit on the merits of their foreign validation certificate, meaning that all pilots who were issued a validation of a foreign license prior to 1st April 2010, will be issued with a Belize Airman license granting them with the same ratings and privileges. The fees of the licenses have been published via AIC C007/10 which details the new scheme of charges.

## 6. Conclusion

6.1 The aviation public is hereby requested to take note of the Designated AMEs. Further consultation can be made with the Licensing Unit of the BDCA.

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