

BELIZE:

**CIVIL AVIATION (AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES)
REGULATIONS, 2025**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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SCHEDULE

BELIZE:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 85 of 2025

REGULATIONS made by the minister responsible for Civil Aviation in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 4, 5, 8, 9, and 32 of the Civil Aviation Act, Chapter 239 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 14th June, 2025).

WHEREAS, Belize is a member of the Central American Organisation for the Control of Air Avigation Services (Corporacion Centroamerica de Servicios de Navegacion Aerea) (hereinafter referred to as “COCESNA”);

AND WHEREAS, COCESNA has made certain regulations for the control of civil aviation (hereinafter referred to as “the COCESNA Regulations”);

AND WHEREAS, in common with other countries in the region, it would be expedient for Belize to adopt the COCESNA Regulations with such modifications as may be necessary;

AND WHEREAS, the Regulations contains in the Schedule, hereto are based on the COCESNA Regulations, as amended to suit the conditions of Belize;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister by sections 4, 5, 8, 9, and 32 of the Civil Aviation Act, the following Regulations are made.

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

**CIVIL AVIATION (AIRWORTHINESS
DIRECTIVES) REGULATIONS, 2025.**

COCESNA
Regulations to
have the force
of law.

2. The COCESNA Regulations, as modified, contained in the Schedule, shall have the force of law in Belize.

Penalty.

3. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the penalty provided in section 30 of the Act.



BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

SECTION – 1

BCAR 39

SCHEDULE
[regulation 2]

BCAR- 39 AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

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**BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION****SECTION – 1****BCAR 39****SECTION 1 – REQUIREMENTS****PRESENTATION AND GENERAL****1. PRESENTATION**

- 1.1. Section one of BCAR 39 is presented in one column on loose pages, each page is identified by the date of issue or amendment when it was incorporated.
- 1.2. Section one is written using Arial 10. Explanatory notes are not considered requirements; if they exist, they will be written in Arial font 8.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1. Section one contains the requirements to apply the regulation for civil aviation airworthiness directives.
- 2.2. This document is based on FAR-PART 39 issued and published by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

**BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION****SECTION – 1****BCAR 39****BCAR 39.1 General**

- a) These BCAR establishes the obligatory compliance of airworthiness directives applicable to aircraft, power plant, propellers and any other aeronautical product registered in Belize and issued with an airworthiness certificate under BCAR 21 Subpart H.
- b) No person shall operate an aircraft or any aeronautical product to which an airworthiness directive is applicable, except if the requirements, conditions, limitations, and actions taken to correct any unsafe condition are in accordance with the airworthiness directive.

BCAR 39.5 Definitions

Refer to BCAR 05 Definitions and Units of Measurements.

BCAR 39.7 Airworthiness Directives Content

An airworthiness directive shall include at least the following information:

- (a) An identification code or number
- (b) Proper identification of the aeronautical product affected
- (c) Description of the unsafe condition
- (d) Required actions to be taken to correct the unsafe condition
- (e) Instructions and compliance time for the actions to be taken
- (f) Date of effectivity

BCAR 39.8 Failure to comply with Airworthiness Directive

- (a) Anyone who operates an aircraft or product that does not meet the requirements of applicable airworthiness directive is in violation of this section.
- (b) If the requirements of an airworthiness directive have not been met, you violate BCAR 39.8 (a) each time you operate the aircraft or use the product.

**BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION****SECTION – 1****BCAR 39****BCAR 39.10 Airworthiness Directives Applicability**

- (a) Airworthiness directives issued by the BDCA or by the State that issued the type certificate shall be applicable to aircraft registered in Belize or to aeronautical products installed on those aircrafts.
- (b) Where the state of design considers that a condition in an aeronautical product is unsafe as shown by the issuance of an airworthiness directive by that state, such directives shall apply to aircraft registered in Belize of the type identified in that airworthiness directive.
- (c) Where a manufacturer identifies a service bulletin as mandatory, such bulletin shall apply to aircraft registered in Belize of the type identified in that bulletin.
- (d) A person shall not operate any aircraft registered in Belize to which the requirements of this regulation apply, except in accordance with the applicable directives and bulletins.
- (e) Any person operating a foreign registered aircraft in Belize shall comply with the airworthiness directives applicable for that aircraft or its associated components as established in BCAR 39.10 (a).

BCAR 39.15 Airworthiness Directive Compliance

- (a) An aircraft shall not be released to service, unless, for each applicable airworthiness directive:
 - (1) Compliance can be demonstrated with the specified compliance criteria, or
 - (2) An alternative means of compliance has been approved under BCAR 39.20

BCAR 39.20 Alternative Means of Compliance

An alternative means of compliance may be proposed for the BDCA approval provided that the aviation authority of the contracting state that issued the original airworthiness directive has accepted the proposal.

BCAR 39.23 Flying an Aircraft to a Maintenance Facility to Perform Work Required by an Airworthiness Directive

- (a) The BDCA may issue a special flight permit for an aircraft to be flown to a maintenance facility to perform work required by an airworthiness directive, unless the airworthiness directive states otherwise.
 - (1) To ensure aviation safety, the BDCA may add special requirements for operating the aircraft to the maintenance facility where modifications or repairs can be accomplished.
 - (2) The issuance of a special flight permit may be declined in particular cases if the BDCA determines that the aircraft cannot be flown safely.



BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

SECTION – 2

BCAR 39

SECTION 2 – INTERPRETATIVE EXPLANATORY MATERIAL

PRESENTATION & INTRODUCTION

1. PRESENTATION

- 1.1. This section contains Interpretative Explanatory Material (IEM) which has been approved for inclusion in BCAR 39.
- 1.2. Where a particular paragraph does not have an IEM, it means that such paragraph does not require it.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. The text in this section is written using Arial 10, explanatory notes which are not part of the IEMs are written using Arial 8.

**BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION****SECTION – 2****BCAR 39****IEM 39.1 General**

- (1) Airworthiness directives are issued to aeronautical products when an unsafe condition is identified and there is a probability that such condition exists or develops in other aeronautical products of the same type design.
- (2) Operating an aircraft that is not in compliance with the requirements of an applicable airworthiness directive is considered a non-compliance with this BCAR 39.
- (3) Any person can propose an alternative means of compliance or a change in the time of compliance, if such proposal provides an adequate level of safety as determined by the BDCA and by the state that issued the original airworthiness directive.
- (4) If the unsafe condition is not corrected by the actions proposed in the airworthiness directive, the aviation authority that issued the original airworthiness directive should be contacted and requested approval for an alternative means of compliance. It should be demonstrated that the proposed change eliminates the unsafe condition.

MADE by the Minister responsible for civil aviation this 28th day of May, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Briceño', written over a horizontal line.

(HON. JOHN BRICEÑO)

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