

**GEN 1.6 SUMMARIES OF NATIONAL REGULATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS/CONVENTIONS.**

1. Following is a list of Civil Aviation legislation in force in Bhutan. It is essential that any one engaged in air operations be acquainted with the relevant regulations. Electronic version of legislation may be freely accessed at <https://www.bcaa.gov.bt>
 - 1.1 Civil Aviation Act of Bhutan 2016
 - 1.2 Bhutan Air Navigation Regulations (BANRs) 2021
 - 1.3 Bhutan Aerodrome Standards 2021
 - 1.4 BCAR-Instrument Flight Procedure Approval 2023
 - 1.5 BCAR-2, Rules of Air 2022
 - 1.6 BCAR-3, Meteorological Service 2024
 - 1.7 BCAR-4, Aeronautical Charts 2024
 - 1.8 BCAR-5, Units of Measurement 2017
 - 1.9 BCAR-11, Air Traffic Services 2024
 - 1.10 BCAR-12, Search and Rescue 2017
 - 1.11 BCAR-15, Aeronautical Information Services 2024
 - 1.12 BCAR-19, Safety Management 2017
 - 1.13 BCAR-10, Aeronautical Telecommunication (Volume- I) 2024, (Volume- II, III, IV, V) 2017
 - 1.14 BCAR-M, Continuous Airworthiness Requirements 2022
 - 1.15 BCAR-147, Approved Maintenance Training Organization 2022
 - 1.16 BCAR-66, Aircraft Maintenance License 2022
 - 1.17 BCAR-145, Approved Maintenance Organisations 2022
 - 1.18 BCAR-Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks 2010
 - 1.19 BCAR-21, Initial Airworthiness 2010
 - 1.20 Bhutan Aviation Requirements-Airworthiness Procedures 2012
 - 1.21 BCAR-Minimum Equipment List 2017
 - 1.22 BCAR-Facilitation 2010
 - 1.23 BCAR ORO, Organization Requirements for Air Operations
 - 1.24 BCAR OPS 3, Commercial Air Transport - Helicopters 2017
 - 1.25 BCAR OPS 18, Dangerous Goods Regulations 2017
 - 1.26 BCAR SPA, Specific Approval
 - 1.27 BCAR SPO, Specialized Operations 2021
 - 1.28 BCAR-Air Traffic Management/Air Navigation Services (ATM/ANS) 2020
 - 1.29 BCAR-Air Traffic Controllers-Personnel Licensing (ATCO-PEL) 2021
- 2 In exercise of the powers granted under Section 27,28, 29 and 30 of Civil Aviation Act of Bhutan 2016, the Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority has revised and promulgated the Bhutan Air Navigation Regulations (BANRs) 2021.
 - 2.1 The Bhutan Civil Aviation Requirements/Standards (BCARs), The Manuals and Technical Guidance Materials are developed in line with the BANRs 2021 and ICAO SARPs.

These regulations shall apply to fixed wing aircraft, helicopter, personnel engaged in commercial aerial work, and general aviation aircraft registered in Bhutan and engaged in flight operations elsewhere. For the purpose of these regulations, an aircraft registered in another state and operated by the holder of an Air operator certificate issued in Bhutan shall be deemed to be registered in Bhutan and regulations relating to maintenance of airworthiness of aircraft and regulation relating to airworthiness licensing and qualifications shall be as applicable in the state of Registry of the aircraft provided there exists a current agreement between Bhutan and the State of Registry of the aircraft.
 - 2.2 Regulation relating to Aircraft Nationality Registration and Marks (Section 2 of BANRs 2021).

- 2.3 No person, other than a patient under qualified medical supervision, shall enter an aircraft while under the influence of psychoactive substance or intoxicating liquor. (Clause 3.1.6 under Sec 3 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.4 Narcotic Drugs mood changing or hallucinogenic drops, depressant or stimulant drugs shall not be carried in an aircraft, except as a medicament prescribed for the individual use of a passenger by a qualified medical practitioner or as part of the approved emergency medical kit or as part of air cargo authorised by HoA for medical purposes. (Clause 3.17 under section 3 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.5 Regulations relating to aircraft performance and operating limitations shall be in accordance with its airworthiness documentation and all related operating procedures and limitations as expressed in its approved flight manual or equivalent documentation, as the case may be. The flight manual or equivalent documentation must be available to the crew and kept up to date for each aircraft. (Clause 3.4 under section 3 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.6 Regulation relating to requirement of aircraft instruments and equipment (Clause 3.5 under section 3 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.7 Regulation regarding Airworthiness of aircraft (Section 10 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.8 Regulation regarding Crew Members (Clause 3.7 under section 3 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.9 Regulation regarding Flight Crew and Flight Operation Officers (Clause 3.8 under section 3 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.10 Transport of Dangerous goods by (Section 5 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.11 Regulations regarding documents to be carried in aircraft (BCAR OPS 1 – Commercial Air Transport-Aeroplanes).
- 2.12 Regulations regarding Aerodromes/heliports (Section 14 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.13 Regulation regarding Investigation of accident, Notification of accident etc. (Section 6 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.14 Regulation regarding personnel licensing (Section 11 of BANRs 2021).
- 2.15 Section 66(1) of the Civil Aviation Act of Bhutan 2016 empowers BCAA to develop rules and regulations concerning balloons and Paragliding regulations (Clause 4.9.1 under section 4 of BANRS 2021).

3 International agreements/conventions

Bhutan is party to the following conventions:

- a) Convention on International Civil Aviation (The Chicago Convention).
- b) Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (The Tokyo Convention).
- c) Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (The Hague Convention).
- d) International Agreement on the Procedure for the Establishment of Tariffs for the Scheduled Air Services.
- e) Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation (the Montreal Convention).
- f) Multilateral Agreement relating to Certificate of Airworthiness for Imported aircraft.
- g) Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosive for the Purpose of Detection.
- h) Protocol relating to an amendment to Convention on International Civil Aviation Article 83bis.
- i) Protocol on the authentic trilingual text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.