

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 www.bcaa.gov.bt
- 1.1 Civil Aviation Act of Bhutan 2016
- 1.2 Bhutan Air Navigation Regulations (BANRs) 2019
- 1.3 Bhutan Aerodrome Standards 2017
- 1.4 BCAR-Instrument Flight Procedure Approval 2018
- 1.5 BCAR-2, Rules of Air 2018
- 1.6 BCAR-3, Meteorological Service 2017
- 1.7 BCAR-4, Aeronautical Charts 2017
- 1.8 BCAR-5, Units of Measurement 2017
- 1.9 BCAR-11, Air Traffic Services 2017
- 1.10 BCAR-12, Search and Rescue 2017
- 1.11 BCAR-15, Aeronautical Information Services 2017
- 1.12 BCAR-19, Safety Management 2017
- 1.13 BCAR-10, Aeronautical Telecommunication (Volume- I, II, III, IV, V) 2017
- 1.14 BCAR- M, Continuing Airworthiness Requirements 2014
- 1.15 BCAR-Environmental Protection 2010
- 1.16 BCAR-Airworthiness of Aircraft 2010
- 1.17 BCAR-145, Approved Maintenance Organisations 2012
- 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 OPS ,1 Commercial Air Transport - Airplanes 2017
- 1.24 BCAR OPS 3, Commercial Air Transport - Helicopters 2017
- 1.25 BCAR OPS 18, Dangerous Goods Regulations 2017
- 2 Regulations and Decrees pursuant to Bhutan Air Navigation Regulations 2019 as amended.
- 2.1 Air Navigation Regulations in Bhutan are incorporated in both BANRs 2019 and BCARs for compliance. 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 Registration and Marking (BANRs 2019 Sec 2)
- 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. (BANRs 2019 Sec .3 Sub 3.1.6)
- 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 Director for medical purposes. (BANRs 2019 Sec.3 Sub 3.1.7)
- 2.5 Regulations on 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. (BANRs sec 3 sub 3.4)
- 2.6 Regulation regarding requirement of aircraft instruments and equipment (BANRs 2019 Sec 3 Sub 2.10.1)
- 2.7 Regulation regarding Airworthiness of aircraft (BANRs 2019 Sec 10)
- 2.8 Regulation regarding Crew Members (BANRs 2019 Sec 3 Sub 3)
- 2.9 Regulation regarding Flight Crew and Flight Operation Officers (BANRs 2019 Sec 3 Sub 3.8 and Sub 3.9 respectively)
- 2.10 Transport of Dangerous goods by (BANRs 2019 Sec 5)
- 2.11 Regulations regarding documents to be carried in aircraft (BANRs 2019 Sec 5)
- 2.12 Regulations regarding Aerodromes/heliports (BANRs 2019 Sec 14)
- 2.13 Regulation regarding Investigation of accident, Notification of accident etc. (BANRs 2019 Sec 6)
- 2.14 Regulation regarding personnel licensing, foreign licencing (BANRs 2019 Sec 11)
- 2.15 Balloon operations are not allowed in the airspace of Bhutan and BCAA does not register and issue pilot licenses for balloons at present. However, temporary use of foreign balloons for private flying are permitted under certain conditions by Director General of Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority, more details could be seen BANRs 2019 Sec 4 Sub 4.10
- 2.16 Hang Glider and Para gliders are categorized as special category aircraft and they do not have to be registered in Bhutan. However, Director General of Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority may under certain conditions allow temporary use of foreign para gliders by pilots holding valid license from the state of origin for private flying only, more details could be seen from BANRs 2019 Sec 4 Sub 4.10
- 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.