

PROMOTING AVIATION SAFETY



 CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
OF NEW ZEALAND

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY

The Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand

The Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand (CAA) is a Crown entity that exists to promote safety and security in civil aviation.

The civil aviation industry in New Zealand includes:

- About 14,000 licensed pilots, engineers, and air traffic controllers;
- More than 700 aviation operators, such as airlines, aerodromes, flying schools, and maintenance organisations;
- More than 4500 registered aircraft.

The CAA is governed by a five-member board appointed by the Minister of Transport to represent public interest in civil aviation.

How the CAA Works

In New Zealand's civil aviation system, every participant shares a responsibility for safety and security. The CAA does not oversee every flight.

Aviation organisations, pilots, engineers, air traffic controllers, and aircraft owners are each responsible for meeting the statutory safety and security standards.

The Civil Aviation Rules set the minimum standards for entering, and operating within, the system. It is in the best interests of all aviation participants to perform to a standard above the minimum.



The Rules are developed in consultation with the aviation community and apply to the:

- Licensing of pilots, maintenance engineers, and air traffic controllers;
- Certification of aircraft and parts;
- Certification of organisations such as airlines, tourist and adventure flight operators, air cargo agents, maintenance companies, and air traffic control;
- Quality assurance systems that operators are required to use for operations and maintenance.

An individual or organisation must be granted an aviation document by the Director of Civil Aviation in order to operate within the civil aviation system. The CAA conducts surveillance to ensure the standards in the Rules are being met, and the Director can remove a participant from the system, or impose conditions, if they operate outside the Rules.

Some accidents and serious incidents are investigated by the CAA in order to learn what happened and prevent a recurrence. Data collected on accidents and incidents is analysed to identify trends.

The CAA also produces a range of safety publications and runs safety seminars for the aviation community to promote safety and raise awareness.

International

New Zealand is one of 191 contracting member states to the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) that work together to improve international aviation safety and efficiency.

The CAA has strong cooperative links with like authorities in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States. It also provides aviation assistance and advice to countries such as Samoa, Niue, and the Cook Islands.

Funding

The CAA is funded from a number of sources, including passenger levies, fees and charges for services, and providing services for the Government.

Advice to Passengers

Passengers should seek advice from their airline about what they can and cannot carry on an aircraft.

Dangerous goods, such as fireworks, gas containers, bleach, etc, are prohibited from being carried on an aircraft (including in checked-in baggage) as they may endanger the aircraft by leaking or exploding.

Some items are prohibited in carry-on baggage, but may be carried in checked-in baggage.

There are also restrictions on liquids, aerosols, and gels that may be carried on international flights departing from New Zealand.

For further information, consult your airline, or the Aviation Security Service, www.avsec.govt.nz.

Other New Zealand Aviation Organisations

Air Traffic Control is carried out by Airways, www.airways.co.nz.

The Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) investigates accidents with significant implications for transport safety, www.taic.org.nz.

Report Safety and Security Concerns

Available office hours (voicemail after hours).

0508 4 SAFETY

(0508 472 338)

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For all aviation-related safety and security concerns

Accident Notification

24-hour 7-day toll-free telephone

0508 ACCIDENT

(0508 222 433)

*The Civil Aviation Act (1990) requires notification
"as soon as practicable".*

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