



Maldives Civil Aviation Authority
Republic of Maldives

Exemptions from Regulations

Exemptions allow relief from one or more requirements of a regulation. An exemption to a regulation can only be issued by the Maldives Civil Aviation Authority.

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Exemption from MCAR – Air Crew

EXE/FCL-1 MCAR AIRCREW ANNEX I PART FCL.520.A

For the purpose of issuance of Maldivian ATPL for flight crew operating DHC-6 aircraft, with regard to demonstration of the required performance ability, the requirement to demonstrate in a multi-pilot aeroplane is hereby exempted.

For operators with DHC-6 aircraft, the applicant shall demonstrate the ability to perform, as pilot-in-command of DHC-6 aircraft with a co-pilot, the skill test in accordance with Appendix 9 of MCAR AIRCREW, Annex I Part FCL.

Conditions

DHC-6 type rating course is combined with an MCC course in accordance with Part-FCL.735.A.

Limitation

License skill tests and proficiency checks conducted in DHC-6 will be limited to DHC-6 Commercial Air Transport (CAT) operations only. The limitation may be removed after demonstrating the ability to perform as PIC of a multi-pilot aero plane under IFR in accordance with the Part-FCL.520.A.

The above exemptions will remain valid until 31st December 2026.



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EXEMPTIONS FROM MCAR-171

EXE/171-1

MCAR-171 Aeronautical Telecommunication Services Certification came into force on 14 December 2024

The Exemption sets out a timeline for the implementation of the provisions of the Regulation for existing ATEL Service Providers as follows:

MCAR-171 Paragraph	Applicability	Date of Compliance
2.1 Requirement for Certification	ATEL service providers providing 3 or more services according to MCAR-171 chapter 1.1.3 and operating multiple sites	31 Oct 2025
	ATEL service providers providing 2 or less services according to MCAR-171 chapter 1.1.3 and/or providing services at VRMM	30 June 2026
	ATEL service providers providing a single service according to MCAR-171 chapter 1.1.3 and operating multiple sites	31 Dec 2026
	ATEL service providers providing a single service according to MCAR-171 chapter 1.1.3 and operating a single site	31 Dec 2026
5.10 Radio Site Approval	All ATEL Service Providers	31 Dec 2026
5.16 Management System	All ATEL Service Providers, Non-Complex Organisations	31 Dec 2026
3.17 Quality Management System	All ATEL Service Providers	31 Dec 2026

Service Providers shall submit their applications for certification in accordance with CAA Air Navigation Notice ANN 171-01 using CAA Form CAA AN.002 to fulfil the requirement of MCAR-171 Paragraph 2.2.1



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EXEMPTIONS FROM MCAR-251

EXE/251-2

MCAR-251 International air transport sales came into force on 23rd October 2025.

The Exemption extends the timeline for the implementation of the provision of the Regulation for existing certificate holders as follows:

EXE/MCAR-251.A.10 Paragraph	Applicability	Date of Compliance
Requirement for re-certification	Holders of a 'CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO CONDUCT AIR TRANSPORT SALES' issued by the Authority prior to the date of publication of the regulation, and if the holder is not a foreign Direct Investment	30 September 2026

Relevant certificate holders must submit their applications and obtain the new approval certificate in accordance with MCAR-251 using CAA Form [CAA/ATS/03 - Application for approval as an Air Transport Sales agents](#) to fulfil the requirement of MCAR-251.A.10, b, 1, ii. prior to the date of compliance.

Exemption number EXE/251-1 dated 16 February 2026 will become void from the date of publication of this exemption.




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Other Exemptions

EXE #	Organisation/ Individual	Applicable Regulation	Title	Issued	Validity
201-ASD- D/EX/TMA/2023/02R5	Trans Maldivian Airways Pvt. Ltd	M.A.305(d)	To operate aircraft without CAA Form 1 for Engine Life- limited Parts & Time-controlled components.	2025-12-22	2026-12-31
201-ASD- D/EX/TMA/2024/02R1	Trans Maldivian Airways Pvt. Ltd	M.A.201(e)(3)	To install re-imported engine without MCAA Form 1 release.	2025-05-19	2027-03-06
201-ASD- E/EX/AIA/2025/01	Addu Int'l Airport Pvt. Ltd.	MCAR 139 ASC 139-5, 4.2.7 & 4.2.9	Exemption for ATC Tower structure penetrating OLS at VRMG	2025-05-08	2028-05-08

List of Withdrawn Exemptions

EXE #	Title	Issued	Withdrawn
EXE/66-1	MCAR-66 – Module 10 – Examinations	2007-07-22	2022-03-30
EXE/66-2	MCAR-66 – Delay effectivity date	2016-10-27	2017-06-30
EXE/66-3	MCAR-66 – Increase examination validity period (COVID19)	2020-12-24	2021-06-01
EXE/21-1	MCAR-21 – Delay effectivity date	2008-12-31	2011-01-06
EXE/ASC 00-1-1	ASC 00-1 – Delay effectivity date	2009-01-14	2011-01-06
EXE/M-1	MCAR-M – Maintenance at MCAR-145 organisations	2009-04-15	2022-03-30
EXE/M-2	MCAR-M – CAA Form 1 or equivalent	2016-01-31	2017-12-31
EXE/145-1	MCAR-145 – Base maintenance release on DHC-6	2019-12-18	2020-12-17
EXE/ORO-I	ORO.FC.100 Composition of flight crew	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/CAT-I	CAT.IDE.A.140 Altitude alerting system	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/CAT-2	CAT.IDE.A150 Terrain Awareness Warning System (TAWS)	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/CAT-3	CAT.IDE.A.205 Seats, seat safety belts, restraint systems and child restraint devices	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/CAT-4	CAT.IDE.A275 Emergency lighting and marking	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/CAT-5	CAT.IDE.A285 Flight over water	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/CAT-6	CAT.OP.MPA230 Securing of passenger compartment and galley(s)	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/CAT-7	AMC1 CAT.IDEA.355 Electronic Navigation Data Management	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/CAT-8	AMC2 CAT.IDE.A.345 Communication and navigation equipment for operations under IFR or under VFR over routes not navigated by reference to visual landmarks	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/FCL-2	Obligation to carry and present documents	30-12-2023	12-05-2025
EXE/11-1	MCAR-11 2.1.3 Designated responsible entity	01-10-2023	27-05-2025
EXE/15-1	MCAR-15 2.1.1 Designated responsible entity	01-10-2023	27-05-2025
EXE/251-1	MCAR-251.A.10 Requirement for re-certification	16-02-2026	30-07-2026