



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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EXEMPTIONS FROM MCAR-AIR OPERATIONS

EXE/ORO-1 ORO.FC.100 Composition of flight crew

The requirements of ORO.FC.100 regarding the composition of flight crew are hereby exempted to allow aerial photography flights, with photographer in the right hand seat of the cockpit, when in cruise at or above 500 ft AGL provided the following conditions are met.

Conditions

- a) On an aircraft categorised as single pilot/complex or single pilot aeroplane.
- b) Co-pilot shall be seated in the seat nearest to the cockpit and be available immediately if needed.
- c) Photographer shall be briefed on the safety precautions before take-off.
- d) The normal and emergency procedures for the photographer shall be addressed in the Operations Manual and this procedure shall be briefed to the photographer before the flight.
- e) The equipment used by the photographer shall be of a size that will not impede the flight controls.
- f) All relevant ATS provisions must be complied with.
- g) Records of such flights shall be kept for a period of 1 year.

| This exemption will remain valid until 31st December 2026.



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EXEMPTIONS FROM MCAR-AIR OPERATIONS

For the purpose of implementation of MCAR Air Operations, with regard to the cost of installation and the benefit to the safety of the operation, the following requirements of MCAR Air Operations are exempted as detailed below.

For operators with DHC-6 aircraft these requirements were exempted from, MCAR OPS-1, since June 2010, and it has been recorded that these exemptions have had no negative impact on the safety of the operation.

EXE/CAT-1 CAT.IDE.A.140 Altitude alerting system

The requirements of 'Altitude alerting system', as specified in CAT.IDE.A.140 are hereby exempted for all domestic day VFR operations on DHC-6, 100, 200 and 300 series aircraft.

EXE/CAT-2 CAT.IDE.A.150 Terrain Awareness Warning System (TAWS)

Considering that, there are no mountainous terrain in Maldives, the requirements of CAT.IDE.A.150 are hereby exempted for all domestic day VFR floatplane operations.

EXE/CAT-3 CAT.IDE.A.205 Seats, seat safety belts, restraint systems and child restraint devices

The requirement for a seat belt with upper torso restraint system on each seat for the minimum required cabin crew as per CAT.IDE.A.205 (a) (6) are hereby exempted for all aeroplanes, where the type design did not include a designated seat(s) for cabin crew.

EXE/CAT-4 CAT.IDE.A.275 Emergency lighting and marking

The requirement of an independent power supply system as per CAT.IDE.A.275 (a) is hereby exempted for all domestic day VFR operations provided, that the aircraft is equipped with photo-luminescent signage and strips.

EXE/CAT-5 CAT.IDE.A.285 Flight over water

The requirements of sound signal specified in CAT.IDE.A.285 (c) (2) regarding the equipment for making sound signals are hereby exempted for all domestic day VFR operations at designated landing sites.

EXE/CAT-6 CAT.OP.MPA.230 Securing of passenger compartment and galley(s)

The requirement of CAT.OP.MPA.230 (a), to ensure all exits and escape paths are unobstructed before taxiing, take-off and landing are hereby exempted for rear right-hand side exit door for all domestic day VFR operations on DHC-6, provided,

- a) an emergency evacuation demonstration acceptable to CAA is shown and
- b) the blocked exit shall not be briefed as an emergency exit in the safety briefing.

EXE/CAT-7 AMC1 CAT.IDE.A.355 Electronic Navigation Data Management

The requirements of AMC1 CAT.IDE.A.355 for Electronic Navigation Database supplier to have Type 2 Letter of Acceptance (LoA) are hereby exempted for all domestic day VFR operations provided the procedure for updating and the verifying the data is approved in Operations Manuals.

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

The requirements of AMC2 CAT.IDE.A.345 (a) (1) to install communication and navigation equipment for operations under IFR or VFR over routes not navigated by reference to visual land mark, are hereby exempted for all domestic VFR operations on DHC-6 100, 200 and 300 series aircraft provided the aircraft is equipped with dual independent GNSS.

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EXEMPTIONS FROM MCAR-AIRCREW

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 requisite 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 maybe 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.

EXE/FCL-2 OBLIGATION TO CARRY AND PRESENT DOCUMENTS

The requirement to carry a valid licence and a valid medical certificate by the pilot as specified in MCAR Aircrew FCL.045 (a) is hereby exempted for all domestic day VFR floatplane operations, for the purpose of avoiding damage to personal licences due to exposure to water during floatplane operation.

Conditions

- a) The operator shall keep the valid licence and valid medical certificate of their crew at the base for MCAA to inspect if and when required.
- b) A copy of (an electronic-copy or a paper copy) of a valid licence and a valid medical certificate shall always be carried by the pilot.
- c) An operator benefiting from this exemption shall specify (a) and (b) above and any additional conditions in their operations manual.

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EXEMPTIONS FROM MCAR-11

EXE/11-1: MCAR-11 2.1.3

For the purpose of provision of Air Traffic Services, Maldives Airport Company Limited is exempted as of 1st October 2023 from its designation as the responsible entity for the provision of Air Traffic Services in the Maldives.

As of 1st October 2023, Maldives National Air Traffic Services Private Limited (details as below) will be the designated responsible entity for the provision of Air Traffic Services in the Maldives.

Maldives National Air Traffic Services Private Limited
Corporate Office Building
Velana International Airport (VIA)
Hulhule 22000
Republic of Maldives.

The following conditions apply:

1. All the procedures approved and in use for the provision of Air Traffic Services by Maldives Airports Company Limited shall be followed and adhered to by Maldives National Air Traffic Services Private Limited.
2. The approved Safety Management Manual of Maldives Airports Company Limited shall be followed and adhered to by Maldives National Air Traffic Services Private Limited.
3. Maldives National Air Traffic Services Private Limited shall submit all relevant Manuals and Procedures to the CAA before 01 November 2023.

This exemption will remain valid until revoked.



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EXEMPTIONS FROM MCAR-15

EXE/15-1: MCAR-15 2.1.1

For the purpose of provision of Aeronautical Information Services, Maldives Airport Company Limited is exempted as of 1st October 2023 from its delegation as the responsible entity for the provision of Aeronautical Information Services in the Maldives.

As of 1st October 2023, Maldives National Air Traffic Services Private Limited (details as below) will be the designated responsible entity for the provision of Aeronautical Information Services in the Maldives.

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The following conditions apply:

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2. The approved Safety Management Manual of Maldives Airports Company Limited shall be followed and adhered to by Maldives National Air Traffic Services Private Limited.
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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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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 |