

GUIDANCE MATERIAL

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SPECIAL FLIGHT PERMITS

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1.0 - Eligibility:-

A special flight permit (CAAV Form CA/05) may be issued to permit the operation of an aircraft that cannot comply with the requirements of 91.101 because the issue, renewal, or validation of a required airworthiness certificate is dependent upon the completion of :

- An inspection
- A flight test
- Modifications
- Repairs
- A maintenance program

To be eligible for a **Special Flight Permit**, *an aircraft must be capable of a safe flight*.

1.1 - USE OF PERMIT

THE APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL FLIGHT PERMIT SHOULD INDICATE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS REQUIRED. THE PURPOSE MAY BE:-

- **Ferry flight**
- **Aircraft Evacuation**

The purpose will be prescribed on the special flight permit.

1.1.1 - Ferry Flight:- a ferry flight may apply to an aircraft that:-

- Does not comply with applicable airworthiness requirements
- Has been damaged
- Has inoperative equipment
- Otherwise cannot meet the requirements of Part 43 or 91

Under a special flight permit the aircraft may be ferried to a facility where work on the aircraft is to be performed or where the aircraft is to be stored.

1.1.2 - Aircraft Evacuation:- A special flight permit may be issued to permit an aircraft to be flown out of areas that are, or are expected to be, dangerous. Factors that could make an area dangerous include:-

- Flooding
- Earthquake
- Extreme weather
- Other natural disasters

1.1.3: CONDITIONS OF THE FLIGHT PERMIT (AUTHORIZATION)

A special flight permit will only be issued if the flight can be shown to meet an acceptable level of safety.

The following limitations are mandatory:

- a) A copy of the PERMIT (authorization) shall be displayed in the aircraft at all times when operating under the terms of the authorization;
- b) The registration marks as required by Rule Part 47 must be displayed
- c) Person or property shall not be carried for compensation or hire

- d) No person shall be carried in the aircraft unless that person is essential to the purpose of the flight and has been advised of the contents and conditions of the PERMIT (authorization) and the airworthiness status of the aircraft;
- e) Only flight crew holding valid Vanuatu Pilot’s licenses or flight crew licenses validated by Vanuatu may operate the aircraft;
- f) All flight shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable general operating rules of the State in or over which the operations are conducted;
- g) All flights shall be conducted so as to avoid areas having heavy traffic or any other areas where flight might create hazardous exposure to persons or property;
- h) All flights shall be conducted within the performance operating limitations prescribed in the aeroplane flight manual and those additional limitations specified by the Director.
- i) All flights shall be conducted prior to the expiry date of the PERMIT (authorization).
- j) A certificate of Fitness for Flight shall be issued (refer to AC 21-3A)

NOTE: if the flight involves operating over States other than Vanuatu, the operator of the aircraft must obtain authorizations from the appropriate authorities of those States prior to undertaking the flight.

2.0 - CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS FOR FLIGHT

IF A CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE TO SERVICE CANNOT BE ISSUED THEN A CERTIFICATION IN RESPECT OF THE AIRCRAFT’S FITNESS FOR FLIGHT WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CAAV **BEFORE** A SPECIAL FLIGHT PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED.

The certificate of fitness for flight ***is not*** a release to service for the aircraft.

A form of the “*Certificate of Fitness for Flight* ” is shown below:-

CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS FOR FLIGHT

1. Aircraft Manufacturer_____

Aircraft Manufacturer’s Designation_____

Aircraft Registration _____

2. It is hereby certified that the aircraft defined hereon has been inspected and is fit for flight provided it is properly loaded

This Certificate is valid until (7 days maximum) or until the airworthiness condition of the aircraft is altered, whichever is earlier.

Signed_____ Date _____

AME Licence/Authorization No _____

Customer generated form-completed in duplicate.

Original kept in aircraft log book

Copy to CAAV

Figure 1. Sample of Certificate of Fitness for Flight

3.0 - SPECIAL FLIGHT PERMIT - Application

An application for a special flight permit is to be made on CAAV Form 24021/07. This form is available from the CAAV office in Port Vila

All charges associated with the issue of the special flight permit will normally be invoiced to the aircraft's registered owner. The CAAV will invoice another client if it receives a written request and the client has agreed in writing to accept the charges.

3.1 - Description and how to fill the form CAAV 24021/07

Section A. Applicant details: self explanatory

Section B. Aircraft Description:

The applicant should ensure that correct model designation are used. The data plate should be checked to ensure that the information correspond to references in the aircraft's documentation. If differences are found then the reason for them should be determined and the CAAV advised.

If the aircraft has already been issued with an airworthiness certificate by the CAAV and no change has been made to the aircraft configuration or components since the issue, then only the aircraft registration need to be stated.

Section C. Purpose:

The intended purpose of the flight should be specified.

Section D. Grounds for Request:

The application should contain the supporting reasons for the special flight permit.

Section E. Proposed Itinerary:

The application should contain the details pertaining to the specific flight or flights and include the proposed route and the date/s of the flight/s

Section F. Proposed Crew:

Only crew holding appropriate valid Vanuatu Pilot's licenses or validated by Vanuatu may operate the aircraft

Section G. Proposed Operating Limitations:

State any restriction the applicant considers necessary for the safe operation of the aircraft.

Section H. Details of non compliance with applicable airworthiness requirements:

List all non-complaint airworthiness requirements that cannot be carried out and the reasons for consideration by the CAA.

Section I. Inspection:

An inspection and certificate of fitness for flight must be carried out prior to the ferry flight or aircraft evacuation flight by an appropriate licenced or authorized engineer (in the case of a Part 145 AMO). Refer to AC 21-3A for details.

Section J. Declaration:
Self explanatory

NOTE

For Operators in Vanuatu, application for the issue of a Special Flight Permit may only be granted for the purpose of:- (a) - Ferry Flight; or (b) - Aircraft Evacuation.

Flight Testing and Customer Demonstration do not apply in Vanuatu.