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Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority

Directive
DIR-AIR-01

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Validation of Foreign Licence of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers

Issue 02 dated 21 July 2026

1. General

Directive is issued by the Head of Authority of Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA), in exercise of power conferred by the Section 55 of Civil Aviation Act of Bhutan 2016, to communicate safety-related requirements not fully addressed in the existing published regulation.

Directives issued may be permanent or interim in nature, and are intended to ensure continued compliance, standardisation, and effective oversight of aviation safety. The compliance with this Directive is mandatory.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Directive is to establish the requirements for issuance of certificate of validation (herein referred to as 'the certificate') for foreign aircraft maintenance engineer (AME) licenses, issued by a Contracting State of ICAO.

3. Applicability

This Directive is applicable to maintenance organisations approved in accordance with BCAR-145 or BCAR-M Subpart F that are located within Bhutan.

4. Cancellation

The Issue 02 of this Directive supersedes the Issue 01. This revision updates the term 'Circular' with 'Directive' in line with the Rulemaking and State Letter Handling Procedure Manual of BCAA.

5. References

This Directive relates specifically to BCAR-66, BCAR-145 and BCAR-M.

6. Eligibility

- (a) An applicant for a certificate shall;
 - 1) not be less than 21 years of age;
 - 2) holds a valid foreign AME licence where the validity period shall be not less than six (6) months on the date of the application;
 - 3) have the aircraft type endorsed in the foreign AME licence; and
 - 4) have at least three years of experience in exercising privileges of foreign AME licence.
 - 5) have successfully passed the airworthiness regulation exam conducted by BCAA.
- (b) The FAA A&P Certificate, ICAO state Certificates based on the FAA Certificate and licences from ICAO states with open Significant Safety Concerns in Personnel Licensing (PEL) are not recognised.
- (c) Ratings are only issued for aircraft types that are type accepted by BCAA.

7. Application for Certificate

- (a) General
 - 1) Each application shall be supported by documentation to demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirements of this Directive.
 - 2) BCAA will issue, or renew a certificate upon being satisfied that the applicant is a fit person to hold a certificate and has furnished the evidences and passed the examinations and tests as may be required of him, for the purpose of establishing that the applicant has sufficient knowledge, experience, competence, and skill in aircraft maintenance.
- (b) An applicant for issuance of a certificate shall submit the application form BCAA Form 19V accompanied by the prescribed fee together with the following documentation;
 - 1) certified true copy of the Passport;
 - 2) certified true copy of valid foreign AME licence;
 - 3) evidence of type training;
 - 4) evidence of training on human factors;
 - 5) evidence of training on safety management system;
 - 6) evidence of passing the BCAA Airworthiness Regulation Exam (Written and Oral);
 - 7) evidence of exercising certification privileges of the foreign AME licence for at least three years;
 - 8) evidence of need and acceptable justification to hold the certificate by the person specified in paragraph 7(d) of this Directive; and
 - 9) submit a recent passport size photograph (45mm x 35mm).
 - 10) submit psychoactive drug test result.

- (c) An applicant for renewal of a certificate shall submit the application form BCAA Form 19V accompanied by the prescribed fee, together with a certified true copy of valid foreign AME licence, a recent passport size photograph and psychoactive drug test report.
- (d) An application under paragraph 7(b) and 7(c) of this Directive shall be made by a nominated postholder who is responsible for the maintenance function or the quality function of a BCAR-145 or BCAR-M Subpart F organisation.

8. Issuance of a Certificate

BCAA may issue a certificate (BCAA Form 26V), in form and manner established in Appendix I of this Directive, if BCAA is satisfied that the applicant has fulfilled all applicable requirements under this Directive.

9. Validity Period

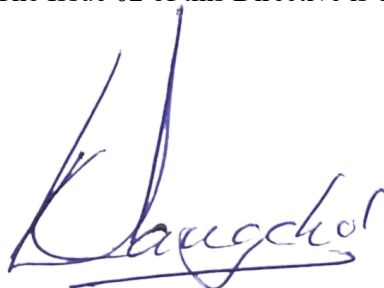
- (a) The certificate shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year or the same as the validity period of the foreign AME licence, whichever is earlier.
- (b) The certificate is valid if the holder of a certificate is engaged by a person under paragraph 7(d) of this Directive.

10. Additional Requirements

- (a) The holder of a certificate shall not issue maintenance release if the certificate is suspended or revoked by BCAA.
- (b) The categories and type ratings granted in the certificate will not exceed the categories and type ratings, including limitation of the foreign AME licence.
- (c) A holder of a certificate shall carry the certificate with the foreign AME licence and have to be presented when requested by BCAA.

11. Effectivity

The Issue 02 of this Directive is effective from 20 July 2026.



Head of Authority

DIRECTOR GENERAL
Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority
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Appendix I – BCAA Form 26V Certificate of Validation



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CERTIFICATE OF VALIDATION

Certificate No.:

Pursuant to the Civil Aviation Act of Bhutan 2016 as amended and subject to the conditions specified in the Directive DIR-AIR-01, this certifies the validation of the following:

1. Name of Licence Holder:	2. Date of Birth:	3. Nationality
4. State of Licence Issue	5. Issuing Authority	6. Licence Number
7. Basic Licence(s)		
8. Type Rating(s)		
9. Limitation(s)		
10. Photo	11. Signature	

The holder of the Foreign Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Licence, whose photo and signature appears above is hereby authorized to exercise the privileges and limitations mentioned in his/her licence in accordance with the certification authorisation issued by the organisation.

Date of Initial Issue:

Date of Revision:

Date of Expiry:

Signature: