

SAFETY RECOMMENDATION SI-18-010

Details

Synopsis	On January 17, 2018 at approximately 8:15am Eastern Standard Time (EST), a PA23-250 aircraft (N62769) crashed shortly after takeoff into the Atlantic Ocean approximately 4nm southeast of the Mastic Point settlement in North Andros, Bahamas. The pilot and 5 passengers were killed as a result. The ill-fated flight originated from San Andros Int'l Airport with intended destination of Lynden Pindling International Airport, in Nassau, Bahamas. The flight operated on a visual flight rules flight plan. In the vicinity of the crash, the weather at the time was marginal visual meteorological conditions.
Recommendation	The Air Accident Investigation Department recommends that the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority discontinue issuance of converted and validated license until such time as a process can be put in place to demonstrate applicants for converted or validated licenses are familiar with Bahamas rules and laws of the air.
Original Recommendation Transmittal Letter	Recommendation Letter Recommendation
Overall Status	Closed – Unacceptable Action ⁱ
Location	Nassau Bahamas
Accident Number	A18-000004
Accident Report	Loss of Control Inflight and Uncontrolled Flight into Terrain (Ocean)
Accident Date	17 th January, 2018
Issue Date	1 st May, 2018
Date Closed	13 th May, 2020
Addressee(s)	Captain Charles Beneby – Director General
Addressee(s) Response	Open – Response Received

Safety Recommendation History

From	AAIA
To	BCAA
Date	1 st May, 2018
Response	Recommendation Letter Recommendation

From	BCAA
To	AAIA
Date	24 th July, 2018
Response	BCAA Response
Response Summary	The BCAA does not accept Safety Recommendation 5, and does not agree with the AAID, that it should discontinue the issuance of validating or converting foreign licences. The BCAA considers the AAID's recommendation in this regard to be irrational, ill conceived, impractical and totally unnecessary. The BCAA has a lawful and acceptable process and procedure for issuing valid licences by way of conversion or validating licences by way of validation.

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	<p>The BCAA re-states that either method is a lawfully recognized and equally valid as a nationally and internationally acceptable method of licencing for use of foreign-issued licences within the Bahamas civil aviation system, and has been an established and nationally and internationally recognized practice in The Bahamas for more than forty (40) years. The Bahamas has, concurrently, effectively and safely used the methods of conversion and validation of foreign licences within The Bahamas civil aviation system for decades with the acceptance of the FAA and ICAO.</p> <p>The BCAA re-states that it intends to require that all new applicants for converted and validated personnel licences, and existing Bahamas personnel licence holders, to be tested and examined on The Bahamas civil aviation laws and regulations generally, and those specifically applicable to their particular areas of operation.</p>
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From	AAIA
To	BCAA
Date	13 th May, 2020
Status	Closed – Unacceptable Action
Response	AAIA Closure Letter

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ⁱ Closed – Unacceptable Action – Response by recipient expresses disagreement with the need outlined in the recommendation. There is no further evidence to offer, and the AAIA concludes that further correspondence on, or discussion of, the matter would not change the recipient’s position. This status can also be used when the timeframe goals outlined in this order have not been met.