

SAFETY RECOMMENDATION SI-18-009

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 institute policies and procedures to require all converted and validated license applicants be familiar with Bahamas air law, procedures and policies and conduct knowledge and skill testing applicable to flying in the Bahamas airspace.
Original Recommendation Transmittal Letter	Recommendation Letter Recommendation
Overall Status	Closed - Acceptable Action ¹
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 partially accepts Safety Recommendation 4. Subpart C Schedule 8 of CAGR 2017 sets out the legal requirements, and the processes and procedures for converting or validating a foreign personnel licence. This schedule does provide a structured process that requires applicants to have knowledge of Bahamas air laws, procedures or processes when flying in Bahamas airspace.

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	<p>The BCAA re-states that it is a requirement under Bahamas and international civil aviation law that all personnel licence holders have a personal responsibility to be familiar with and comply with the civil aviation laws and regulations of the Bahamas.</p> <p>As an added measure of safety oversight and improving standards, the BCAA has considered and intends to introduce a national knowledge and testing database on Bahamian civil aviation laws and regulations, which will require 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. The BCAA anticipates that this knowledge and testing platform will be an operational requirement within the next six (6) to twelve (12) months.</p>
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From	AAIA
To	BCAA
Date	13 th May, 2020
Status	Closed - Acceptable Action
Response	AAIA Closure Letter

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ⁱ Closed – Acceptable Action – Response by recipient indicates action on the safety recommendation has been completed. The action complies with the safety recommendation.