



Notification of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand
on Air Operator Certificate Re-certification
B.E. 2568 (2025)

In accordance with the Regulation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand No. 26 on Air Operator Certificate, and the Regulation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand No. 27 on Operations of the Air Operator, which came into force on December 3, 2023, the procedures and standards for certifying Air Operators have been updated. These updates ensure compliance with Annex 6 and its amendments of the International Civil Aviation Convention of 1944, as well as the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Commission Regulation (EU) 965/2012 Part-Organisation Requirements for Air Operations (Part-ORO), Part-CAT (Commercial Air Transport Operations), Part-SPA (Specific Approvals), Part-NCC (Non-commercial Air Operations with Complex Motor-powered Aircraft), Part-NCO (Non-commercial Air Operations with Other-than-complex Motor-powered Aircraft), and Part-SPO (Specialised Operations). To ensure that the Air Operator Certification (AOC Certification) and the operations of the AOC Holders comply with the new standards and regulations, the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand issued the 'Notification of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand on Air Operator Certificate Re-certification' dated December 4, 2023. It is necessary to amend the flight operations standards to comply with amendments 49 of Annex 6 Part 1 and amendments 25 of Annex 6 Part 3 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, which became effective on November 28, B.E. 2567 (2024), as well as to adjust timeframes to appropriately align with current circumstances. Therefore, by virtue of the authority under Clause 19 of the Regulation of The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand No. 26 on Air Operator Certificate, announced on June 16, B.E. 2566 (2023), and Clause 9 of the Regulation of The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand No. 27 on Operations of the Air Operator, announced on June 16, B.E. 2566 (2023), the Director of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand hereby issues this Announcement establishing criteria and procedures for Air Operator Certification as follows:

Clause 1: This Notification shall be called the " Notification of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand on Air Operator Certificate Re-certification, B.E. 2568 (2025)."

Clause 2: This Notification shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication.

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Clause 3: Notification of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand on Air Operator Certificate Re-certification B.E. 2566 (2023), dated December 4, 2023, is hereby repealed.

Clause 4: In this Notification,

“Director” means the Director of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand according to the law on civil aviation.

“Authority” means the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand.

“Air Operator” means an entity engaged in commercial air transport operations, both domestic and international, whether conducted directly, through another person, by means of aircraft leasing, or through other arrangements.

Clause 5: Air Operators required to undergo the Air Operator Certificate Re-certification process as per this Notification are categorized into three types. Each type must undertake specific actions before entering the re-certification process:

(1) Type 1 refers to Air Operators whose Air Operator Certificate (AOC) has either expired prior to December 3, 2023, or will expire within 6 months following this date, and have applied for AOC renewal before December 3, 2023, undergoing an inspection process for AOC renewal in accordance with the Air Operator Certification Requirements (AOCR) or the Helicopter Operations Regulations (HOR), as applicable. Upon renewal of the AOC, the Air Operator shall update the Management System and the Operations Manuals in accordance with the standards and criteria set forth in Clause 8. Following this, the operator must proceed with the re-certification inspection and evaluation process to obtain a new AOC. This process should be completed by December 3, 2026.

(2) Type 2 refers to Air Operators holding an AOC prior to December 3, 2023, which remains valid and will expire before December 3, 2026. The Air Operator must apply for the renewal of the AOC and undergo the inspection process for renewal according to the Air Operator Certification Requirements (AOCR) or the Helicopter Operations Requirements (HOR), as applicable. Upon renewal of the AOC, the Air Operator shall update the Management System and the Operations Manuals in accordance with the standards and criteria set forth in Clause 8. Following this, the operator must proceed with the re-certification inspection and evaluation process to obtain a new AOC. This process should be completed by December 3, 2026.

(3) Type 3 refers to Air Operators holding an AOC prior to December 3, 2023, which remains valid and will expire after December 3, 2026, The Air Operator shall update the Management System and the Operations Manuals in accordance with the standards and criteria set forth in Clause 8. Following this, the operator must proceed with the Re-certification inspection and evaluation process to obtain a new AOC. This process should be completed by December 3, 2026.

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Clause 6: The Air Operators as defined in Clause 5, must revise and enhance their operational aspects as follows; the Management System; Flight and Ground Operating Procedures and Specific Approvals; the Flight and Duty Time Limitations and Rest Requirements for Flight Crew, Flight Operations Officers/Flight Dispatchers, Technical Crew, and Cabin Crew; the Security measures on the airplanes or helicopters; the Manuals, Logs, and Records; the Instruments, Data and Equipment aboard the airplanes or helicopters; the Performance and Operating Limitations for the airplanes or helicopters; the Continuing Airworthiness for the airplanes or helicopters; and other safety-related aspects of Air Operations to ensure compliance with:

(1) The Regulation of Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand No. 26 on Air Operator Certificate,

(2) The Regulation of Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand No. 27 on Operations of the Air Operator,

(3) The Notification of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand on the Operational Standards for Air Operators (Thailand Civil Aviation Regulation – Air Operations (TCAR OPS)), B.E. 2567.

Clause 7: The Director shall conduct inspections and evaluations for the certification of the Air Operators Certificate Re-certification in the following sequential phases:

- (1) Pre-Application Phase,
- (2) Formal Application Phase,
- (3) Documentation Evaluation Phase,
- (4) Demonstration and Inspection Phase,
- (5) Certification Phase.

Clause 8: The Air Operators as defined in Clause 5, must engage in an inspection and evaluation process for the certification of the Air Operators Certificate Re-certification. This process includes:

(1) Submission of a request for inspection for the certification in writing to the Director within June 30, 2024, to undergo the Pre-application Phase and the Formal Application Phase as outlined in Clause 7 (1) and (2), accompanied by the following documents:

a. A Transition Plan to Thailand Civil Aviation Regulation - Air Operations (TCAR OPS), along with a Risk Assessment and Mitigation Measure document, as part of the Management of Change process, for the Director's approval.

b. Operations Manuals to be submitted to the Director for content verification during the Document Evaluation Phase within a specified timeframe, as follows:

1) Operations Manual Part A: General must be submitted by December 31, 2024, for the Director's approval or acceptance by March 31, 2025.

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II) Operations Manual Part B: Aircraft Operating Information must be submitted by March 31, 2025.

III) Operations Manual Part C: Area, Route, and Aerodrome/Operating Site must be submitted by March 31, 2025.

IV) Operations Manual Part D: Training Programmes must be submitted by June 30, 2025.

(2) Conducting an inspection of the list of Instruments, Data, and Equipment aboard the aircrafts that are installed on the authorized airplanes or helicopters under the Air Operator Certificate, using the Compliance List format stipulated by the Director and submit the inspection results to the Director by December 31, 2024. In the event that the Air Operator discovers discrepancies in the Instruments, Data and Equipment from the specifications set in TCAR OPS Part-Commercial Air Transport (PART-CAT), Subpart CAT.IDE, the Air Operator shall develop a corrective action plan for discrepancies and then submit to the authority to ensure that the Instruments, Data and Equipment aboard the aircrafts comply with the established criteria by December 3, 2026.

Clause 9: The Air Operators certified for the Operations Requiring Specific Approval within their Operations Specifications by the Director prior to the effective date of this Notification, shall maintain the validity of such certification until December 3, 2026. The Air Operators shall strictly adhere to the procedures and methods outlined in the certified manual, except where revalidation of the following specific operations is required. This process involves reviewing relevant documentation and may include additional operational demonstrations (revalidation) to ensure that equipment, instruments, operational procedures, and related employee training comply with TCAR OPS Part Operations requiring Specific Approvals (Part-SPA). These actions must be completed by December 3, 2026:

(1) Low Visibility Operations and Operational Credits Operations with airplanes or helicopters.

(2) Commercial Air Transport operations with airplanes under Extended Range Operations/ Extended Diversion Time Operations (ETOPS/EDTO).

(3) Use of Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) Type B Application in Commercial Air Transport operations.

For the Air Operator seeking for the Operations Requiring Specific Approval within their Operations Specifications from January 1, 2026 onwards, shall comply with TCAR OPS Part Operations Requiring Specific Approvals (Part-SPA).

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Clause 10: Once the Air Operators have received certification for their Operations Manual and Management System under Clause 8(1) from the Director following the Documentation Evaluation Phase as per Clause 7(3), the Director shall proceed with the Demonstration and Inspection Phase as per Clause 7(4). This includes a minimum set of areas for operational inspection, as follows:

- (1) Facilities and Infrastructure
- (2) Training and Checking
- (3) Operational Control and Supervision
- (4) Station Facilities
- (5) Management System of Documentation and Record-Keeping
- (6) Continuing Airworthiness for aeroplanes or helicopters
- (7) Ramp Inspections
- (8) In-Flight Inspections

Clause 11: During the Certification Phase, as per Clause 7(5), the Director shall issue an Air Operator Certificate by Re-certification along with the Operation Specifications and the Attachment to Operations Specifications once the Air Operator has successfully passed the inspection and evaluation process for the Re-certification as outlined in Clause 10. The new AOC will retain the validity period of the existing AOC without any additional fee for the issuance of the new AOC.

Clause 12: In the event that an Air Operator undergoing the inspection and evaluation process for a new AOC fails to rectify the issued non-compliance findings by December 3, 2026, it will be considered that the Air Operator has not passed the inspection and evaluation process for the Re-Certification. Consequently, the existing AOC and the Operations Requiring Specific Approval that were issued by the Director will be deemed invalid from December 3, 2026 onwards.

Clause 13: An Air Operator who fails to apply for the Air Operator Certificate Re-certification inspection to the Director by June 30, 2024, as stipulated in Clause 8(1), shall be deemed to have no intention of seeking such inspection for a Re-certification. Consequently, their existing AOC and Operations Requiring Specific Approval will remain valid until the expiration of said certificates. However, any AOC and Operations Requiring Specific Approval that expire after December 3, 2026, shall cease to be effective from December 3, 2026 onwards.

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Clause 14: During the period when the Air Operator has not yet received a new Air Operator Certificate, the Air Operators as defined in Clause 5 and the Air Operators that have not yet submitted an application for the Air Operator Certificate Re-certification shall conduct safe flight operations and comply with other matters according to the standards, requirements, conditions, and privileges granted as follows:

(1) Air Operators using airplanes must comply with the Air Operator Certificate Requirements (AOCR) Issue 03, Revision 00, Effective Date February 13, 2025, as annexed to this Notification, and any subsequent amendments.

(2) Air Operators using helicopters must comply with the Air Operator Certificate Requirements (AOCR) Issue 03, Revision 00, Effective Date February 13, 2025, and the Helicopter Operations Requirements (HOR), Issue 03, Revision 03, Effective Date February 13, 2025, as annexed to this Notification, and any subsequent amendments.

Clause 15: In the event that an Air Operator's Air Operator Certificate (AOC) has expired or is no longer valid as per Clauses 12 or 13, in seeking to continue engaging in commercial air transport business, the Air Operator must initiate the process of applying for an Air Operator Certification as if they were a new Air Operator, in accordance with the Regulation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand No.26 on Air Operator Certificate and any subsequent amendments.

Given on February 13, 2025

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