



**CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

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Civil Aviation Rule Part 157

**Notice of Construction, Alteration, Activation, and
Deactivation of Aerodromes**

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DESCRIPTION

Part 157 provides the regulatory requirements for a Proponent proposing to construct, alter, activate or deactivate an aerodrome or heliport, to notify the Director and seek the Director's determination on the safe and efficient use of the aerodrome and its airspace by aircraft.

BULLETIN

This Part first came into force on 1 January 2004 and now incorporates the following amendments:

Amendment	Effective Date
Amendment 1	13 November 2018
Amendment 2	04 November 2024

Summary of amendments: *Amendment 02 aligns Part 157 with ICAO Annex 14, Volume 1.*

Amendment 2:
(Docket 24/14/CAR/157/42)

Rule 157.1 amended by adding new rule “157.1(c) This Part prescribes rules for a person operating an aerodrome who is not required to hold an aerodrome operating certificate must comply with the minimum standards acceptable to the Director.” after Rule 157.1(b)(4)(ii).

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157.1 Purpose

- (a) This Part prescribes rules for persons proposing to construct, alter, activate, or deactivate an aerodrome or heliport of the kind specified in paragraph (b).
- (b) This Part applies to an aerodrome or heliport unless it is—
 - (1) an aerodrome that is certificated under Part 139; or
 - (2) an aerodrome or heliport restricted to VFR operations that is used or intended to be used for a period of less than 7 days in any 30 consecutive day period; or
 - (3) an aerodrome used or intended to be used exclusively by aircraft engaged in agricultural operations and that is not located inside a control zone and that is located more than—
 - (i) 5 nautical miles (9 kilometres) from the nearest other aerodrome; and
 - (ii) 3 nautical miles (6 kilometres) from the nearest heliport; or
 - (4) a heliport used or intended to be used exclusively by helicopters engaged in agricultural operations and that is not located inside a control zone and that is located more than -
 - (i) 3 nautical miles (6 kilometres) from the nearest aerodrome; and
 - (ii) 1 nautical mile (2 kilometres) from the nearest other heliport.
- (c) A person operating an aerodrome who is not required to hold an aerodrome operating certificate issued under Part 139 must comply with the minimum level of safety and standards acceptable to the Director.

157.2 Definitions

For the purpose of rule 157.1 and 157.5:

"Aerodrome" does not include a defined area of land or water intended or designed specifically for use by helicopters:

"Heliport" means any defined area of land or water, and any defined area on a structure, intended or designed specifically for use by helicopters.

157.5 Projects requiring notice

A person who intends to do any of the following (who in this Part is referred to as a 'proponent') shall notify the Director in the manner prescribed in rule 157.7:

- (1) construct or otherwise establish an aerodrome or heliport to which this Part applies or activate such an aerodrome or heliport:
- (2) construct, re-align, alter, or activate any runway or other aircraft landing or take-off area of an aerodrome or heliport to which this Part applies:
- (3) increase the use of an established aerodrome or heliport restricted to VFR operations to more than 7 days in any 30 consecutive day period:
- (4) deactivate, discontinue using, or abandon an aerodrome or heliport to which this Part applies, or any landing or take-off area of such an aerodrome or heliport, for a period of one year or more.

157.7 Notice of intent

- (a) The notice required by rules 157.5(1), (2) and (3) shall be submitted to the Director at least 90 days before the day that work is to begin:
 - (i) on CAA Form 157/01 and,
 - (ii) a payment of the appropriate application fee prescribed by the regulations made under the Act; and,
 - (iii) a plan of the aerodrome and its facilities certified by a registered surveyor; and
 - (iv) with evidence of lawful entitlement to use the place as an aerodrome.
- (b) The notice required by rule 157.5(4) shall be submitted in writing at least 30 days before the date planned for deactivation, discontinuance of use, or abandonment.

157.9 Aeronautical study

- (a) On receiving a notification under rule 157.7 (a), the Director shall conduct an aeronautical study.
- (b) In conducting the aeronautical study, the Director shall consult with such persons, representative groups, and organisations as the Director considers appropriate.
- (c) The purpose of the aeronautical study shall be to consider the effects that the proposed action would have on the safe and efficient use of airspace by aircraft, and on the safety of persons and property on the ground. In particular, the aeronautical study shall consider the following:
 - (1) the effect the proposed action would have on existing or contemplated aerodrome traffic circuits of neighbouring aerodromes:
 - (2) the effect the proposed action would have on existing and projected airspace uses:
 - (3) the effect the proposed action would have on the safety of persons and property on the ground:
 - (4) the effect the existing or proposed man-made objects and natural objects within the affected area would have on the proposed action.

157.11 Aerodrome determination

- (a) On completion of the aeronautical study, the Director shall issue to the proponent, appropriate local authorities, and other interested persons an aerodrome determination which shall be one of the following—
 - (1) **Acceptable:** An acceptable determination shall be made when the Director is satisfied that the proposed action will not adversely affect the safe and efficient use of the airspace by aircraft nor the safety of persons or property on the ground:
 - (2) **Conditional:** A conditional determination shall be made when the Director identifies aspects of a proposed action that are unacceptable but specifies conditions which, if complied with, satisfy the Director that the proposed action will not adversely affect the safe and efficient use of the airspace by aircraft, nor the safety of persons or property on the ground:

- (3) **Unacceptable:** An unacceptable determination shall be made when the Director identifies unacceptable aspects of a proposed action and shall specify the Director's reasons for finding the proposed action objectionable.
- (b) Acceptable and conditional aerodrome determinations shall contain a determination void date in order to facilitate efficient planning for the use of the navigable airspace.
- (c) All work or action for which a notice is required by this Part shall be completed by the determination void date. Unless otherwise extended, revised, or terminated, an aerodrome determination becomes invalid on the day specified as the determination void date.
- (d) Interested persons may, at least 15 days in advance of the determination void date, petition the Director to—
 - (4) revise the determination based on new facts that change the basis on which it was made; or
 - (5) extend the determination void date.

157.13 Notice of completion

The proponent shall notify the Director in writing of the completion of any action notified under rule 157.5 within 15 days of the completion.