

Have you registered to use your Drone?

It is an offence to operate a Drone (also known as Remotely Piloted Aircrafts (RPAs) in Botswana without first registering with CAAB.



Individuals and organisations wishing to register are required to pay BWP250 to CAAB for them to be issued with a certificate of use.

- The Certificate will contain the name, contact information and address/s of Operators;
- When Operating a Drone, the Operator shall have his/her certificate available for inspection;
- When registering, the Operator shall make available to CAAB, upon request, the Drone for Inspection and Testing and any associated documents and records;
- A Drone shall not be lent, sold or leased without the authorisation of the CAAB;
- The Operator/s SHALL be citizens or residents of the Republic of Botswana;
- Non-Citizens or non-residents wishing to bring a Drone in Botswana for purposes of flying it within the country, should apply to the Authority in writing giving 7 days' notice;
- Upon Registration, an Operator shall be issued with an Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) and a copy of Regulations Governing the use of Drones in Botswana at cost;

- Before registration, the CAAB is required to obtain a clearance certificate for the Operator from the Security Organs as part of a background check; and
- The Operator shall be 18 years of age or older.

Penalties:

- The Penalty for infringing any of the Regulations governing the Use of Drones is a maximum of BWP5000 and/or confiscation of the Drone; and
- In the event that the Drone is used in the commission of any crime, the Maximum penalty shall be BWP50, 000 and /or two (2) years imprisonment and/ or confiscation of the Drone. There has been a significant increase in the procurement and use of Drones over the past few years, with owners using them for private and professional activities such as photography and videography, agricultural observations, climate studies and other uses.

Regrettably, not all of these Drones have been licensed by the CAAB, which poses a threat to privacy, security and safety of citizens, and is an offence punishable by law.

In this light, CAAB would like to urgently encourage all those who currently own or wish to acquire an RPA to get in touch with the CAAB and obtain information on fees, penalties, modes of operation and other pertinent information. The understanding in CAAB is that we can all work together to avoid incidents and keep our skies safe and secure.

Registrations is done at CAAB Offices at a fee of BWP 250.00. Non-citizens or non-residents who wish to bring their drones into Botswana for the purpose of flying them within the country should apply to CAAB Offices in writing giving 7 day's notice.

For registration contact CAAB Head Office: Directorate of Flight Safety, Plot 61920, Letsema Office Park, Fairgrounds, GABORONE, Tel: +267 368 8200 Fax: +267 310 5440

About CAAB

The Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB) is responsible for the regulation and development of air transport, providing air navigation services, managing airports and advising Government on all aspects of civil aviation.

It is a Statutory Corporation established by the Civil Aviation Act of 2004, and commenced full operations as an autonomous regulator on 1st April 2009. The continued existence of CAAB was provided for by the Civil Aviation Act, 2011

which repealed the previous Act establishing the Authority. Before its establishment, most of its functions were performed by the former Department of Civil Aviation (DCA). CAAB under its airports management portfolio, is responsible for the operational oversight of Sir Seretse Khama, Kasane, Francistown and Maun International Airports as well as the Selibe-Phikwe and Ghanzi Airport. The Authority is also responsible for strategic airfields dotted across the country, which are essential in cases of emergency rescues and are useful

for the tourism sector. In 2016, the CAAB was recognised by the European Union and be queathed an award by the International Civil Aviation

Organisation (ICAO), both for the Botswana's progress in resolving safety oversight deficiencies and continued improvement of the effective implementation (EI) of applicable ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) ranking Botswana well above the world average.

Our Vision

To be a world class provider of safe, secure and sustainable aviation services

Our Mission

To effectively and efficiently regulate and promote a safe, secure and sustainable aviation industry in line with international standards and norms

Our Values

Integrity | Accountability | Collaboration | Customers Focus | Continuous Improvement