

Air Operator Certificate

Introduction of service

Evaluation and approval for air operator certificate application.

Service target and eligibility criteria

A company who wishes to operate air transport services in Macao and has already completed its commercial registration at the competent authority in Macao can submit their application for the Air Operator Certificate to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Result

Issue air operator certificate to eligible air operator.

Methods of Inquiry

The Civil Aviation Authority of Macao Special Administrative Region (CAA)

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Related legislations

These laws are only available in Chinese and Portuguese, please refer to the corresponding language version of this service.

- [Civil Aviation Activity Law - Law no. 4/2025 \(B.O. I Series no. 27 of 2025.7.7\)](#)
 - [Establishes the charging scheme of the Civil Aviation Authority for the scope of services it provides within its responsibilities - Executive Order no. 45/2012 \(B.O. I Series no. 44 of 2012.10.29\)](#)
 - [Approves the Air Navigation Regulation of Macao - Dispatch of the Secretary for Transport and Public Works No. 16/2026 \(B.O. I Series no. 19 of 2026.5.11\)](#)
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Applications overview

Air Operator Certificate - Issuance

Application procedure

Time constraint

No time constraint

Application procedure and required documents

The applicant is required to submit the following documents or information in writing:

1. Cover letter;
2. The completed application form ([Application for the issuance of Air Operator Certificate \(AOC\) FS/APP/001](#));
3. Proof of [company registration](#) in Macau; (Company registered in DSAJ can authorize AACM to check online so will be exempted for submission)
4. Business plan;
5. Proof of sufficient financial resources to conduct the proposed operations;
6. For scheduled services, proposed routes, including geographical tracks, minimum flight altitudes, destination and alternate aerodromes to be used including data on instrument approach procedures, proposed aerodrome operating minima, navigation and communications facilities;
7. Schedule of Events with appropriate events addressed and target dates;
8. Detailed Compliance Statement;
9. Documents of purchase, leases, contracts or letters of intent for aircraft, facilities, training and services appropriate to the operation proposed;
10. License for commercial air transport of passenger, if applicable.

Note: Aside from the above listed documents, the applicant is required to submit a formal application package which must include all the required documents stipulated in Appendix 1 to the [Aeronautical Circular No. AC/OPS/004](#).

Methods of Application

Application shall be made in writing.

Address: 18/F, Cheng Feng Commercial Centre, 336-342, Alameda Dr. Carlos D'Assumpção, Macao

Office hour:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 – 13:00; 14:30 – 17:45

Friday: 9:00 – 13:00; 14:30 – 17:30

Charge

The charge is calculated based on the aircraft fleet that the applicant plans to purchase, according to the maximum take-off weight (MTOW) of the aircraft as follow:

2,000kg and below:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP10,500 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP5,250 each plus 10% stamp duty.

2,001kg to 55,000kg:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP52,200 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP26,100 each plus 10% stamp duty.

55,001kg to 100,000kg:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP69,600 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP34,800 each plus 10% stamp duty.

100,001kg to 160,000kg:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP105,000 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP52,500 each plus 10% stamp duty.

160,000kg and above:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP210,000 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP105,000 each plus 10% stamp duty.

Note: The fee should be paid at the time the application is submitted.

Processing time

10 working days to complete the issuance of the application (time guaranteed in performance pledge).

Note: The guaranteed time for the issuance of an Air Operator Certificate commences on the day following the completion of all review and assessment work and the completion of all necessary corrective actions by the applicant.

Applications overview

Air Operator Certificate - Renewal

Application procedure

Time constraint

Formal application form with all supporting documents must be submitted 45 days prior to desire renewal effective.

Application procedure and required documents

The applicant is required to submit the following documents or information in writing:

1. Copy of the existing AOC and its Operation Specifications;
 2. The completed application form ([Application for Renewal/Variation of Air Operator Certificate \(AOC\) FS/APP/002](#));
 3. Copy of the Insurance policy for the operation;
 4. List of scheduled destinations and associated information;
 5. Detailed Compliance Statement: Renewal compliance statement in the form of a detailed listing of the ANRM and ACs that is applicable to the operation with either a brief narrative description or a reference to an applicable document that describes compliance; and
 6. The status of the implementation of the corrective action(s) regarding the existing outstanding findings;
 7. The latest audited financial report.
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Friday: 9:00 – 13:00; 14:30 – 17:30

Charge

The charge is calculated based on the aircraft fleet that the applicant plans to purchase, according to the maximum take-off weight (MTOW) of the aircraft as follow:

2,000kg and below:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP10,500 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP5,250 each plus 10% stamp duty.

2,001kg to 55,000kg:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP52,200 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP26,100 each plus 10% stamp duty.

55,001kg to 100,000kg:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP69,600 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP34,800 each plus 10% stamp duty.

100,001kg to 160,000kg:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP105,000 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP52,500 each plus 10% stamp duty.

160,000kg and above:

The aircraft that has the greatest MTOW in the fleet – MOP210,000 plus 10% stamp duty.

The other aircraft in the fleet – MOP105,000 each plus 10% stamp duty.

Note: The fee should be paid at the time the application is submitted.

Processing time

45 working days to complete the issuance of the application (time guaranteed in performance pledge).

Note: The guaranteed time for the issuance of an Air Operator Certificate commences upon receipt of all the documents.

Applications overview

Air Operator Certificate - Variation

Application procedure

Time constraint

Formal application form with all supporting documents must be submitted 30 days prior to desire variation effective.

Application procedure and required documents

The applicant is required to submit the following documents or information in writing

The holder of the AOC shall submit an application on the appropriate application form ([Application for Renewal/Variation of Air Operator Certificate \(AOC\) FS/APP/002](#)) to the AACM giving full details with supporting information for the requested amendments.

Methods of Application

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Friday: 9:00 – 13:00; 14:30 – 17:30

Charge

MOP200

Note: The fee should be paid at the time the application is submitted.

Processing time

The approval process will commence upon receipt of all the documents. The time required is to be determined on a case-by-case basis. For details, please contact the Civil Aviation Authority.
