

# SAFETY RECOMMENDATION SI-18-008

## 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 ensure all Bahamas citizens who are owners / operators of foreign registered aircraft, they are in possession of required medical certificates while operating those foreign registered aircraft in the Bahamas airspace.
Original Recommendation Transmittal Letter	<a href="#">Recommendation Letter</a> <a href="#">Recommendation</a>
Overall Status	Closed – Acceptable Action <sup>i</sup>
Location	Nassau Bahamas
Accident Number	A18-000004
Accident Report	Loss of Control Inflight and Uncontrolled Flight into Terrain (Ocean)
Accident Date	17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018
Issue Date	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2018
Date Closed	13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020
Addressee(s)	Captain Charles Beneby – Director General
Addressee(s) Response	Open – Response Received

## Safety Recommendation History

From	AAIA
To	BCAA
Date	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2018
Response	<a href="#">Recommendation Letter</a> <a href="#">Recommendation</a>

From	BCAA
To	AAIA
Date	24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
Response	<a href="#">BCAA Response</a>
Response Summary	The BCAA partially accepts this safety recommendation.  Pilots of aircraft who are citizens of The Bahamas and who operate any aircraft within The Bahamas, whether those aircraft are foreign-registered or registered in The Bahamas, are required under Bahamian and international civil aviation laws to be in possession of a valid medical certificate at all times whilst operating any aircraft within The Bahamas.

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	The BCAA accepts the AAID's recommendation and will increase its surveillance and records inspection activities, to ensure that all pilots who are Bahamian citizens possess the valid licences and certificates they are required to hold when operating any aircraft within The Bahamas. The BCAA does not permit any pilot to operate an aircraft within The Bahamas that does not possess the required operational licences and certificates.
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From	AAIA
To	BCAA
Date	13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020
Status	Closed – Acceptable Action
Response	<a href="#">AAIA Closure Letter</a>

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