AOPA

Required Documents

Pilot and Aircraft Documentation

Pilots traveling to the Bahamas are required to have the following documents in their possession and may be requested by Bahamian officials to present them at any time. All documents must be originals—no photocopies.

Aircraft Documentation

1. Aircraft Registration Certificate; the aircraft registration must be the permanent Certificate of Registration. "Pink slips" or Temporary Registration Certificates are not valid for international flights.
2. Aircraft Airworthiness Certificate;
3. Radio Station License;
4. Aircraft operating limitations, (pilot's operating handbook);
5. Weight and balance information;
6. Aircraft logbooks at pilot's discretion; and
7. Permit to operate an aircraft with other than a standard airworthiness certificate if aircraft does not have one. (See information on experimental and modified military aircraft.)
8. Letter of Authorization if the aircraft is not registered in the pilot's name (See Leased, Borrowed or Rented Aircraft in the Bahamas.)
9. Any aircraft that has had fuel tanks installed in the baggage or passenger compartments must have Form 337 on board.

Pilot Documentation:

1. Airman Certificate;
2. Current Medical Certificate; and
3. Radiotelephone Operator Permit (required for HF radio usage and for international flights).

Pilots Beware: United States Custom Service can now violate any airman (PIC) who cannot produce his/her current pilot and medical certificates and/or a valid aircraft registration certificate. U.S. Customs Service fines for these violations start at $5,000.

Personal Documentation

All persons entering the Bahamas must have a current passport.

Note: Children traveling with only one parent must have a notarized statement of approval from the absent parent stating the dates of the trip. For additional information, contact the Bahamian Embassy, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, 2220 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20008, (202) 319-2660.

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