

Aircraft Registration & Airworthiness Guide

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains aircraft registration and certificate of airworthiness with DGCA — eligibility, documents, inspection and the process for owned, imported or leased aircraft. Use it to get an aircraft onto the Indian register and flight-ready.

Purpose of this tool & output

Register an aircraft and get airworthiness

How the output is used

Use it to register an aircraft on the Indian register and obtain its Certificate of Airworthiness before it can fly commercially.

Who receives it

The registration and airworthiness applications go to the DGCA (Airworthiness Directorate); the aircraft receives an Indian registration mark and a Certificate of Airworthiness.

How to submit / file it

File the ownership/lease and import documents, de-registration certificate from the previous register if imported, and airworthiness records; the DGCA inspects the aircraft and issues the registration and C of A.

Fees & charges

DGCA registration and airworthiness certification fees based on aircraft weight/type, plus inspection costs; the C of A is periodically renewed.

Who should vet it

The DGCA airworthiness officers who inspect the aircraft and verify the records before registration and certification.

Important cautions

Registration and airworthiness rules, including lease and Cape Town and import aspects, are detailed and change. Confirm the current requirements with DGCA and use experienced aviation legal and technical advisers, especially for leased or imported aircraft.

Companion documents

- Aviation Approvals Roadmap
- DGCA Operator Permit (NSOP/AOP) Guide
- Operations Manuals & SMS Documentation Guide
- CAR Compliance Navigator
- BCAS Aviation Security Programme Guide
- Aerodrome / Helipad / Base Approval Guide

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