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LCAA – ICAO
State of Civil Aviation System in Lebanon



New Era: "When there is a will, there's a way"

Key Tangible Achievements in Lebanon During 2025 - 2026.

State: Lebanon

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Director of the Flight Safety Directorate

Executive Summary

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Major Achievements

SHIFTING TO LCAA – A NEW CHAPTER FOR LEBANON

In line with **Law No. 481 dated 23/04/2024**, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has been transformed into the **Lebanese Civil Aviation Authority (LCAA)**, establishing a more independent, efficient, and performance driven regulatory body.

DGCA → **LCAA** | **BIAC**

Past *NOW* *Future*



ENFORCED AND UPDATED REGULATIONS

NEW REGULATIONS ENFORCED
Building a modern regulatory framework aligned with ICAO Annexes and EASA requirements.

REGULATIONS UPDATED
Existing regulations revised to reflect current standards, technologies and operational needs.

SAFETY AND SECURITY ENHANCED
Strengthened oversight, risk-based approach and robust compliance monitoring.

TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNANCE IMPROVED
Clear roles, accountability and improved service delivery to the aviation community.

BENEFITING FROM ICAO MISSION 2023

CAPACITY BUILDING
Training, workshops and mentoring to develop LCAA competencies.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Expert missions and hands-on support tailored to LCAA needs.

REGULATORY SUPPORT
Assistance in drafting, reviewing and aligning regulations with EASA standards.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
Strengthening systems, processes and safety culture for sustainable results.

KEY INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES

8 AUGUST 2025 — His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Aziz, Chairman, and the Members of the Lebanese Civil Aviation Authority (LCAA) were officially appointed by the Council of Ministers.

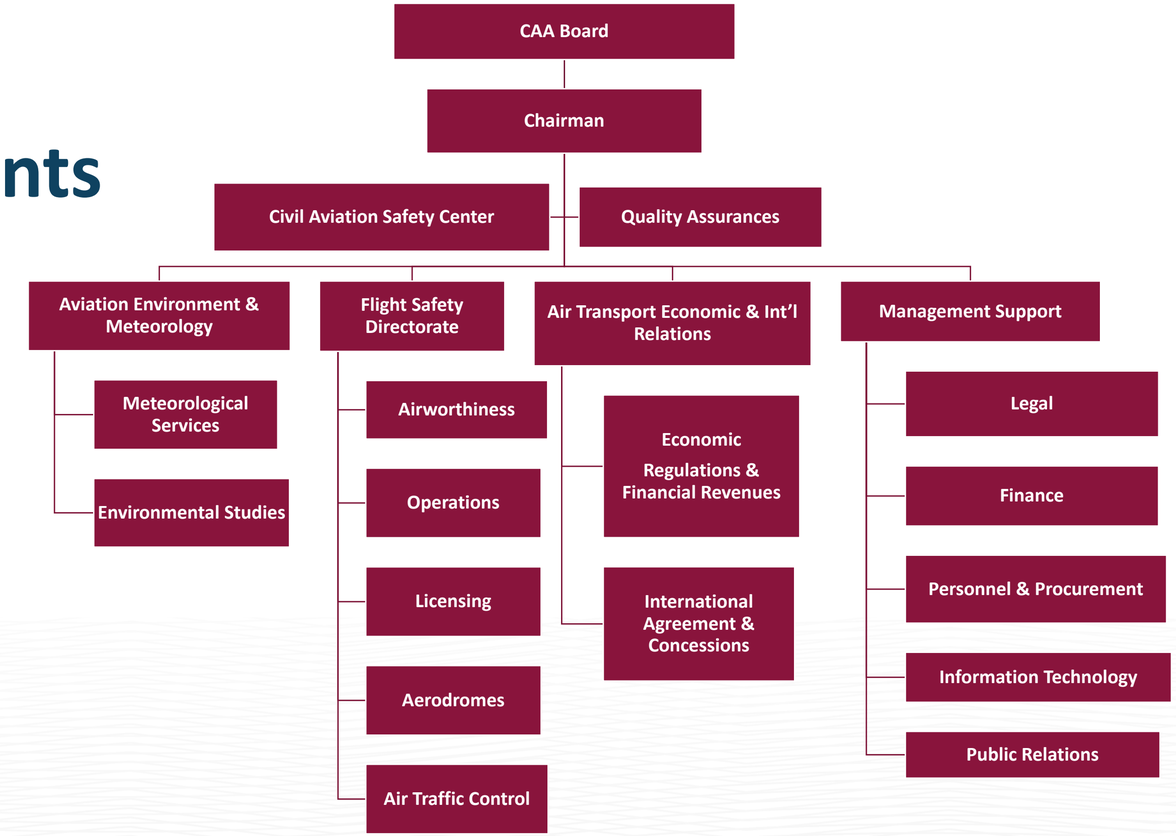
9 JULY 2026 — His Excellency Eng. Mohammad Abdel Razzaq Shatila was appointed by the Council of Ministers as President of the Beirut International Airport Authority.



Lebanon continues its journey towards full regulatory convergence, higher safety standards and stronger regional and international collaboration.

TOGETHER FOR SAFER SKIES

Important Developments /Projects



1. **Aviation Legislation Development (LARs)** Update and harmonize national LARs with ICAO standards.
2. **Training 32 ATCOs in Lebanon (National CASC)** / 2025 – Present for 051 - 055.
3. **Enhance New (SSP) 2026**: Strengthen State safety management and oversight capabilities / NASP.
4. **Lebanon State Action Plan (2026+)** Update the national AEP and sustainability roadmap / SAP (2023-2026).
5. **Environmental Compliance (CORSIA) MRV / New LARs.**
6. **Modernize Aeronautical Meteorological** LARs for ANS in accordance with ICAO Annex 3.
7. **Enhanced R & D (SAF) for LTAG** (Universities, Industry)
8. **Dangerous Goods Regulations 2026:** Enhance regulatory oversight and compliance with ICAO Annex 18 requirements.



Strategic Developments

Important Developments and Projects

Subjects of Common Interest

Strategic, Policy and Implementation Matters



- Strengthened regulatory oversight and enforcement capacity



- Identified and mitigated critical safety-related violations



- Improved compliance with international civil aviation standards
- SSP, SMS



- Reinforced aviation safety culture and governance practices



- Restored confidence in the national aviation regulatory system



Strategic Developments

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Main Challenges

- The CASC is a national aviation training institution located at Beirut RHIA.

- Established in 1962 in collaboration with ICAO and the United Nations Special Fund.
- Built on a total area of approximately 5,000 m².

- CASC has historically served as ICAO RTC.

- More than 84 countries have benefited from its training programs between 1962 – 2005.

- **Reposition CASC on the Global map as accredited institution at both national & International level (LCAA, ICAO , EASA…)**



Identified Priorities and Needs

- Technical Assistance
- Inspector Qualification
- SMS Implementation
- Digital Transformation

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

- Human resource limitations
- Budget constraints
- Staff turnover
- Implementation delays

Conclusions

Lebanon reaffirms its unwavering commitment to ICAO standards and the continuous enhancement of its aviation safety oversight system. The Lebanese Civil Aviation Authority warmly welcomes and greatly values the continued technical and institutional support of ICAO, including multidisciplinary assistance missions, as well as the solidarity and cooperation of brotherly Member States in rebuilding and strengthening Lebanon’s aviation safety system. Such support is essential to sustaining ongoing reforms, addressing outstanding gaps, and establishing a modern, resilient, and internationally aligned aviation safety framework in line with ICAO standards and global best practices.



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Thank You