




CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTIVE (CAD)

DIRECTIVE NO	SLCAA/CAD/2026/001
SUBJECT	A Directive amending part of the Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Regulations (SLCARs) Part 26 Air Operator Certification and Administration
BASIS/COMMENCEMENT	Pursuant to the powers vested on the Director General by Sections 17 and 49 of The Civil Aviation Act 2023, the SLCAA hereby issues directive as contained in this document
APPLICABILITY	SLCAA/AIR OPERATOR/PUBLIC
REASON(S)	Considering the regional operating environment, the size of the aviation industry, and the need for harmonization of current regional regulations, the SLCAA has decided that an immediate amendment to SLCAR Part 26—Air Operator Certification and Administration—is necessary to ensure effective safety oversight and ongoing regulatory compliance. In addition, during the conduct of SLCAA Inspectors On-the-Job Training (OJT), gaps and inconsistencies, that could affect uniform implementation and oversight effectiveness, were revealed.
ACTIONS REQUIRED AND COMPLIANCE TIMELINES	<p>The Implementing Standard (IS) 3.3.6 of the Sierra Leone Civil Aviation Regulations (SLCARs) Part 26- Air Operator Certification and Administration, with immediate effect, shall now read as follows.</p> <p>DEMONSTRATION FLIGHTS</p> <p>(a) Each applicant for AOC shall conduct demonstration flights for each type of aircraft, including those aircraft materially altered in design, and for each kind of operation the AOC holder intends to conduct.</p> <p>(b) Unless the Authority determines that a satisfactory level of proficiency has been demonstrated in fewer hours, each applicant for AOC shall conduct demonstration flights which contain at least:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Fifty total hours of flight time for scheduled operation; (2) Ten hours of night time, if night flights are to be authorised; (3) Five instrument approach procedures under simulated or actual instrument weather conditions, if IFR flights are to be authorised; and (4) Entry into a representative number of en route airports, as determined by the Authority <p>(c) Unless the Authority determines that a satisfactory level of proficiency has been demonstrated in fewer hours, each applicant for AOC shall conduct demonstration flights which contain at least:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 15 total hours of flight time for non-scheduled

	<p>(2) Five hours of night time, if night flights are to be authorised;</p> <p>(3) Five instrument approach procedures under simulated or actual instrument weather conditions, if IFR flights are to be authorised;</p> <p>(d) Unless the Authority determines that a satisfactory level of proficiency has been demonstrated in fewer hours, each applicant for AOC shall conduct demonstration flights which contain at least:</p> <p>(1) 10 total hours of flight time for helicopter operation;</p> <p>(2) Three instrument approach procedures under simulated or actual instrument weather conditions, if IFR flights are to be authorised;</p> <p>(e) No person may carry passengers in an aircraft during demonstration flights, except for those needed to make the demonstration flight and those designated by the Authority.</p> <p>(f) For those AOC holders of aircraft of less than 5700 kg, the necessity and extent of demonstration shall be at the option of the Authority.</p>
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EFFECTIVE DATE	20 th February 2026
REFERENCES	The Civil Aviation Act, 2023
REMARKS	This Directive supersedes SLCAA/CAD/2024/002 issued on 01/12/2024 and remains valid until Suspended/Superseded/Revoked/Cancelled or incorporated into the SLCARs.
ISSUED BY,	
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DATE	20/02/2026

