



NAMIBIA DRONE REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGNERS/TOURISTS



ACCORDING TO NAMIBIA'S NATIONAL AVIATION AUTHORITY, NAMIBIA CIVIL AVIATION (NCAA), FLYING A DRONE IS LEGAL IN NAMIBIA, BUT WE RECOMMEND BEING AWARE OF AND COMPLIANT WITH THE DRONE REGULATIONS LISTED BELOW BEFORE DOING SO.

Special Travel Considerations

If you're traveling to Namibia and want to bring your drone, the NCAA lists these special considerations for foreigners who want to fly drones: To register a private drone costs N\$300 and a commercial drone N\$ 4500.

For recreational purposes: you must obtain approval from the NCAA. Foreigners must submit applications for approval to fly recreationally and must be submitted at least 15 days prior to the planned flight. Learn more about how to seek approval by the NCAA <http://www.ncaa.com.na>

For commercial purposes: you must also obtain approval from the NCAA. Foreigners must submit applications for approval to fly commercially at least 30 days prior to the planned flight. Do not forget to contact the film commission of Namibia and when applicable Ministry of Environment and Tourism Namibia or MEFT

General Rules for Flying a Drone in Namibia

Since 27th of March 2020, Namibia has new regulations regarding drone flying in Namibia. NCAA has added a new directive for RPAS which is active from 1st of May 2022. Both documents can also be found on the website of NCAA.



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BEFORE FLYING DRONES IN NAMIBIA

You will find 3 categories:

Cat I: pure recreational and only on private property

Cat II: Research, tourists and sport events. As a tourist you will fall in this category. An application needs to be done. You can download all forms at the website of NCAA

Cat III: Commercial drone flying. You will need to be a licensed RPAS pilot. Foreign licenses can be presented to NCAA for conversion when accepted by NCAA.

You can also find a classification based on weight of your drone. Please consult NAMCARS Part 101 at the website of NCAA.

Here are the most important rules to know for flying a standard multicopter in Namibia for tourism purposes:

- DO NOT FLY DRONES HIGHER THAN 150 FEET & FURTHER THAN 500M (VLOS)
- DO NOT FLY DRONES WITHIN A PUBLISHED CONTROLLED ZONE, AIR TRAFFIC ZONE, OR AIR TRAFFIC AREA
- DO NOT FLY IN A NATIONAL PARK OR SENSITIVE AREAS LIKE ARMY BASE, EMBASSIES, ETC
- DO NOT FLY CLOSER THAN 50 M FROM A PUBLIC ROAD
- DO NOT FLY DRONES CLOSER THAN FIVE NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BOUNDARY OF AN AERODROME
- YOU CAN ONLY FLY YOUR DRONE IN VFR CONDITIONS
- MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS HAVE PERMISSION OF THE LANDOWNER TO FLY YOUR DRONE ON HER/HIS PREMISES
- YOU WILL NEED CONSENT OF PEOPLE WHEN YOU FLY & RECORD
- NEVER FLY OVER A CROWD OF PEOPLE
- A 3RD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE IS REQUIRED BEFORE OPERATING A DRONE IN NAMIBIA

Recently, BVLOS and E-VLOS drone operations are defined by NCAA. Inform yourself when flying during such operations.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended to inform yourself before flying drones in Namibia. Start your application procedure in time. All forms can be found at the website of NCAA (www.ncaa.com.na). Namibian Drone Academy has a vast knowledge of flying drones in Namibia. This Approved Training Organisation (ATO) offers different trainings to become a licensed drone pilot. They can also assist you in your application for your drone and drone operations. They have helped already many overseas tourists and companies during this process and offer a service to do the drone flying for you.

You can contact them at +264 81 484 1558 or info@namibiandroneacademy.com

We wish you all a safe flight and amazing pictures or footage taken with your drone!

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