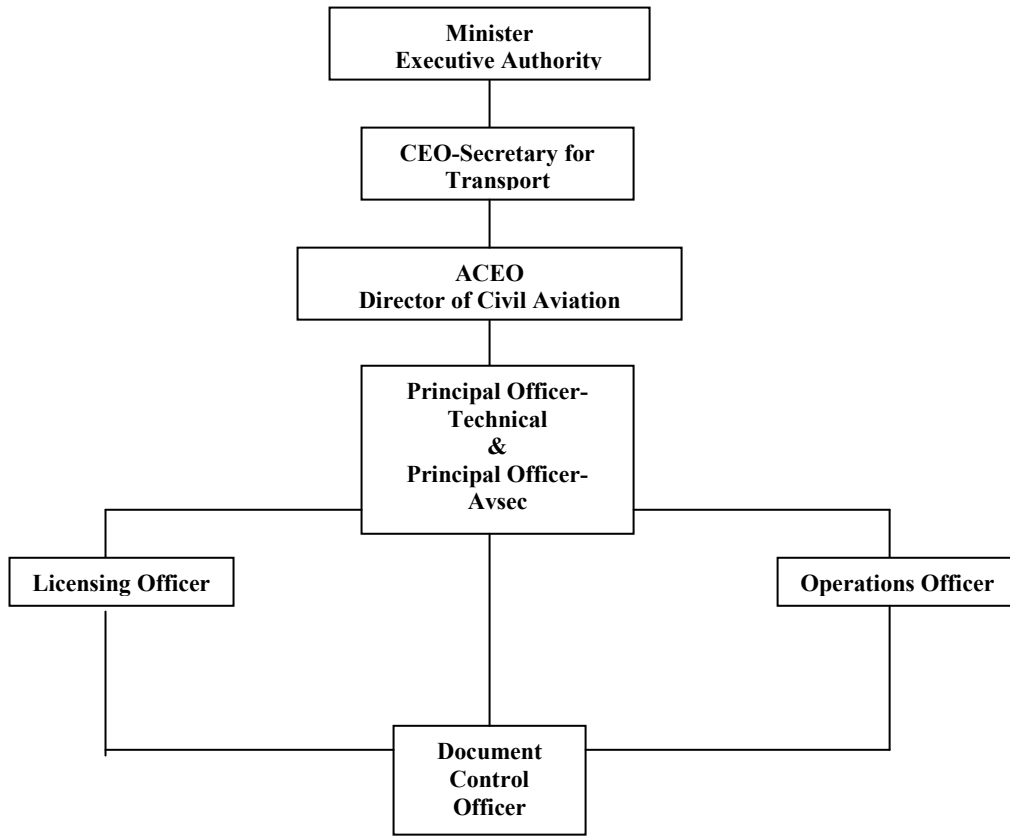


CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION of the MWTI

- The primary legislation governing civil aviation in Samoa is the Civil Aviation Act 1998 with the Civil Aviation Rules and Regulations 2000 as the secondary legislations.
- The Ministry of Transport (MOT) is the designated Civil Aviation Authority for Samoa under the primary Act, a role now with the Ministry of Works, Transport & Infrastructure (MWTI).
- The Civil Aviation Division of the MWTI is tasked with enforcing the 1998 Civil Aviation Act, Civil Aviation Rules (CARs) & Regulations 2000, and advising the CEO on civil aviation policies to ensure Samoa complies with its obligations under ratified International Conventions, Treaties and Agreements.
- Under its legal mandates, the Civil Aviation Division has responsibility for the safety oversight of all Civil Aviation Activities in Samoa, including;
 - Air Operations
 - Aircraft Maintenance and Airworthiness
 - Maintenance Organisations
 - Aerodrome Standards and Rescue Fire Services
 - Aviation and Airline Security
 - Air Traffic Services
 - Airport Telecommunication
 - Supply Organisations
 - Personnel Licensing
 - Monitor Samoa's compliance with its obligations under existing Air Services Agreements
 - Facilitate the issue of Air Service Licenses
 - Maintain Samoa's Aircraft Register
 - Facilitate the issue of Civil Aviation Certificates – Air Operator, Airworthiness, Certificated Organisations etc
 - Validate Foreign Pilot's Licenses, Aircraft Engineering Licenses and issue Air Traffic Services Licenses
 - Facilitate the entry regulation of itinerant aircraft into Samoan airports
- The technical surveillances, assessments and safety auditing are currently conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand under an Agreement signed with the MOT in 1998. Once Samoa signs its Service Level Agreement with the Pacific Aviation Safety Office, it will replace the CAANZ in this capacity.

Current structure of the Civil Aviation Division of the MWTL.



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Comprehensive Civil Aviation Rules (CAR) Reference

<u>AEROROMES</u>	157, 139, 12 & 1
<u>CERTIFIED OPERATIONS</u>	
i) Large Aircraft.....	119 + 121, 108, 93, 92 91, 61, 47, 43, 39, 26, 19, 12 & 1
ii) Medium Aircraft.....	119 + 125, 108, 93, 92, 91, 61, 47, 43, 39, 26, 19, 12 & 1
iii) Small Aircraft (Helicopter).....	119 + 135, 93, 92, 91, 61, 47, 43, 39, 26, 19, 12 & 1
iv) Commercial Transport.....	119 + (135,125 or 121), 93, 92, 91, 61, 47, 43, 39, 26, 19,12 & 1
v) Agriculture.....	137, 91, 61, 47, 43, 39, 26, 21, 19, 12 & 1
<u>CERTIFICATED ORGs.</u>	
i) Air Traffic Services.....	172
ii) Aeronautical Telecom.....	171
iii) Aviation Security.....	140, 108, 91, 19, 119 (121,125,135), 172, 171
iv) Supply.....	19
v) Training.....	141
vi) AIS.....	175
vii) Aircraft Maintenance.....	145
viii) Meteorology.....	174
<u>SPORTS & RECREATION</u>	149 + 106, 105, 104 & 103, 91, 61 47, 19, 12 & 1
<u>PRIVATE OPERATIONS</u>	91, 47, 43, 39, 19, 12 & 1
<u>PILOTS</u>	
i) Private Pilots.....	93, 91, 71, 67, 61, 19, 12 & 1
ii) Professional Pilots.....	119 + (135, 125 or 121), 93, 92, 91, 71, 67, 61 19, 12 & 1
<u>TRAINING</u>	
i) Aero Clubs/ Flying Schools.....	141, 91, 61, 43, 12 & 1
ii) Maintenance Training Org.....	141, 91, 66, 43, 39, 12 & 1
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>	
i) Licensed Acft Maint. Eng.....	91, 66, 43, 39, 21, 12 & 1
ii) Maintenance Org.....	145, 91, 66, 43, 39, 21, 12 & 1
<u>LICENSING</u>	
i) Pilots.....	61
ii) Air Traffic Services.....	65
iii) Aircraft Engineers.....	66

International Civil Aviation Conventions

The following Conventions have been signed, acceded to or ratified by Samoa, in chronological order:

- 1929 Dec* – *Warsaw Convention* for the Unification of certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air
Acceded: 16 October 1963
- 1955* – Protocol to Amend the Warsaw Convention of 1929, The Hague 1955
Acceded: 16 October 1972
- 1944 Dec* – *Chicago Convention* on International Civil Aviation
Acceded: 21 November 1996
- 1971 Sept* – *Montreal Convention* for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation
Acceded: 5 July 1998
- 1963 Sept* – *Tokyo Convention* on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed On Board Aircraft
Acceded: 9 July 1998
- 1980 Oct* – Protocol to Chicago Convention (Article 83 bis)
Ratified: 9 July 1998
- 1984 May* – Protocol to Chicago Convention (Article 3 bis)
Ratified: 9 July 1998
- 1988 Feb* – *Montreal Supplementary Protocol* for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, Supplementary to the 1971 Conventions
Acceded: 9 July 1998
- 1991 Nov* – *Montreal Convention* on Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection
Acceded: 9 July 1998
- 1970 Dec* – *Hague Convention* for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft
Acceded: 5 August 1998
- 1990* – Protocol to amend ICAO Convention (article 50 a)
Ratified: 2 July 2002
- 1990 Oct* – Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation
Ratified: 3 July 2002
- 1989* – Protocol Relating to an Amendment to Convention on International Civil Aviation (Article 56), Montreal
Ratified: 18 April 2005

Civil Aviation Agreements/Treaty

Air Services to and from Samoa are in accordance with the current Air Services Agreements which Samoa has entered into with other States. These have progressed from Standard Bilateral to Open Skies Bilateral Air Services Agreements with the advent of global deregulation and liberalization. These liberalized regimes are actively promoted by ICAO with member States relaxing normal government restrictions to allow airlines to compete on a more equitable and commercially driven basis. The third and full liberalized Air Services Agreement Framework of which Samoa is a Party of is the Multi-Lateral Agreement on the Liberalization of Air Transport (MALIAT).

The following Agreements or Treaties have been signed or ratified by Samoa, in chronological order:

Bilateral Air Services Agreement with Fiji

Signed: 7 February 1991

Bilateral Air Services Agreement with Australia (Open Skies)

Signed: 11 August 2000 (Apia)

Bilateral Air Services Agreement with New Zealand (Open Skies)

Signed: 22 November 2000 (suspended due to the MALIAT)

Bilateral Air Services Agreement with Tonga (Open Skies)

Signed: 18 August 2001 (suspended due to the MALIAT)

Bilateral Air Services Agreement with Cook Islands (Open Skies)

Signed: 18 September 2001 (suspended due to the MALIAT)

Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalisation of International Air Transport (MALIAT)

Acceded: 04 July 2002;

- New Zealand (Depositary)
- United States
- Singapore
- Brunei
- Tonga
- Cook Island

Bilateral Air Services Agreement with Niue (Open Skies)

Signed: 8 November 2002

Pacific Islands Air Services Agreement (PIASA)

Signed: 7 August 2004

Ratified: 12 October 2004

Pacific Islands Civil Aviation Safety and Security Treaty (PICASST)

Signed: 7 August 2004

Ratified: 12 October 2004

Aviation Participants in Samoa

National Airlines

Samoa has three national airlines which are licensed and certificated by the Ministry to operate scheduled and non scheduled air services. These are;

- i. Polynesian Blue (Poly Blue)
- ii. Polynesian Airlines (Poly)
- iii. South Pacific Express Holdings (SPEX)

Poly Blue operates B737-800 flights to/from New Zealand and Australia. Both Poly and SPEX Airlines operate flights to/fro American Samoa utilizing Twin Otters and Shorts 360 respectively.

Foreign Airlines

Three Foreign Airlines by virtue of their Foreign Air Operator Certificates granted by the Ministry operates air services to/from Samoa.

Air New Zealand is the oldest foreign carrier granted with a Samoan Air Service License. It operates B767 services to Los Angeles via Samoa and its subsidiary Zeal 320 operates its Airbus A320 services to/fro Auckland alternating with the B767.

Air Pacific operates twice weekly scheduled flights to/from Nadi, Fiji, utilizing B737-800.

Inter Island Airways an American Samoan based charter operator also conduct charter air services between Faleolo and Tafuna airports.

Airports and Associated Services

All airports in Samoa are managed and operated by the Airport Authority. The three airports are certificated by the Ministry in accordance with its intended usage by the Airport Authority.

Faleolo International Airport caters for all civil aircraft up to B747 size with its 3000m runway and is compliant with CAR Pt 139 and ICAO Annex 14 Standards. The airport is served with a Cat I ILS for Runway 08.

The Airport Authority also operates the following Certificated Services:

- i. Air Traffic Services under Part 172
- ii. Aeronautical Telecommunication under Part 171
- iii. Aviation Security under Part 140

Aircraft Maintenance Organisations (AMO)

Two AMO have been issued with Part 145 Certificates to conduct aircraft maintenance as listed in their applications to the Ministry. These are:

- i. Polynesian Airlines
- ii. South Pacific Express Holdings

Aircraft Fuel Supply Organisation

Petroleum Product Supply company has been certificated by the Ministry under Part 19 to supply aviation fuel to aircraft in Samoa.

Procedures for Non – Schedule Flights requesting permission to land in Samoa

- Only schedule flights are governed by Air Service Agreements between Samoa and other States.
- Non-schedule flights intending to land at a Samoan airport shall request permission from the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Works, Transport & Infrastructure (MWTI), Private Bag, Samoa; seven (7) days prior to departure and should include the following information:
 - i. Name and address of the aircraft operator
 - ii. Type and Registration marks of the aircraft
 - iii. Name, address and business of charterer
 - iv. Proposed date and place of origin of flight
 - v. Routes including dates and times of estimated arrival/departure
 - vi. Number of passengers and/or nature and amount of freight
 - vii. Purpose of flight
- Prior approval must be obtained before aircraft departs last port prior to Samoa.
- MWTI office hours Mon-Fri; 0900am – 0500pm. (UTC = Local time + 11 hours)
Fax Number: (685) 21990 – CEO or if unable (685) 28687
Phone: (685) 21611
- Private Bag
Savalalo
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SAMOA
- Ground Handling is carried out by Polynesian Airlines at Faleolo International Airport on Fax Number (685) 42688
- Fuel is supplied by Petroleum Products Supplies, Samoa on Fax Number (685) 31373