

Guidance on the Deregistration of Aircraft from the Bermuda Aircraft Registry

To provide applicants with clarity on the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) process and to assist in assuring adequate documentation is provided to support the legitimacy of requests for deregistration, the BCAA provides the following guidance to those registered owners wishing to apply for deregistration of an aircraft.

Registered Owners

The BCAA defines the registered owner as the person in whose name the aircraft is registered. This can be either the Owner or the Charterer by Demise.

AN(OT)O Article 16(1) refers to a *"person holding a legal or beneficial interest by way of ownership"* in an aircraft. A Charterer by Demise as per Article 16(4) has a *"legal or beneficial interest"* in an aircraft and may therefore be the registered *"owner"* for the purposes of Article 18.

Export Certificates of Airworthiness

If an Export Certificate of Airworthiness is required prior to deregistration, the applicant should contact the assigned Airworthiness Inspector to schedule an aircraft physical and documentary inspection. To apply for an Export Certificate of Airworthiness, the contracted Bermuda approved [CAMO](#) should, on being satisfied in the airworthiness status of the aircraft, submit their recommendation ([Export Certificate of Airworthiness- AW-201\(e\)](#)) to the assigned Airworthiness Inspector.

Please note that all invoices associated with Export Certificate issue will need to be paid in full prior to certificate issue. Noting, invoices can only be raised after an inspection is completed due to the inclusion of actuals for expenses such as transport and accommodation.

Deregistration

To deregister an aircraft the BCAA require a certified resolution from the Registered Owner, requesting that the aircraft be removed from the Bermuda Aircraft Registry. This resolution must be signed by a company Director with the documented authority to sign on behalf of the Board of Directors, or by persons nominated with power of attorney to represent the Board of Directors. The resolution will need to be supported by the current Certificate of Incorporation and list of Directors appearing in the current registry records of that company.

Where the registrant was Charterer by Demise and a request for deregistration is submitted by persons other than the Charterer by Demise, BCAA requires the certified resolution of both the registrant and the owner to enable deregistration. Alternatively, BCAA will accept evidence that the lease was terminated and the lease permitted the owner alone to deregister on termination of the lease, thereby removing any legal or beneficial interest in the aircraft from the Charterer by Demise.

If there are any outstanding fees for deregistration, export certificate issue, periods of storage on the register, inspections or other, these must be paid in full before the aircraft can be deregistered. For finance contacts and fees related information refer to our further information at: [Fees payment](#)

Mortgaged Aircraft

Where a mortgage is registered, an aircraft may not be removed from the Bermuda Aircraft Registry until certified authorisation is provided by the lender, or alternatively, evidence that the mortgage has been discharged has been received from the lender (e.g. Certified Deed of Release). For more information and the related fee schedule refer to: [Aircraft and Aircraft Engine Mortgage Register | Bermuda Aircraft Registry \(bcaa.bm\)](#).

IDERA Registration

Where an IDERA is registered, the BCAA will honour a request for deregistration and export where the request is submitted by the authorised party under a recorded irrevocable deregistration and export request authorisation and the authorised party certifies that, all registered interests ranking in priority to that of the creditor in whose favour the authorisation has been issued, have been discharged or the holders of such interests have consented to the deregistration and export. For more information including access to the IDERA deregistration form refer to our further guidance at: [Guidance on the Application of the Cape Town Convention To Bermuda](#)

IDERA Registry: <https://www.internationalregistry.aero/ir-web/> .

Deregistration Certification

Once final written confirmation has been received from the company, a Deregistration Certificate will be sent to the Civil Aviation Authority of the State where the aircraft is due to be registered. For more information on deregistration certificates refer to ICAO Annex 7 amendment 7 and the relevant BCAA Notice here: [AW Notice AWN 01-2023 - Certificates of Deregistration](#).