



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 004-2026

TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : AMENDMENTS TO PHILIPPINE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS
PART 8

RE: 8.4.1.9 - PILOT CURRENCY: TAKE-OFF AND LANDINGS, AND
CRUISE RELIEF

8.9.1.4 - PASSENGER BRIEFING

8.9.2.17 - REQUIRED PASSENGER BRIEFINGS ON FLIGHTS WHERE
CABIN CREW ARE NOT REQUIRED

DATE : 15 JAN 2026

REFERENCES:

1. Republic Act No. 9497
2. Philippine Civil Aviation Regulation Part 8
3. Regulations and Standards Management Manual
4. Board Resolution No. 2025-33

Pursuant to the powers vested on the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines under Republic Act No. 9497, otherwise known as the Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2008 and in accordance with the Regulations and Standards Management Manual with Board Resolution No. 2025-033, I hereby approve the amendments to the Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations Part 8:

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

1. The proposed amendments to PCAR Part 8: 8.4.1.9, seeks to delete paragraph (a)(3) to ensure alignment with ICAO Annex 6, Part I, Section 9.4.1.1, which does not prescribe the requirement for a pilot to have completed at least three (3) take-offs and landings at night within the preceding ninety (90) days to meet the recency requirements for night operations.
2. The amendments to PCAR Part 8.9.1.4 aim to ensure that persons with reduced mobility receive individualized safety instructions. The provisions were derived from PCAR Part 8.9.2.17 — *Required Passenger Briefings*, which will be revised to clarify that it applies only to flights without cabin crew on board. The amendment extends this requirement to aircraft with cabin crew, ensuring that all passengers



with reduced mobility are provided with the necessary safety briefings prior to take-off.

3. The phrase "On flights where cabin crew are not required" is proposed to be included in PCAR Part 8: 8.9.2.17(a) which specifies that passenger briefing requirements in this provision apply only to flights without cabin crew, ensuring passengers are informed on the use of emergency equipment during an emergency. For commercial air transport operations with cabin crew on board, passenger briefing requirements are stipulated in PCAR Part 8: 8.9.1.4.

AMENDED REGULATIONS:

PHILIPPINE CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS PART 8

8.4.1.9 PILOT CURRENCY: TAKE-OFF AND LANDINGS, AND CRUISE RELIEF

(a) No person may act as PIC or a co-pilot of an aircraft unless, within the preceding 90 days that pilot has:

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

(3) For night operations, made the three take-offs and landings required by paragraph (a) (1) above at night.

8.9.1.4 PASSENGER BRIEFINGS

xxx

(d) immediately before or immediately after turning the seat belt sign off, the PIC or co-pilot shall ensure that the passengers are briefed to keep their seat belts fastened while seated, even when the seat belt sign is off.

(e) before each take-off, the PIC or co-pilot shall ensure that any persons of reduced mobility are personally briefed on the following:

(1) The route to the most appropriate exit; and

(2) The time to begin moving to the exit in the event of an emergency.

8.9.2.17 REQUIRED PASSENGER BRIEFINGS ON FLIGHTS WHERE CABIN CREW ARE NOT REQUIRED

(a) On flights where cabin crew are not required, No person may commence take-off unless the passengers are briefed prior to take-off in accordance with the Operator's Operations Manual procedures on the following:

xxx

(9) Location of First-Aid Kits

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FINAL TEXT:

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"End of Text"

Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any provision of this Memorandum Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other part or parts thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Memorandum Circular are hereby repealed, superseded, or modified accordingly.

Determination of Changes. To highlight the amendments and/or revisions in the Memorandum Circular, the deleted text shall be shown with strikethrough and the new inserted text shall be highlighted with grey shading, as illustrated below:

Text deleted: ~~Text to be deleted is shown with a line through it.~~

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Effectivity. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect 15 days after compliance with the requisite publication in a single newspaper of general circulation and a copy filed with the U.P. Law Center – Office of the National Administrative Register, these amendments shall be incorporated into the Philippine CAR, series of 2026.

Signed this 15 day of JAN 2026, CAAP, Pasay City


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Director General