



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION

PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE CIVIL AVIATION BILL 2026

Proposed Civil Aviation Bill

The Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, in collaboration with the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji (CAAF), invites the public, aviation stakeholders, and all interested parties to participate in public consultations on the draft Civil Aviation Bill.

Your feedback is essential to ensure this new legislation is comprehensive, effective, and reflects the best interests of Fiji.

Summary of the Civil Aviation Bill

The proposed **Civil Aviation Bill** aims to **modernise, consolidate, and enhance** the regulatory framework for civil aviation in Fiji. It will repeal and replace the three existing primary aviation laws (*Civil Aviation Act 1976*, *Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji Act 1979*, and *Civil Aviation Reform Act 1999*) with a single, clear, and updated law.

The Bill's main objective include:

- 1. Compliance with ICAO (Safety Focus):** The Bill is specifically designed to fully align Fiji's existing aviation laws with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). This primarily targets and addresses deficiencies identified in previous audits in the Legislation (LEG) safety oversight area, aiming to enhance Fiji's ICAO Effective Implementation (EI) score.
 - 2. Consolidation and Efficiency:** The legislation will consolidate and modernize Fiji's existing three primary aviation laws, (the *Civil Aviation Act 1976*, *Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji Act 1979* and *Civil Aviation Reform Act 1999*) into a single, cohesive framework, thereby eliminating legal duplication.
 - 3. Strengthening Legal Authority:** The Bill establishes a clear legal hierarchy, ensuring the Chicago Convention is the supreme reference point.
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Consultation Schedule

Consultation sessions will be held in the following locations. Attendance is free and open to the public.

Division	Location	Dates
Central	Suva	Monday, 8 December 2025
Western	Nadi	Tuesday, 9 December 2025
Northern	Labasa	Thursday, 11 December 2025
Northern	Savusavu	Friday, 12 December 2025

Specific venues and times for each town/city will be announced accordingly via local newspapers and on the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and CAAF's official websites and social media accounts.

Accessing the Draft Bill

Members of the public are strongly encouraged to review the draft Civil Aviation Bill before the consultation dates to prepare their submissions and questions.

A full copy of the draft Civil Aviation Bill can be downloaded from the official websites of the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji (CAAF):

- Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation Website: <https://mtca.gov.fj/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CAB.pdf>
- Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji (CAAF) Website: <https://www.caaf.org.fj/cabill>

Your submissions can be addressed to the Department of Civil Aviation on email info@mtca.gov.fj or hand delivered to the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Level 4, Civic Tower with reference: “Civil Aviation Bill 2026”.