



Is Your Air Carrier Licensed?

Helicopters in the Seismic Industry

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The CAGC website has a category listing Service and Supply companies for the seismic industry. When it comes to air services, the primary use in the seismic industry is for helicopters. CAGC helicopter service providers are listed as a sub-category within the CAGC website Service & Supply category. Please refer to the website for more details from current CAGC members for helicopter services as listed below:

- Abitibi Helicopters Ltd.
- Canadian Helicopter Limited
- Capitale Helicoptere
- Coldstream Helicopter Ltd.
- Gemini Helicopters Inc.
- Great Slave Helicopters Limited
- Heli Source Ltd.
- HeliQwest Aviation Ltd.
- Mustang Helicopters Inc.
- Northern Air Support Ltd.
- Trinity Helicopters Ltd.
- Valhalla Helicopters Inc.
- VIH Helicopters Ltd.

It is strongly recommended to all members to utilize the services of these CAGC members so as to assure optimal quality and professionalism of service.



When the operator of an air service has a license from the Canadian Transportation Agency, you know:

- ✓ The operator has the required passenger and public liability publication/insurance.
- ✓ The aircraft to be used has been certified by Transport Canada to ensure it is adequately equipped and able to conduct a safe operation.
- ✓ The operator has met applicable ownership requirements.

INTRODUCTION

The Canada Transportation Act requires all public air service providers to have a valid license from the Canadian Transport Agency. Exemptions are granted only to specialty operators such as sight-seeing, parachute jumping, hot air balloon flights and glider towing. The license is required for both foreign operators flying into Canada and domestic operators alike.

It is possible that an air carrier may offer cheaper rates because they are not maintaining adequate liability insurance, similar to uninsured motorists still driving on the highway. Although most operators provide professional and safe operations for its clients, it is not always the case. As a paying passenger, you have the right to know that the operator you are about to use meets these requirements. The Canadian Transportation Agency, through its licensing requirements, ensures this.

If you should use a non-licensed air service operator, publication/insurance coverage may be void for you or your family should there be an incident where an insurance claim need be filed.

YOU CAN HELP!

Before you fly or make travel arrangements, ensure the operator has a valid license for the type of service it is offering. You can verify the license is valid by contacting the Canadian Transportation Agency by phone or email, or use the on-line license verification tool on their website to look it up yourself at www.cta.gc.ca

The tool is easy to use: from the Canadian Transportation main page left click **SHIPPERs**, then **AIR CARRIER LICENSE SEARCH**. Types of available searches include:

- Show me a list of valid licenses for specific type of service
- Show me a list of partial or complete suspended licenses by service type
- Show me whether a specific carrier's license is valid

If you have concerns about an operator, or information that an aircraft may be used illegally, or if you know someone who may be planning to use the services of an unlicensed operator, please report it to the Canadian Transportation Agency. You won't be asked to identify yourself.

Your information could help eliminate a potentially dangerous situation.

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