

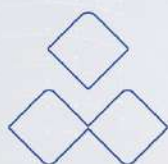
DRONES IN QATAR

Key Provisions in
the State of Qatar

Law No. (10) of 2026
on Drones



Licensing | Registration | Operation | Obligations | Administrative Sanctions & Criminal Penalties



Scope of Application

A Broad Range of Activities Is Regulated

The law does not regulate the operation of drones alone. Rather, it extends to a wide range of activities associated with drones, including:



Selling and
trading drones.



Importing and
exporting drones.



Manufacturing and
assembling drones.



Maintaining and
repairing drones.



Providing drone operation
and pilot training.



Operating and
using drones.

Accordingly, the law establishes a comprehensive legal framework governing the entire lifecycle of a drone from its entry into the market through to its operation and maintenance.





Licensing and Pilot Authorization

Is Owning a Drone Enough to Operate It?

Ownership of a drone does not automatically entitle its owner to operate it.

The law distinguishes between several legal requirements, including:



Licence: Required to carry out activities regulated by the law.



Pilot Authorization: Required to operate or pilot a drone.



Compliance with the conditions and requirements applicable to each regulated activity.



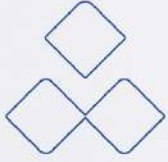
Obtaining the necessary approvals before commencing the activity or operation.



The applicable legal requirements vary depending on the nature of the activity and the intended use of the drone.



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Registration and Identification

How Does a Drone Become Authorized for Operation?

The law requires compliance with registration and identification requirements, including:



Registering the drone with the competent authority.



Providing the owner's or operator's details.



Affixing the prescribed identification markings or information.



Updating registration information whenever any changes occur.



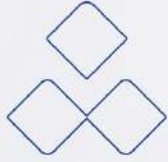
Complying with the relevant technical and regulatory procedures.



The drone must be insured against civil liability in favor of third parties.

These requirements aim to strengthen regulatory oversight and ensure legal accountability for the use of drones.





Operational Requirements

Can a Drone Be Operated Anywhere?

The law establishes several operational requirements that must be observed when operating drones, including:



Operating only within authorized areas.



Complying with approved flight routes and altitude limits.



Observing restrictions applicable to certain locations and airspace.



Adhering to safety and security requirements.



Obtaining any additional approvals where required by the nature of the activity.

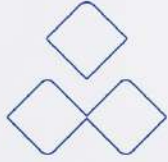


What About Aerial Photography?



Using drones for photography or filming purposes may require obtaining the relevant licences or approvals, depending on the location, the nature of the activity, and the intended purpose.





Operator Obligations

An Operator's Responsibility Does Not End at Takeoff

The law imposes several obligations on drone operators, including:



Ensuring the drone is airworthy and technically fit for operation.



Complying with the conditions of the licence and pilot authorization.



Operating the drone only within the approved limits and designated areas.



Refraining from making substantial modifications without the required approvals.



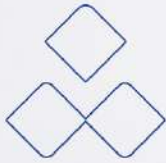
Reporting accidents or any loss of control over the drone.



Complying with the instructions and decisions issued by the competent authority.



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Administrative Sanctions

Non-Compliance May Lead to Suspension of Activities

Depending on the nature of the violation, the law authorizes the imposition of various administrative sanctions, including:



Warning.



Suspension of the activity.



Suspension of the licence or pilot authorization.



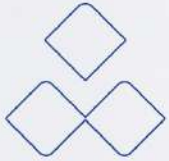
Revocation of the licence or pilot authorization.



Taking regulatory measures concerning the drone or the non-compliant activity.



These administrative sanctions do not preclude the application of any more severe penalties prescribed by law where the relevant legal grounds exist.



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Depending on the nature of the violation, the law authorizes the imposition of various administrative sanctions, including:



The President of the Authority may also settle the violation before a final judgment is issued, provided that the prescribed amount is paid and the violation is remedied.



Before Operating Your Drone

Before operating the drone, ensure that all legal requirements have been met.

To avoid legal violations, make sure you have verified:

- ◇ The nature of the activity you intend to undertake.
- ◇ Whether a licence or pilot authorization is required.
- ◇ That the drone has been registered and all identification requirements have been fulfilled.
- ◇ Compliance with operational requirements and authorized operating areas.
- ◇ Compliance with the instructions and decisions issued by the competent authority.

The Law grants a six (6) month grace period for all persons subject to its provisions to regularize their legal status, effective from the date of its entry into force.



Compliance with these requirements helps ensure that drones are operated lawfully and safely in accordance with the provisions of Law No. (10) of 2026.