

**8800.2000 PRIVATE SEAPLANE BASE LICENSING.**

Subpart 1. **Application.** A "private seaplane base" is a private airport as defined in part 8800.0100.

Subp. 2. **Minimum requirements.** A private seaplane base will be granted a license when it has shown that it has met the minimum requirements of this part.

Subp. 3. **Operation.** In case the body of water to be used for landing and taking off is under the jurisdiction of any federal, state, municipal port, or other authority, the operations on such body of water shall be in conformity with the marine traffic rules and regulations of such authority, to the extent such rules and regulations do not interfere with the safe operation of aircraft.

Subp. 4. **Separate licenses.** The license issued to a seaplane base shall apply to the land area from which operations are conducted. Where two or more bases located on the same body of water are under different ownership or control, each base shall obtain a separate seaplane base license.

Subp. 5. **Public use.** The use of such body of water for aeronautical purposes shall in no way impair or deny the right of the public to the use of public waters.

Subp. 6. **Size.** The body of water shall be of sufficient length, width, and depth to permit safe operation by the aircraft intended to use it. The approaches to the landing area shall be sufficiently clear of obstructions to permit a 20:1 glide angle to the nearest point of the usable landing area, provided that if any structure on the land is located within 300 feet of the centerline of the approach path, such glide angle shall be computed so as to provide a clearance of at least 100 feet above such structure.

Subp. 7. **Markers.** All hazards in the approach or landing area, including underwater obstructions, shall be marked.

Subp. 8. **Wind sock.** All private seaplane bases must be equipped with a wind sock.

Subp. 9. **Fuel.** All fuel dispensed on the airport for aircraft use must be filtered to be free of solid matter in excess of five microns particle size and to have a free water content less than 30 parts per million parts of fuel.

Subp. 10. **Fire extinguishers.** At least one properly maintained fire extinguisher shall be available in the vicinity of the fuel pump or at the ramp or dock. It must be a minimum of 20 B. rating or equivalent.

Subp. 11. **Hazards.** A private seaplane base shall not impose undue hazards upon adjoining property or its occupants or endanger the user or use of existing surface transportation or power and communication transmission lines.

Subp. 12. **Commercial use.** A private seaplane base may be used for limited commercial operations as provided for in parts 8800.3100 and 8800.3200.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 14.388; 360.015; 360.018; 360.03; 360.90*

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