

# Border Overflight Exemption: Fact Sheet and FAQ

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## Why were Border Overflight Exemptions created?

All private/charter aircraft arriving into the United States from international locations via the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic, or Pacific coasts, from airports with ICAOs beginning with M, S, N, or T (with the exception of Bermuda), shall furnish a notice of crossing and land at a designated airport for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) inspection unless a border overflight exemption has been granted. All private/charter aircraft entering the U.S. from these locations must clear Customs at the first port of entry, unless they have been granted the privilege to overfly.

## What is a Border Overflight Exemption?

A border overflight exemption (BOE) is the exemption of a private aircraft from having to land at one of the designated airports. An approved exemption allows the aircraft to overfly the border and go directly to their home base or any other intended destination (where CBP clearance is available) without having to make an extra stop to clear.

## Border Overflight requirements:

The CBP district offices carefully review applications for BOEs. The two main concerns are completeness and accuracy of information, and the demonstration by the applicant of genuine need for this privilege. When submitted, applications should be sent to the CBP Overflight Coordinator with jurisdiction over the airport that will most frequently be used when entering the U.S. Requests for exemptions can be for either a single specific flight or term (one year). Applications for a single BOE must be received at least 15 days in advance of the intended date of arrival; for term exemptions, at least 30 days in advance.

To utilize a term BOE, at least one approved passenger must be on board the aircraft, as well as all of the crewmembers. For the single BOE, all crew and all passengers must be listed on the approval paperwork.

## For more information:

Most of the more common questions regarding BOE requirements and criteria can be answered by reading the information published in the *CBP Guide for Private Flyers*.

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