

# Working with us at NYASSA AIR TAXI

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If you are interested in working with Nyassa Air Taxi you should know a bit more about us and the living environment in Malawi. You will have to bring a valid medical certificate and CPL for validation by the Malawi Department of Civil Aviation. Our minimum requirements are posted on the website.

We operate PA-28, PA-32, GA8, PA-34 and PA-31. In Malawi there are no open ratings like in the US and Europe and thus every CPL pilot needs the particular rating on his license. If you have any of our aircraft on your logbook, then this is of considerable advantage. Otherwise you will have to carry out a flight test on each aircraft supervised by a qualified examiner. After your arrival there is a 30 day unpaid evaluation period before you will be offered a contract. Route training, company procedures, bush strips and supervised flying are part of the training period before you will fly passengers on your own.

The company's base is in Lilongwe, Malawi's capital city, where the pilot house and a small office are located, just over 20 km away from the International Airport. The operations and scheduling are done in the office and pilots receive all flight briefing from there.

Most of our flying involves moving safari tourists around Malawi and neighbouring countries. We work closely with the established tour operators in the country as well as overseas. We also have a growing clientele of business and government customers, where pilots are expected to be extremely professional and are expected to wear a tie and despite the October heat.

During the high season up to a third of your time may be spent away from base in lodges and camps, sometimes in basic accommodation but often in luxurious safari camps and you may sometimes fly for several consecutive days before time off. We like to point this out beforehand to avoid later disappointment.

We expect our crew to be professional, motivated, polite and well presented at all times – if you don't like the idea of getting up early, preparing thoroughly for your flights, fuelling out of drums, being nice to people when you actually feel like cuddling up in bed, carrying guest's bags across the apron or staying away from base, then this job probably isn't for you! On the other hand if you'd like to see some of the most beautiful parts of Africa whilst doing what it takes to make an important part of someone's dream holiday come true, then you'll find a rewarding time with us.

You can expect a basic salary to cover living costs and personal expenses and a similar top up during the high season. After a year, which is our minimum contract period, you are likely to have around 300-500 flight hrs plus perhaps the equivalent of five thousand dollars in your pocket. Bonding for training costs is standard as with other operators. We expect our crew to assist with operational and administrative duties as time allows.

Lilongwe has most of the facilities required for modern living including banks, shops, supermarkets, hairdressers, sports clubs, restaurants and other social facilities. Although there is no cinema there are a number of DVD rental shops. The house has internet access, which is available to our crew. If you have a laptop it is well worth bringing along. Everybody has his/her own room, some of which have ensuite facilities, and there is a shared dining room, living room with pool table and a large kitchen. Transport around town is available on a shared basis as and when vehicles are available.

Malawi has a fantastic variety of landscape and scenery that you will get the opportunity to explore, and without doubt one of the most welcoming attitudes to visitors found anywhere in the world. Its friendly, cheerful and ever helpful people are likely to be one of the things you'll remember after leaving.

The Nyassa Air Taxi Team

**Suggested Reading:** Lonely Planet Guide to Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia  
Bradt Guide to Malawi

**Suggested websites:** [www.nyassa.mw](http://www.nyassa.mw) [www.malawitourism.com](http://www.malawitourism.com)  
[www.wilderness-safaris.com](http://www.wilderness-safaris.com) [www.guide2malawi.com](http://www.guide2malawi.com)  
[www.ulendo.net](http://www.ulendo.net) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South\\_Luangwa\\_National\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Luangwa_National_Park)