

2.2.3 Nepal Pokhara International Airport

Pokhara Airport is a regional airport serving the city of Pokhara in Nepal. The airport was established on 4 July 1958 and is operated by the government's Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal and is capable of handling aircraft from the Nepalese Army Air Service. It offers regular connections to Kathmandu and Jomsom airports, and seasonal connections to Manang Airport. Following a new agreement on air travel between India and Nepal, Pokhara Airport is to be the site of Nepal's second international airport. Construction started in the Southeast of Pokhara in 2009. In 2011 Buddha Air, a Nepali private airline, began international flights from Pokhara to Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport in Lucknow, India, and announced plans to fly to New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport in the future. The dimensions of the airport's apron allows handling of 8 small propeller planes at a time. Pokhara Airport is a diversion airport for Tribhuvan International Airport when complications occur, such as heavy fog. Due to the limited dimensions of the runway and of the apron, flights must often be re-diverted to third airports. In March 2016 the Government of Nepal signed a deal with China Exim Bank to build the new International Airport at Pokhara by July 2020. The airport will spread over 200 hectares, with a runway of 2,500 m x 45 m.

Airport Details			
Country	Nepal	Latitude	28.22722
Province / District	Pokhara / Kashki	Longitude	83.9675
Airport Name	Pokhara Airport	Elevation (ft)	2,696 ft
IATA & ICAO codes	PKR / VNPB	Surface	Asphalt/Concrete /Bitumen ATR42 type
Town or City (closest)	Pokhara	Runway Condition	Serviceable
NGO / UN (on ground)	N/A	Passenger / Cargo Security Screening (Yes / No)	Yes
Runway Dimension	1,444 m x 30 m	Ground Handling (Yes / No)	Yes
Refueling Capacity	NOC	Runway Lighting (Yes / No)	Yes
Runway Heading	N/A	Fire Fighting Equipment (Yes / No)	Yes
Air Traffic Control (Yes / No)	Yes	Windsock (Yes / No)	Yes
Weather Information (Yes / No)	Yes	Aircraft Parking space (Yes / No)	Yes 5
Navigation Aids (Yes / No)	Yes DME only	Perimeter fencing (Yes / No)	Yes