

Kingfisher loses license

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Vijay Mallya's Kingfisher Airlines has had its operating license revoked by the Indian Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) after failing to supply the regulators with an acceptable turnaround plan.

Kingfisher Airlines had its operating license [suspended by the DGCA in October 2012](#), with the authorities demanding the carrier produce a report describing a feasible strategy to address its heavy debt-burden.

The airline is permitted to renew the license, depending on DGCA approvals, within two years according to Indian aviation regulations.

The carrier's [flights have been grounded](#) since the beginning of October last year following a continuing strike by workers over unpaid wages.

Last December Kingfisher revealed that it was in [talks with Abu Dhabi-based carrier Etihad](#) to discuss a potential investment deal.

DVB Bank recently announced that it was [suspending all financing to Indian carriers](#) after the DGCA failed to deregister two aircraft repossessed from Kingfisher Airlines.

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