



भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण
AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

DIRECTORATE OF AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
RAJIV GANDHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110003
[File No. AAI/ATM/HRD/29-190/2024]

Doc. Id: ED/ATM/2024/ 311602/ATMC/PROC

ATMC

AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CIRCULAR No. 02 of 2024

PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO-STREAM ATC RATING

Introduction:

- 1.1 The two-stream rating system at four metros was implemented through ATMC 07 of 2017 dated 11th Oct 2017, which came into effect with the approval of competent authority. With the implementation of DGCA CAR Section 9, Series L, Part II and the relevant Parts and Schedules of Indian Aircraft rule, 1937 (Sixth amendment 2018), ATCO licensing and rating has come into effect.
- 1.2 New guidelines issued by the regulator pertaining to ATCO licensing, training & ratings being governed by TPMs (Training Procedure Manual) & RTMs (Rating & Training Manual), has necessitated the restructuring of the existing ATCO rating system without compromising its safety essence.
- 1.3 The existing Two Stream Rating System has yielded some benefits as envisaged, however it has also resulted in certain shortcomings. Though it has led to expeditious training (process) and availability of rated ATCOs with specific competencies for the chosen stream, on the flip side, it has led to the problems in timely placing of adequately trained manpower at Tenure and newly operationalize airports where only tower units are established.
- 1.4 Though the recruitment of ATCOs is not based on Two stream rating system, the allocation of stream (Terminal/ Enroute) at applicable airports is being carried out at the time of joining at the station, resulting in limited exposure to specific ATS



units only. Further, it has led to reduction in flexibility in the use of available ATC manpower at station.

- 1.5 In view of the above and in order to address various issues, a revised CHRM Circular No. 13/2024 dated 24th April 2024 has been issued with the approval of competent authority, consistent with the procedures detailed in this document.

2. Purpose:

- 2.1 Purpose of this ATMC is to provide guidance for implementation of revised Two rating System, to ATS-In-Charges and information to all ATM personnel.

3. Scope:

- 3.1 This ATMC is applicable to:

- 3.1.1 All ATM personnel posted at 4 airports (Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai).
- 3.1.2 It will also be applicable at any other station having AREA Control Centre(s), whenever Two rating System will be implemented at that station.

4. Rating Structure:

- 4.1 ATCOs have to first successfully complete the requisite initial training for procedural control at ATSTO and later on the associated rating training at station respectively for the following ATS Units-

- 4.1.1 Aerodrome Control Rating (ADC)
- 4.1.2 Approach Control Procedural Rating (APP-Proc.)
- 4.1.3 Area Control Procedural Rating (ACC- Proc.) or Area Planning Rating (ACC-Plng.)
- 4.1.4 Oceanic Control Rating (OCC)

- 4.2 After the successful completion of Surveillance Control Course (SCC), an ATCO will be allocated the Terminal or En-route Stream Specialization for one of the following rating as per the stream-

- 4.2.1 Approach Control Surveillance Rating (*ASR*),
- 4.2.2 Area Control Surveillance Rating (*RSR*)

Note 1: - An ATCO assigned to a stream specialization but either required to maintain recency or having the recency of ATC Rating of another stream for any reason, the total



rating allowance shall be restricted to maximum permissible Rating Allowance applicable to the stream allocated, as per annexure 1 of CHRM 13 of 2024.

5. Implementation Procedure:

- 5.1 ATCOs who have completed Ab-Initio training with **ADC & APP (Proc.)** and have been issued SATCOL, shall be deputed for Aerodrome Control (ADC) training leading to ADC rating. After successfully passing Area Control Course from ATSTO, he/she may be marked for ACC-Proc. or ACC-Plng subject to the eligibility, seniority and the operational requirement of that station.
- 5.2 ATCOs, who have completed **ADC, APP (Proc.) and ACC course** from ATSTO but not completed SCC, will be eligible to acquire ratings in all the procedural units available at the airport like Aerodrome Control, Approach Procedural Control (where such unit is not combined with surveillance services), Area Procedural Control and Oceanic Control, subject to the eligibility, seniority and the operational requirement of that station.
- 5.3 After the successful completion of Surveillance Control Course (SCC), the ATS In-Charge shall judiciously assign a particular stream (Terminal or En-route) based on operational requirement of the station, ATCOs Capabilities to work in the concerned environment and Individual options.
- 5.4 In case of transfer of a Surveillance Controller to any one of the four metro stations viz. IGIA-Delhi, CSMIA-Mumbai, NSCBIA-Kolkata & CIA-Chennai, the allocation of stream should be followed as mentioned below:
 - a) Stream already allocated: Preferably same stream should be allocated
 - b) No Stream allocated: ATS In-Charge may judiciously assign a particular stream as per station requirement,
- 5.5 ATCOs already assigned with a stream (Terminal or En-route) at the station, where Two stream rating is implemented, will continue to work in the ATS unit(s) as per the stream allocated. However, they will be considered in **common stream**.

To be considered in common stream, for reasons of flexibility and based on training capacity as well as operational requirement of rated ATCOs & OJTIs, the ATS In-charge of the station may recommend the name of officers from the common stream with proper justification to ED(ATM) for approval, before commencement of training of other procedural unit(s). The priority for nomination shall be as per sequence below:

- i. Only SATCOL Holders;
- ii. Transferred-in ATCOs;
- iii. As per station seniority of ATCOs who were earlier assigned with a stream (Terminal or En-route).



Note 2: ATCOs who are likely to be nominated for SCC within next six months may not be considered.

Note 3: In case an ATCO is willing and recommended for other unit(s) training, he/she will not be considered for nomination for SCC until the endorsement of said rating for which he/she has been recommended for training.

- 5.6 After completion of SCC, even though an ATCO has been assigned with a stream (Terminal or En-route), he/she may continue to work in all the procedural unit(s) as per his/her license endorsement. Moreover, during the applicable period of surveillance training (as defined in station level Rating and Training Manual) ATCO will be entitled for rating allowances as per Common Stream until he/she acquire a surveillance rating. Thereafter, he/she will be governed by the stream assigned.

6. Queries:

- 6.1 Any queries or further guidance required on the contents of this ATMC should be addressed to:

Executive Director [ATM]
Airports Authority of India
Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan Safdarjung Airport
New Delhi-110003
E-mail: edatm@aai.aero

7. Validity:

- 7.1 This ATMC will remain in force until further notice and ATMC 06 of 2019 is hereby cancelled.

(SHYMALI HALDAR)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR(ATM)
AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
DATE: 25-04-2024