



# Air Traffic Control Specialist

Job Series 2152  
Terminal and  
En Route  
Positions

Frequently Asked  
Questions



**1. Can a non-citizen apply for Air Traffic Control Specialist jobs?**

No. Non-citizens may only be employed in situations where there are insufficient numbers of qualified candidates. This is almost never the case.

**2. Can I attend the FAA Academy for training to obtain an ATCS positions?**

No. You must be a FAA employee to attend Academy training.

**3. Is there a "sample" test available to assist me in studying for the ATCS exam?**

No. There are no FAA approved study guides available.

**4. What is the minimum entry age for ATCS positions?**

Generally, you must be 18 years old. Under certain circumstances, e.g., if they have graduated from high school, 16 year old may be considered.

**5. Are there any waivers for the maximum entry age for terminal/en route ATCS positions?**

There are no waivers to the maximum entry age requirements. However, there is a special program for hiring retired military controllers.

**6. I was hired as an FAA ATCS in the terminal option but left to take another position in another agency. Does the maximum entry age apply to me?**

No. People who were hired into terminal or en route FAA positions by age 30 but who change jobs can return to covered positions after turning age 31.

**7. Am I guaranteed a job if I apply for a ATCS position?**

No. There are no guarantees of employment at any time.

**8. How can I find more information about the FAA Academy?**

For information regarding the FAA Academy, look under ATC Options at <http://www.atctraining.faa.gov/site/>