Federal Aviation Administration

Air Traffic Control Specialist

Terminal and En Route Positions

Frequently Asked Questions

http://www.faa.gov/careers/employment/ATCS.htm

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1. **Can a non-citizen apply for Air Traffic Control Specialist jobs?**
   Non-citizens may be employed only in rare situations where there are insufficient numbers of qualified candidates.

2. **Can I attend the FAA Academy for training to obtain an ATCS position?**
   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, candidates as young as 16 may be considered.

5. **Are there any waivers for the maximum entry age for Air Traffic Control Specialist 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 an ATCS position?**
   No. There are no guarantees of employment at any time.

8. **How can I find more information about the FAA Academy?**
   Information regarding the FAA Academy can be found at http://www.atctraining.faa.gov

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