

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Position Responsibility

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice will initiate a procedure allowing more than one national traffic management officer (NTMO), traffic management specialist-in-charge (TMSIC), or traffic management specialist (TMS) on a control position at a time. This change only affects the David J. Hurley Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC). This guidance will be incorporated into the traffic management procedures in Federal Aviation Administration Order (FAAO) 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, Chapter 2, Administration of Facilities.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the ATCSCC only.

3. Where Can I Find This Notice? The notice is available on the MYFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications.

4. Explanation of Policy Change. This change modifies the procedure delegating responsibility to the air traffic managers to manage and control position assignments. The NTMO, TMSIC, and TMS tactically adjust the flow of traffic within their areas of responsibility through continued analysis, coordination, and dynamic use of traffic management initiatives and programs. The latitude in responsibility to “monitor and manage” will allow for more than one NTMO, TMSIC, or TMS to effectively work one control position at a time.

5. Procedures. Amend FAAO 7210.3, Chapter 2, Administration of Facilities, by inserting new guidance in Paragraph 2-2-3, Position Responsibility, to read as follows:

2-2-3. POSITION RESPONSIBILITY

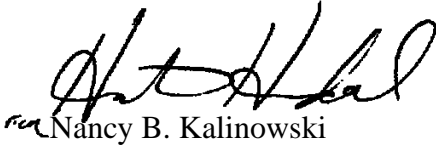
Air traffic managers must ensure that only one certified air traffic controller is signed on and responsible for each open position, to include consolidated positions, at any given time. At the ATCSCC, the national traffic management officer (NTMO), traffic management specialist-in-charge (TMSIC), and traffic management specialist (TMS) work as a team to accomplish the traffic management goals of an entire operational area. Due to the management functionality involved in overseeing the NAS, more than one NTMO, TMSIC, or TMS can be signed on and responsible for an open and/or consolidated control position.

NOTE-

When a developmental and an instructor are both signed on at a position, the instructor is responsible for all activity at that position.

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Safety, and System Operations Services, including the Directors of Tactical Operations and traffic management officers; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; international aviation field offices; and the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service.

7. Background. Paragraph 2-2-3, Position Responsibility, delegates responsibility to the air traffic managers to manage and control position assignments. At the ATCSCC, the NTMO, TMSIC, and TMS monitor and manage traffic flows through the National Airspace System to maximize airspace efficiency and minimize the impact of system constraints on air traffic facilities and customers. This change will allow more than one NTMO, TMSIC, or TMS on a control position at a time.



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