

NOTICE

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

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Effective Date:
June 1, 2007

Cancellation Date:
February 14, 2008

SUBJ: Takeoff Clearance

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends the required phraseology for issuing aircraft departure instructions.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the Terminal air traffic control (ATC) field facilities of the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: the William J. Hughes Technical Center and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** This notice is available on 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/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications.
- 4. Action.** Terminal facility managers shall ensure the provisions of this notice are briefed to all front-line managers, controllers-in-charge (CIC), and air traffic controllers prior to shift assignment.
- 5. Procedures.** Change Federal Aviation Administration Order 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, Paragraph 3-9-9, Takeoff Clearance, as follows:

3-9-9. TAKEOFF CLEARANCE

- When issuing a clearance for takeoff, first state the “runway number followed by the takeoff clearance.”

PHRASEOLOGY-

“RUNWAY (number), CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF.”

EXAMPLE-

“RUNWAY TWO SEVEN, CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF.”

NOTE-

Turbine-powered aircraft may be considered ready for takeoff when they reach the runway unless they advise otherwise.

REFERENCE-

FAAO 7110.65, *Departure Terminology, Para 4-3-1.*

- If the takeoff clearance is issued prior to the aircraft crossing all intervening runways, restate the runway to be crossed in conjunction with the takeoff clearance.

PHRASEOLOGY-

“CROSS RUNWAY (number), RUNWAY (number), CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF.”

EXAMPLE-

" CROSS RUNWAY TWO FOUR LEFT, RUNWAY TWO FOUR RIGHT, CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF."

No further changes to the paragraph.

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the ATC field facilities of the following ATO service units: Terminal, Safety, and System Operations Services; service center offices; Air Traffic Safety Oversight; the William J. Hughes Technical Center and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center

7. Background. Stating the runway to be utilized in conjunction with a control instruction to an arriving or departing aircraft increases situational awareness for the air traffic controller and the pilot. It is not uncommon for radio communications transfer to occur prior to an aircraft crossing all runways en route to or reaching the approach end of the assigned runway. Restating the crossing clearance helps to decrease the likelihood of an aircraft departing the wrong runway.

8. Implementation. This notice shall be implemented on the effective date and content of this notice will be incorporated into FAA Order 7110.65S, effective February 14, 2008.



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