



USER AGREEMENT

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1 Control Pages

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2 Purpose

This agreement covers the usage of the Virtual Air Traffic Simulation Network (VATSIM, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "VATSIM"). VATSIM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation (as defined by the United States Internal Revenue Code) which provides flight simulation and air traffic control enthusiasts with a network of computers to which they can log on via the internet and engage in flight and air traffic simulation. Individuals making an application to join VATSIM, and those logging on to any of the network of computers joined together to comprise the physical VATSIM network, as well as those additional computers defined in Article VI of the VATSIM Code of Regulations and otherwise utilized by VATSIM to provide services, are hereinafter referred to as "Users" and/or "Account Holders" (these terms may be used interchangeably). The services are offered to you, the User, by VATSIM, conditioned on your acceptance, without modification, of the terms, conditions and notices contained herein. By submitting an application and being accepted as an account holder of VATSIM, you hereby agree to all the terms, conditions and notices contained in this User Agreement, the VATSIM Code of Regulations and the VATSIM Code of Conduct.

3 Applicability

This agreement applies to:

- 3.1.1 Any prospective user of VATSIM
- 3.1.2 Any current or former users of VATSIM who have been issued a VATSIM Certificate Identification (CID) number.

4 Agreement

4.1 Use of VATSIM Services

- 4.1.1 While using VATSIM's services, you are permitted to engage in online flight and air traffic control simulation. You may also participate in forums, mailing lists, chats, and download software, data and other information made available by VATSIM and its affiliates. In addition, you agree to provide usage data which may be used by VATSIM and its affiliates.
- 4.1.2 Your activity in forums, mailing lists and chats is subject to review, modification and deletion, without notice, by authorized VATSIM personnel. Files downloaded may be subject to posted limitations on usage, reproduction and/or dissemination and you are responsible for adhering to such limitations as one of the conditions of the license granted for the use of such software. The use of copyrighted VATSIM property which includes, but is not limited to, names and logos is restricted and may not be used by anyone without the express written consent of VATSIM. In addition, the use of copyrighted VATSIM data and statistics such as online time is reserved for the use of VATSIM, its account holders and affiliated organizations and groups. Redistribution or any other use of such data is prohibited without the express written consent of VATSIM.
- 4.1.3 To use VATSIM services, you must first register as an account holder of VATSIM at <http://vatsim.net>. Only registered users in good standing may fly online as a pilot and/or provide ATC as an air traffic controller.
- 4.1.4 During the registration process you must use your real, full (e.g., first and last) name. Each time you log onto the VATSIM network through the use of any approved pilot or controller software client(s), you must use a name format permitted by the VATSIM Code of Conduct.
- 4.1.5 You may register for and hold only one VATSIM account and you may hold only one VATSIM identification number and password. This identification number and password are issued only to you and are neither transferable nor may they be used by any other person. The VATSIM identification number issued to you always remain the property of VATSIM and may be revoked at any time pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the VATSIM Code of Regulations and the VATSIM Code of Conduct.

- 4.1.6 By submitting an application, being accepted as an account holder of VATSIM and/or by logging onto the VATSIM network, a user agrees to be bound by the terms of this User Agreement, the VATSIM Code of Regulations and the VATSIM Code of Conduct.
- 4.1.7 VATSIM reserves the right to terminate a user's account and/or network access privileges at any time without notice or limitation.
- 4.1.8 Threats of legal action, whether serious or in a joking manner, against VATSIM, any VATSIM staff, or any partners affiliated with VATSIM, will be treated seriously. Shall anyone threaten legal action against VATSIM, any VATSIM staff, or any partners affiliated with VATSIM, VATSIM will cease any form of communication with them, and such action will result in immediate account termination.
- 4.1.9 This User Agreement may be changed and updated from time to time. Inasmuch as we may make changes or updates, we will publish the updated User Agreement on the VATSIM website. The User understands and agrees, that use of any VATSIM service, including any use or continued use after any change or update, constitutes pre-consent and renewing consent to the User Agreement in its most updated version.

4.2 Eligibility and Minimum Age Requirement

- 4.2.1 By creating an account and becoming a user of the VATSIM Network, you represent and warrant that you meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this Agreement.
- 4.2.2 Effective 1 January 2026, all new users of the VATSIM Network must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of registration. Individuals under the age of sixteen (16) are not permitted to create a new account or access the VATSIM Network.
- 4.2.3 Account holders who registered prior to 01 January 2026 and who are under the age of sixteen (16), but are at least thirteen (13) before 01 January 2026, may continue to maintain and use their accounts, provided they remain in full compliance with all other provisions of this Agreement. VATSIM reserves the right to modify or revoke this grandfathered status at its discretion.

4.3 Application Information

4.3.1 Providing false information on your account application is prohibited and is grounds for immediate termination, without prior notice, of your VATSIM account and network access privileges.

4.4 Connecting to the VATSIM Network

4.4.1 While connected to the VATSIM network, you must use a name format permitted by the VATSIM Code of Conduct. Failure to comply could lead to a suspension of your user privileges and possible termination of your VATSIM account.

4.4.2 VATSIM consists of a network of privately owned server computers that are connected via the Internet. Only software approved by VATSIM and listed as approved on the VATSIM website may be used to connect to, send data to or receive data from any server within the VATSIM Inc network. For the purposes of this paragraph, the phrase 'send data' shall include passing data to another program acting as a proxy agent such that the data is then sent to the network, as well as sending the data directly to the VATSIM network. This paragraph shall cover communications with the data and statistics servers, the certificates server and all other client servers which comprise the VATSIM network. Connecting or attempting to connect with non-approved software is prohibited and could lead to a suspension of your user privileges and possible termination of your VATSIM account.

4.4.3 Except as otherwise provided for in the Code of Regulations and/or the Code of Conduct, a user is permitted to make only one connection at any time under his or her account number (CID) to the VATSIM network.

4.5 Use of VATSIM Services, Mailing Lists, Chat Rooms and Other Communications Venues

4.5.1 You are responsible for the communications you make while using the services provided by VATSIM which includes any one or all of the computers joined together which comprise the physical VATSIM network as well as any additional computers which are utilized in any way by VATSIM account holders for communicating via text or voice for purposes of engaging in simulated air traffic control and/or flight simulation purposes. This definition expressly includes the computers which host the official internet forums, newsgroups and mailing lists utilized by VATSIM and its officially recognized regions, divisions, ARTCCs, ACCs and FIRs. It is required that all users of VATSIM refrain and not engage in any of the following activities:

- 4.5.1.1 The publishing, posting, distribution, use or dissemination of defamatory, infringing, obscene, vulgar, profane, unlawful or other such types of communications, materials or information;
- 4.5.1.2 The use of VATSIM services to threaten, harass, abuse, intimidate, stalk or to otherwise violate the legal rights of others, including rights of privacy and publicity.
- 4.5.1.3 The use of VATSIM services in any manner other than as an individual user. No individual or entity is permitted to resell or make any commercial or non-commercial use of the VATSIM network which involves the payment of money or goods to said individual or entity or such party's designee without the prior written consent of the VATSIM. The prohibitions set forth in this paragraph expressly include any and all sales and/or solicitations of money, goods and services no matter for what purpose, person, group or cause, without limitation.

4.6 Provision and Usage of Data and Statistics

- 4.6.1 While it will do its best to provide users with access to and usage of accurate data and statistics generated as a result of network activities, VATSIM makes no guarantee as to the availability or continued availability of any data or statistics provided by VATSIM or any authorized third-party provider(s). In addition, VATSIM makes no warranty, either express or implied, that any such data and statistics are without error or otherwise fit for any particular use or purpose.
- 4.6.2 By submitting an application, being accepted as an account holder of VATSIM and/or by logging onto the VATSIM network, a user agrees that VATSIM data may be shared with third-party affiliate organizations, including, but not limited to, VATSIM Regions, Divisions and/or Subdivisions, and that affiliate organizations may also share their data with VATSIM.

4.7 Notice of Right to Remove Content and Services

- 4.7.1 VATSIM reserves the right, for any reason and at any time, to alter and remove without notice or limitation, any content from its web site, forums and download sites and to terminate provision of services (including data and statistics) to any affiliates or third-party content providers.

4.8 Required Mailing List

4.8.1 The VATSIM NOTAM list is an email list which enables VATSIM to quickly contact all account holders to provide important information about its network and services. A user is automatically subscribed to this NOTAM list when they create their account at VATSIM. Users are further required to maintain a continuous subscription to the VATSIM NOTAM list. This list is for the above-described announcement purposes only. The posting of messages (except as may be authorized by VATSIM through its designated staff) is prohibited.

4.9 Information Available on and Through the Use of VATSIM

4.9.1 Statements made by any users in forums, conferences, mailing lists and/or chats reflect only the views of their authors. VATSIM does not endorse the accuracy of any such information, including, but not limited to, statement of opinion or advice, provided on or by means of the VATSIM network.

4.9.2 The information provided by VATSIM is for recreational air traffic control simulation and flight simulation purposes only and under no circumstances is any such information received by a user of VATSIM to be used for real world flight or air traffic control operations.

4.9.3 In exchange for the grant of account privileges to VATSIM and use of its network, a user hereby agree their usage statistics may be collected by VATSIM and made available for use by other users and/or VATSIM affiliates. These usage statistics, at all times, remain the property of VATSIM. Since VATSIM is a network which makes use of the Internet and an individual User's activity and/or use of the network may be seen by other Users and the public in general, Users hereby agree that there is no reasonable expectation to privacy when it comes to their use of the network as a pilot or air traffic controller or to any posts made on VATSIM forums. Neither VATSIM, its staff or its authorized affiliates are obligated to make private any such information.

4.10 Indemnity

4.10.1 In exchange for being an account holder of the VATSIM network, you agree to indemnify and hold VATSIM, its affiliates and their respective agents, information providers and licensors harmless from and against any and all claims, liability, losses, costs, and expenses incurred by any Party in connection with any use or alleged use of the VATSIM network under your ID and password by any person, whether authorized or not.

4.11 Copyrights and Trademarks

4.11.1 All content of the VATSIM website, the VATSIM name and logos, trademarks and/or service marks are the property of VATSIM and are: copyright © 2001-2026, VATSIM, All Rights Reserved.

4.12 Modification

4.12.1 VATSIM reserves the right to change this Agreement at any time, without notice, by revising the terms and conditions herein. Continued use of the VATSIM network following any such changes shall constitute the User's acceptance of such changes.

4.13 No Warranty

4.13.1 THE USER EXPRESSLY AGREES THAT USE OF VATSIM, REGISTERING TO USE THE SERVICES OF VATSIM AND LOGGING ON TO ANY OF THE COMPUTERS COMPRISING THE VATSIM NETWORK IS AT USER'S SOLE RISK. NEITHER VATSIM, ITS AFFILIATES NOR ANY OF IT'S RESPECTIVE USERS, AGENTS, THIRD-PARTY CONTENT PROVIDERS OR LICENSORS WARRANT THAT VATSIM WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR FREE; NOR DO THEY MAKE ANY WARRANTY AS TO THE RESULTS THAT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM USE OF THE SYSTEM, OR AS TO THE ACCURACY, RELIABILITY OR CONTENT OF ANY INFORMATION OR SERVICE PROVIDED THROUGH THE SYSTEM.

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