



GANDER OCEANIC
TRAINING POLICY – INITIAL (v3.1)

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Related Documents

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1. Purposes of this document

The purposes of this policy are:

- a) To define a standard training process.
- b) To provide a guide for oceanic instructing.
- c) To define clear protocols for instructors.

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 This policy applies to all Gander Oceanic OCA instructors.

1.1.2 This policy shall remain publicly available on the Gander Oceanic OCA website for viewing by the general membership.

1.2 Policy maintainer and review schedule

1.2.1 This policy shall be maintained by the OCA Chief (CZQO1).

1.2.2 This policy shall be reviewed once every Twenty-Four (24) months.

1.3 Definitions

1.3.1 A '**student**' is any individual undertaking oceanic certification training with the Gander Oceanic OCA.

1.3.2 An '**instructor**' is any individual with the authority to provide instruction to another member for them to obtain their oceanic certification and is any individual granted the authority to issue a certification to a student.

1.3.3 A '**session**' is any period of time that a student spends with an instructor in a student capacity whilst being taught by the instructor.

2 Policy

2.1 Approach to training

Gander Oceanic OCA recommends a two-stage training process of which both must be completed for a certification to be completed by all students:

2.1.1 **Theory** - Student to familiarise themselves with policies and procedures and have completed and passed the entrance exam, available on VATCAN website, prior to a practical live session

2.1.2 **Practical** – A student supervised by an instructor to gain experience online in the capacity of an oceanic controller. See section 2.4.

2.2 Minimum competency requirements

Before a certification is granted by an instructor, the student:

2.2.1 **Must** log at least one live session on NAT_FSS

2.2.2 **Must** demonstrate reasonable command over the prescribed oceanic phraseology.

2.2.3 **Must** demonstrate a solid understanding of procedures and separation requirements specific to oceanic.

2.2.4 **Must** demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the oceanic airspace and all delegations.

2.2.5 **Must** demonstrate proficiency in the use of Plugin's available on the Euroscope OCA pack.

2.2.6 **Must** demonstrate proficiency in the use of NATTRACK website and issue clearances correctly.

2.3 Communication

2.3.1 Initial contact with the student will be initiated over the Gander Oceanic Discord.

2.4 Practical training

2.4.1 Students shall demonstrate a basic, but sound understanding of procedures and phraseology before their first logon to the network.

2.4.2 The session is expected to last at least 90 mins in total, of which 60 must be logged on as NAT_FSS.

2.4.3 Instructors are encouraged to conduct a theory session before commencing practical training with their student.

2.4.4 Instructors are to log in with a _I_ to their callsign (eg NAT_I_FSS).

2.5 Continued Training

2.5.1 Time to time, Gander Oceanic will release changes to local procedures. To maintain currency and on-going training, controllers are expected to read and acknowledge these documents.