

## ATC Policy

### Moldova vACC ATC Policy

Moldova vACC is an organization within VATSIM and therefore strictly complies with the VATSIM Global Rating Policy 2.0 herein mentioned as GRP. In depth descriptions of each ATC rating can be found there will not be stated in this document. All controllers in the Chisinau FIR will follow the procedures stated in this document and all must comply to the VATSIM Top Down Policy.

#### 1 ATC Ratings

As per the GRP the ATC ratings that Moldova vACC is authorised to issue are as follows:

##### Tower Trainee - S1

VATSIM GRP states that the S1 rating “ does not cover any particular competencies. A member can use this rating to control no higher than Tower (TWR) subject to local restrictions.” In the Chisinau FIR the S1 rating may be used to control Ground (GND) positions in addition to being used during Tower Controller (S2) Training and Solo Tower Validation (STV).

##### Tower Controller - S2

VATSIM GRP states that “ This rating includes all airport DEL, GND and TWR control services, except at a tower that provides procedural approach services”. In the Chisinau FIR the S2 rating may be used to control all Tower (TWR) positions in addition to being used for TMA Controller (S3) Training and Solo Approach Validation (SAV).

##### TMA Controller - S3

VATSIM GRP states that “This rating includes APP and DEP control services associated with a particular airport/area.” In the Chisinau FIR the S3 rating may be used to control any Approach (APP) position in addition to being used for Enroute Controller (C1) Training and subsequently Solo Center Validation (SCV).

##### Enroute Controller - C1

VATSIM GRP states that “This rating is for all Enroute CTR sectors; both radar and non-radar control services.” In the Chisinau FIR the C1 rating may be used to control any Centre (CTR) position.

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#### 2 ATC Training

All training coordination and requests must be directed towards the ATC Training Director (email-address@here) initially.

The ATC Training Director is responsible for the scheduling of training for new and existing students as well as the co-ordination of mentors.

Any training that takes place without knowledge of the ATC Training Director or the vACC Director/Deputy Director will not be recognised as official and sanctioned training. vACC staff have the right to terminate any unscheduled or unsanctioned training.

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#### 2.1 ATC Training Progress

Once a training request is received by the ATC Training Director, they will assign the student to a mentor.

After this initial step, it will be the responsibility of the student to contact their respective mentor and arrange further training sessions.

The training sessions will start with theoretical lessons and then move on to Sweatbox or online sessions. The student will need to complete the respective theoretical tests via ATsim test.

To accelerate basic ATC training, students may begin training directly as a Tower Controller at the discretion of the student's mentor/instructor.

On completion of the training syllabus, a controller practical test (CPT) will be arranged to test the competency of the controller. On successful completion of the CPT, the controller will be upgraded to the relevant rating.

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## 2.2 Rating Progression

The minimum hours to be performed online before a CPT can be attempted:

S1->S2: 20 hours excluding training on a major aerodrome (LUKK) As per this policy stated on 2.1 S1-S2 progression can be fast tracked.

S2->S3: 50 hours total excluding training on a major aerodrome (LUKK)

S3->C1: 100 hours total excluding training on a major aerodrome (LUKK)

### 2.2.1 Solo Validations

The aim of the solo validation is to give students the opportunity to control a position above their current rating, without a mentor being present, to prepare them for their Controller Practical Test.

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The Solo Validation is issued with the recommendation of the students' mentor and approval of the ATC Training Director. The duration of the solo validation will be no longer than 30 days and commences as soon as the validation is issued.

The student is responsible for the usage of this validation. If, for whatever reason, the student is not able to make use of this facility within the stipulated time period, the solo validation will not be extended and will be withdrawn. It is therefore important that the student and mentor ensure the correct planning and usage of the solo validation.

Once a validation is issued, this information is shared with VATSIM and thus cannot be amended (removed or extended) after issue.

Any abuse of the validation is subject to penalty in accordance with VATSIM CoC, CoR and GRP.

Continuous abuse of this validation will be dealt with internally and with referral to the DCRM.

## 2.3 ATC Mentors

As stated in Section 5.3.1 of the Republic of Moldova vACC Constitution all Full Members are entitled to apply to become ATC Mentors. An ATC Mentors Role is to teach and aid trainee Air Traffic Controllers in their virtual ATC careers.

Mentors must hold a minimum of an S3 rating and be a Full Member of Moldova vACC.

### 2.3.1 ATC Examiners

The Examiners role is to conduct ATC Controller Practical Exams. Examiners are selected by the vACC Director and Training Director and must be sent for approval to VATEUD. Examiners must hold a minimum of an C1 rating.

Upon completion of the examination the examiner must send the ATC Exam Marking Sheet to the vACC Director and ATC Training Director. Then either the vACC Director or ATC Training Director will issue a recommendation for an upgrade if the student has passed the exam.

### 3 Visiting Controllers

VATSIM supports the movement of ATC's between vACC's and divisions to maximize the enjoyment of the hobby and to allow controllers to experience different airspaces and challenges.

In view of this policy Moldova vACC also accepts visiting controllers that hold a minimum of an S3 rating.

All Visiting Controllers must undergo familiarization training on the specific sector they wish to control. Moldova vACC is not responsible for further training, examining and upgrading visiting controllers ATC ratings. Visiting controllers are expected to return to their home vACC for training and rating upgrades. Once a visiting controller has been upgraded by their home vACC, an approved ATC mentor will conduct a further familiarization session for the respective sector or facility.

Any questions regarding this Document should be submitted to (ACCMD1)