NOTICE

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

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December 1, 2024

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August 7, 2025

SUBJ: Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Implementation Process

1. Purpose of This Notice. The FAA published JO 7100.41A, Performance Based Navigation Implementation Process, as the standardized process for developing and implementing Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP). As PBN procedures have become ubiquitous, the associated processes are more fully aligned with those of other IFPs. Consequently, JO 7100.41A is being processed for cancellation effective with the implementation of this change to JO 7400.2.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Services, Safety and Technical Training, and all associated air traffic facilities.

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

4. Explanation of Policy Change. This change identifies the updated air traffic office providing national oversight for the air traffic planning and analysis policy and moves the responsibilities of the national oversight office from paragraph 1–3–2 to paragraph 1–3–3, titled Responsibilities, and adds (new) paragraph 1–3–3 specifying Mission Support Services Executive Director of Service Centers (AJV-01) development of standard operating procedures (SOP) to be followed to comply with instrument flight procedure (IFP) policy and criteria. The change also specifies Mission Support Services Service Center Operations Support Group responsibilities regarding processing 14 CFR part 71 and part 73, and non-rulemaking SUA actions. Finally, the change specifies Headquarters, Air Traffic Services (AJT), development of SOPs providing air traffic facility responsibilities and actions for post-implementation monitoring of IFP actions. FAA Order JO 7100.41A, Performance Based Navigation Implementation Process, is being processed for cancellation effective with the implementation of this notice.

5. Procedures/Responsibilities/Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7400.2, paragraphs 1–3–2, 20–1–1, 20–5–2, and 32–1–5 and add paragraph 1–3–3, as follows:

1-3-2. POLICY

The air traffic planning and analysis policy uses an interdisciplinary approach to ensure the effective management of national airspace changes. This policy requires national implementation strategies; especially for changes designed to enhance user operations, maintain the highest standards of safety, generate new efficiencies, and effectively use our resources. Mission Support Services, Strategy Directorate, Airspace Modernization Group (AJV-S3) is designated as the air traffic office that will provide national oversight.

1-3-3. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. The Mission Support Services Executive Director of Service Centers (AJV-01) and Headquarters, Air Traffic Services (AJT) must develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)s that must be followed to ensure compliance with Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) policy and criteria contained in regulations, advisory circulars, and orders (e.g., the FAA Order 8260 series, JO 7110.65, and this order).

1. Review the SOPs at least annually, assessing for practices and/or procedures no longer required or relevant content to ensure operational efficiency and flexibility to support customers.

2. Update SOPs as needed when new or revised IFP criteria and/or policy is published to ensure changes are implemented as required.

b. Mission Support Services, Strategy Directorate, Airspace Modernization Group (AJV-S3) must:

1. Formulate airspace efficiency policy in collaboration with Mission Support Services, Policy Directorate, Rules and Regulations Group (AJV-P2) that overseas 14 CFR part 71 and part 73, and non-rulemaking Special Use Airspaces (SUA) rules and regulations policy.

2. Establish guidelines for airspace architecture and structural changes.

3. Provide a high-level analysis of current and proposed operations for efficiency from a NAS-wide perspective.

c. Mission Support Services Service Center Operations Support Groups must:

1. Follow the rulemaking and non-rulemaking processes in this order for processing 14 CFR part 71 and part 73, and non-rulemaking SUA actions.

2. Develop and coordinate the IFP SOPs for developing and processing IFP actions in accordance with FAA Order 8260 series.

d. Headquarters, Air Traffic Services must develop SOPs specifying air traffic facility responsibilities, timelines, and process for post-implementation monitoring of IFP actions.

20−1−1. PURPOSE

Title through c NOTE, no change

d. Unless otherwise specified, the criteria and procedures for the development of ATS routes are contained in FAA Orders: 8260.3, United States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS); 8260.19, Flight Procedures and Airspace; 8260.43, Flight Procedures Management Program; and 8260.58, United States Standard for Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Instrument Procedure Design.

No further changes to paragraph

20−5−2. RNAV ROUTE CRITERIA.

a. Refer to FAA Orders 8260.3, United States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS); 8260.19, Flight Procedures and Airspace; and 8260.58, United States Standard for Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Instrument Procedure Design, for criteria and procedures applicable to RNAV route development.

No further changes to paragraph

32−1−5. RESPONSIBILITIES

Title through d10, no change

e. OSG Flight Procedures and Airspace Specialist (FPT/AT)

1. The responsibility to coordinate and consult with the Service Centers' EPSs for environmental analysis and documentation rests with the following flight procedures and airspace specialists as applicable and defined in FAA Order 8260.19.

No further changes to paragraph

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations, and Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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