

Aviation Careers: Air Traffic Management

A career as an **ATCS, Traffic Management Coordinator (TMC), Level 12**

Introduction

Clearance Delivery is the position that issues route clearances to aircraft, typically before they commence taxiing. These contain details of the route that the aircraft is expected to fly after departure. Clearance Delivery or, at busy airports, the Traffic Management Coordinator (TMC) will, if necessary, coordinate with the en route center and national command center or flow control to obtain releases for aircraft. Often, however, such releases are given automatically or are controlled by local agreements allowing "free-flow" departures. When weather or extremely high demand for a certain airport or airspace becomes a factor, there may be ground "stops" (or "slot delays") or re-routes may be necessary to ensure the system does not get overloaded. The primary responsibility of Clearance Delivery is to ensure that the aircraft have the proper route and slot time. This information is also coordinated with the en route center and Ground Control in order to ensure that the aircraft reaches the runway in time to meet the slot time provided by the command center. At some airports, Clearance Delivery also plans aircraft pushbacks and engine starts, in which case it is known as the Ground Movement Planner (GMP): this position is particularly important at heavily congested airports to prevent taxiway and apron gridlock.

Duties:

Serves as a Traffic Management Coordinator and is responsible for administering traffic management programs (including flow control metering, severe weather advisory programs and oceanic flow control where applicable), traffic analysis, and liaison with military users concerning altitude reservations, large scale military exercises and long range mission planning; providing intra/inter-center coordination on traffic movement activities. The Traffic Management Coordinator is located at an air route traffic control center which is characterized by a traffic density measure of 275 or more instrument operations handled per hour. Incumbent projects a positive, cooperative attitude toward system users and operators.

This is a temporary position not-to-exceed two years; it may be extended, terminated or become permanent without further competition. If this position remains temporary, upon completion of this assignment the selected employee shall return to his/her original permanent position or an equivalent position in the same commuting area. Salary/Locality Pay: Salary includes locality payment of 24.22%. Pay rate for FAA employees, including locality pay are capped by law of January 3, 2010 at \$179,700.

Department of Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing Program:

This position is covered by the Department of Transportation's Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Any applicant tentatively selected for this position will be subject to pre-employment or pre-appointment drug screening. Persons occupying a "testing designated position (TDP)" will be subject to random drug and/or alcohol testing.

Requirement for Physical Certificate:

The person selected for this position must maintain medical clearance.

Requirement for Security Clearance This position requires completion and favorable adjudication of an Access National Agency Check with Inquiry (ANACI) background

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investigation prior to appointment unless a waiver is obtained. Security clearance is subject to 10-year period reinvestigation.

Your application package must include: 1. FAA Form 3330-42, "Request for Promotion Consideration and Acknowledgement" (in DUPLICATE). If you do not submit this form, your application will not be acknowledged. 2. FAA Form 3330-43, Rating of Air Traffic Experience dated 3/89, including list of correspondence courses. Submit Form 3330-43 to your designated facility rating official at least 5 administrative days prior to the closing date of the announcement. The rating official will complete FAA Form 3330-43 and return it to you for timely submission. All applications must be received in the Human Resource Management Division Office on or before the closing date of the announcement. Late or incomplete bid packages will not be considered. We are requesting that applicants also provide a direct daytime phone number and/or e-mail address.

Qualifications: Basic qualifications for Traffic Management Coordinator (TMC) positions in the terminal and en route options: Specialized Experience Required for TMC Positions: Must have been facility rated or area certified in an ATO terminal/en route facility.

<http://www.simplyhired.com/a/jobs/list/q-air+traffic+control+specialist>

[Chapter 11 FAA Traffic Management Procedures](#)

Links to more Reference Information click below:

<http://www.erau.edu/db/degrees/b-airtraffmgmt.html>

<http://virtualskies.arc.nasa.gov/atm/7.html>

http://www.faa.gov/about/history/photo_album/air_traffic_control/index.cfm?cid=centers

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