

VATSIM Türkiye General Policy

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1. Control Pages

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Code of Conduct	VATSIM-POL-COC
Code of Regulations	VATSIM-POL-COR
Division Policy	VATEUD-POL-DIV
Division Training Policy	VATEUD-POL-DTP
Global Controller Administration Policy	VATSIM-POL-GCAP
Transferring and Visiting Controller Policy	VATSIM-POL-TVCP



2. Scope and Purpose

- 2.1(a) The Turkish Virtual Area Control Center (TRvACC) is an officially recognized subdivision of the VATSIM Europe (VATEUD) Division, operating under the VATSIM Europe, Middle East, and Africa (VATEMEA) Region.
- 2.1(b) The Turkish Virtual Area Control Center (TRvACC) General Policy is established to define the governance, membership rights, and operational framework of TRvACC.
- 2.1(c) TRvACC is responsible for the training of Virtual Air Traffic Controllers, the staffing of ATC positions, and the safe operation of the virtual airspace designated as Ankara Flight Information Region (LTAA) and Istanbul Flight Information Region (LTBB).
- 2.1(d) This policy applies to all TRvACC Home Members, Visiting Controllers, and any VATSIM member interacting with TRvACC services.
- 2.1(e) No local TRvACC rule or regulation may apply restrictions beyond what is defined within higher VATSIM and VATEUD policies, such as the [Global Controller Administration Policy \(GCAP\)](#) or [Division Training Policy \(DTP\)](#). In case of any conflict, higher VATSIM policies and regulations shall take precedence.

3. Definition and Acronyms

AIRAC	Aeronautical Information Regulation and Control. The international system for the regular update of aeronautical navigation data.
ATC	Air Traffic Control
CoC	Code of Conduct. The global VATSIM rules detailing how members must behave while connected to the network.
CoR	Code of Regulations. The VATSIM Code of Regulations.
CPT (Controller Practical Test)	A practical exam. If it is passed, a new VATSIM controller rating will be granted to the examinee.



CR	Conflict Resolution. The VATSIM process for resolving disputes and handling severe disciplinary matters.
DTP	Division Training Policy. The policy clarifying and specifying global VATSIM policies for ATC training within VATEUD.
Endorsement	The approval to operate a Controllable Position which requires additional competencies or knowledge above that of an ATC Rating.
FIR	Flight Information Region. A specified region of airspace in which a flight information service and an alerting service are provided.
GCAP	Global Controller Administration Policy. The VATSIM policy that defines access to ATC positions and maintains ATC quality.
Home Member	A controller whose primary VATSIM Subdivision assignment is TRvACC.
Inactive Controller	A controller who fails to meet the minimum controlling time requirements defined by TRvACC within a specific period, resulting in the temporary loss of their roster privileges.
LIP	Local Induction Plan. A specialized training or orientation plan for visiting or transferring controllers to ensure familiarity with local TRvACC procedures
LoA	Letter of Agreement. A formal agreement between neighboring vACCs or FIRs detailing coordination, handover procedures, and airspace boundaries.
NOTAM	Notice to Air Missions / Airmen. Official notices containing information essential to personnel concerned with flight operations.
Roster	A list to determine which account holders are permitted to control associated with a Subdivision airspace.
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure. Detailed documents outlining the operational rules and procedures for specific ATC positions.
Subdivision	A local organization (such as TRvACC) delegated with the responsibility of managing specific virtual airspace and providing ATC training within a Division.
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TD	Training Director. The staff member holding absolute authority over the ATC Training Department.
Tier 1 / Tier 2 Positions	Positions with high traffic levels/complex procedures (Tier 1) or non-standard procedures (Tier 2) that necessitate an elevated level of competency and a specific Endorsement to operate.
Trainee	Any VATSIM member who applied for VATSIM ATC training (any rating) or is subject to training.
TRvACC	Turkish Virtual Area Control Center
TVCP	Transfer and Visiting Controller Policy. The VATSIM policy that governs how controllers may transfer to or visit other subdivisions.
Unrestricted Position	A Position on the network that does not require an Endorsement to control, i.e., is controllable by any home member with the necessary rating.
VATEMEA	VATSIM Europe, Middle East, and Africa Region. The global VATSIM region that encompasses VATEUD.
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VATEUD	VATSIM Europe (except UK) Division.
Visiting Controller	A status granted to a controller who is permitted to control in TRvACC while retaining the permanent relationship with their existing home Division or Subdivision.

4. Membership, Roster Management and Disciplinary

4.1 General Membership Rights and Obligations

- 4.1(a) Every TRvACC member has the right to use the facilities of TRvACC within the rules set forward by TRvACC, VATEUD, and VATSIM.
- 4.1(b) As all facilities of TRvACC are governed by the VATSIM [Code of Conduct \(CoC\)](#) and [Code of Regulations \(CoR\)](#), all members are



expected to abide and comply with the rules and regulations set out in these documents.

- 4.1(c) A member's right to staff any ATC position in the Turkish Airspace is subject to the VATSIM [Global Controller Administration Policy \(GCAP\)](#), the [VATEUD Division Training Policy \(DTP\)](#), and the local rules of TRvACC.
- 4.1(d) In accordance with the VATSIM Global Controller Administration Policy (GCAP), any Home Member is entirely free to open any Unrestricted (non-Tier 1 and non-Tier 2) position within TRvACC commensurate with their active permanent ATC rating without any further restrictions.

4.2 Roster Management and Inactivity

- 4.2(a) To maintain a high standard of ATC service and manage training resources effectively, TRvACC enforces currency requirements based on [GCAP](#) Section 9.4.
- 4.2(b) To remain on the active TRvACC ATC Roster, a Home Member or a Visiting Controller must meet an activity requirement of at least five (5) hours on any controllable positions within TRvACC airspace in a rolling six-month (180 days) period.
- 4.2(c) Controllers failing to meet this requirement will be considered "Inactive" and may be removed from the active ATC roster.
- 4.2(d) An inactive controller loses their controlling privileges within TRvACC airspace and may be made ineligible for further ATC training or Endorsements until their currency is reinstated.
- 4.2(e) To regain active status, the controller must contact the TRvACC Training Department. The Training Department may require the controller to complete a reinstatement training plan, which may include reviewing new procedures, self-study materials, or completing a practical session with a mentor.

4.3 Transferring and Visiting Controllers

- 4.3(a) Visiting Controllers: TRvACC welcomes Visiting Controllers from other Divisions or Subdivisions in accordance with the [VATSIM Transfer and Visiting Controller Policy \(TVCP\)](#). However, to ensure local procedures are strictly followed, all Visiting Applicants are subject to a Local Induction Plan (LIP) determined by the TRvACC



Training Department. Visiting controllers cannot open a position until this orientation is completed.

- 4.3(b) Transferring Controllers: Account holders wishing to transfer their Home Allocation to TRvACC must apply via VATEUD. Transferring controllers are also subject to a Local Induction Plan (LIP) and must fulfil all knowledge checks regarding local procedures before their transfer is fully integrated.
- 4.3(c) In accordance with the VATSIM Transfer and Visiting Controller Policy (TVCP), once a Transferring or Visiting Controller successfully completes their Local Induction Plan (LIP), they are entirely free to open any Unrestricted (non-Tier 1 and non-Tier 2) position within TRvACC commensurate with their rating. No further position-specific checkouts or blocks may be imposed for Unrestricted positions.

4.4 Disciplinary Actions

- 4.4(a) A member violating the rules and regulations of TRvACC, including abusing other members or disrupting TRvACC operations, may have their access to TRvACC services (including Discord, and Training Systems) temporarily or permanently revoked.
- 4.4(b) Any severe disciplinary action against a member regarding their network privileges will be processed via the VATSIM Conflict Resolution (CR) system and escalated to VATSIM Network Supervisors when necessary.

5. Staff Roles and Hierarchy

5.1 General Staff Requirements

- 5.1(a) The TRvACC Staff Team is responsible for the daily administration, management, and development of the subdivision.
- 5.1(b) All staff members must hold a clean VATSIM record, maintain active status within TRvACC, and dedicate sufficient time to fulfill their duties.
- 5.1(c) Any staff member may be removed from their position by the vACC Director if they fail to perform their assigned duties or violate VATSIM/VATEUD policies.



- 5.1(d) Department Managers: Directors may appoint Managers (e.g., ACCTR31, ACCTR61) to assist them in their duties. Managers report directly to their respective Department Director.

5.2 Executive Management

- 5.2(a) **vACC Director (ACCTR1):** The vACC Director is the highest authority within TRvACC and represents the subdivision to VATEUD and VATSIM Global. The Director oversees all departments, resolves internal conflicts, and holds the ultimate decision-making power for subdivision-wide administrative changes.
- 5.2(b) **vACC Deputy Director (ACCTR2):** Assists the Director in all administrative tasks and acts as the acting Director in their absence.

5.3 ATC Training Department

- 5.3(a) **ATC Training Director (ACCTR3):** Holds absolute authority over the ATC Training Department, ensuring compliance with the VATEUD Division Training Policy (DTP) and VATSIM GCAP. The TD is responsible for the creation and execution of the Training Policy, overseeing all Mentors and Examiners, and managing the ATC roster. The TD holds the unilateral authority to suspend or terminate a student's training for disciplinary or underperformance reasons.
- 5.3(b) **ATC Training Managers (ACCTR31, ACCTR32 etc.):** Appointed by the Training Director to assist in the day-to-day operations of the department. Managers handle training ticket assignments, track student progress, coordinate mentor availability, and assist in maintaining training materials.

5.4 Membership Department

- 5.4(a) **Membership Director (ACCTR4):** Responsible for the welfare and roster management of vACC members. The Membership Director handles incoming VATEUD core requests, coordinates the flow of new members, monitors ATC roster inactivity (currency), and processes Visiting/Transferring controller applications.

5.5 Events and Public Relations Department

- 5.5(a) **Events & PR Director (ACCTR5):** Responsible for the marketing and public image of TRvACC. The Events & PR Director plans official events, coordinates with neighboring vACCs, manages event rostering, and maintains TRvACC's social media presence and official announcements.



5.6 Operations and Navigation Department

- 5.6(a) **Ops & Navigation Director (ACCTR6):** Responsible for maintaining the realism and operational accuracy of the TRvACC airspace. Duties include maintaining and updating sector files, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Letters of Agreement (LoAs), and implementing real-world NOTAMs applicable to VATSIM.
- 5.6(b) **Ops & Navigation Manager (ACCTR61, etc.):** Assists the Ops & Navigation Director in updating sector files, drafting documentation, and ensuring that all navigational databases remain current with the latest AIRAC cycles.

5.7 Web Services Department

- 5.7(a) **Web Services Director (ACCTR7):** Responsible for the reliable operation and maintenance of all TRvACC technical facilities, including the official website, databases, training systems, Discord servers, and automated roster scripts.

6. Data Protection and Privacy

6.1 General Principles

- 6.1(a) TRvACC is committed to protecting the privacy of its members in accordance with the TRvACC Privacy Policy and global VATSIM data protection standards.
- 6.1(b) TRvACC explicitly does not knowingly collect Personal Identifiable Information from children under the age of 16.

6.2 Confidentiality of Training and Member Data

- 6.2(a) Mentors, Examiners, and Staff members may have access to personal data related to students and their training. All such personnel are bound by the Data Protection and Handling Policy and must access or share this data only when there is a valid operational reason, or with the explicit consent of the member concerned.
- 6.2(b) Students' personal data, training progress, and session notes must NEVER be posted in public channels or on non-VATSIM services (e.g., social media platforms).
- 6.2(c) Mentors taking notes during a session must transfer these into an official mentoring report as soon as possible and destroy or delete



the original notes, ensuring data is held only on official TRvACC services.

- 6.2(d) Examiners must keep all exam-related information confidential, sharing it only on a 'need-to-know' basis with other examiners or relevant members of the Training Department.

7. Amendments to the Policy

- 7.1(a) Any changes or amendments to this General Policy must be proposed by the TRvACC Staff and approved by the vACC Director.
- 7.1(b) No amendment to this document shall take effect until it has been formally reviewed and approved by the VATEUD Division Director or their designated representatives.
- 7.1(c) In the event that any regulation within this policy conflicts with higher VATSIM or VATEUD policies (such as GCAP or DTP), the higher policy shall automatically take precedence, and the conflicting local regulation shall become null and void.