ZAU Controllers Guide to the PDC

FAQ's

Q. When should I assign a PDC?
A. A PDC should be assigned ONLY when the route is perfect, and where no amendments need to be made. Assign the PDC as soon as possible.

Q. To whom should I assign a PDC?
A. A PDC should be assigned to all aircraft that meet the qualification to receive one

Q. What is a PDC?
A. A PDC is a Pre Departure Clearance given to aircraft as a supplement to a voice clearance.

ZAU's PDC Alias

Our alias makes it very easy to quickly assign PDC's Below are airport specific directions for the assigning of PDC's

At O'Hare (KORD)

For aircraft that meet all the route, altitude for direction of flight and SOP/LOA requirements, you may assign them a PDC, do so, type `.ordpdc` into the chat bar, followed by the departure frequency.

Example:

`UAL322` is a `A320` going to `MSP` via `PMPKN NEATO DLLAN RONIC KAMMA KKILR3` at `FL320`. Because his flight plan meets the **SOP** and **MSP LOA** restrictions, as well as the **NEODD SWEVEN** rule, we may assign him a **PDC**.

To do so, type `.ordpdc` into the chat bar, followed by the departure frequency, for example, Chicago Center on 127.800

Select `UAL322` and type `.ordpdc 127.800`

At Midway (KMDW)

Repeat all steps above for O'Hare, but use `.mdwpdc` instead of `.ordpdc`.

At South bend, Madison, Milwaukee, Fort Wayne and Kalamazoo SBN, MSN, FWA, MKE and AZO

Repeat all steps for O'Hare, but use `.pdcc` instead of `.ordpdc`.

At all other airports

PDC is not available at any other ZAU airport, so voice must be used for clearances

When the flight plan is incorrect, but the still want a PDC
Use `.pdcu`, which will instruct the pilot to contact your frequency for clearance.

Still Lost?
PM a member of the training staff on Slack, find us on TeamSpeak, or email fe@zauartcc.org.

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