



GANDER OCEANIC

GENERAL POLICY - REVISION 3

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Related Documents

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Gander Oceanic Training Policy	CZQOP2_Training
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1 Purposes of this document

The purposes of this policy are:

- a) To provide a general overview of standard practices and expectations of members within the Gander Oceanic OCA.
- b) To outline eligibility requirements.

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 This policy applies to all members and visitors of the Gander Oceanic OCA.

1.2 Policy maintainer and review schedule

1.2.1 This policy shall be maintained by the OCA Chief (ZQO1).

1.2.2 This policy shall be reviewed bi-annually, every six months.

1.3 Definitions

1.3.1 A '**student**' is any individual undertaking oceanic certification training with the Gander Oceanic OCA.

1.3.2 A '**certified member**' is any individual with a certification, and without a staff position.

1.3.3 A '**staff member**' is any individual holding an instructor or executive position.

1.3.4 A '**general member**' is any individual covered by the scope of this document, regardless of position.

2 Policy

2.1 General Members

2.1.1 To be eligible to apply for a certification, prospective members must:

- a) hold a C1 rating or higher
- b) have accumulated a total of 80 hours operating Enroute stations
- c) have accumulated 25 total hours on any single Enroute station
- d) be in good standing with their local division/vACC/ARTCC/FIR and the network as a whole
- e) provide the contact details for their Division Director or vACC Director in their application. This must include the individual's name, position title, and email address. The OCA Chief may choose to contact the nominated person at their discretion.

2.1.2 Upon receiving their oceanic certification, a certified member shall read and fulfill the activity requirement prescribed in Policy 4 (Currency) to retain their endorsement.

2.1.3 The above currency requirement may be waived, provided the member has applied for and obtained an approved 'Leave of Absence' (LOA) directly from the OCA Chief (ZQO1). During a period of LOA, a member is not permitted to log onto either Gander or Shanwick in a controlling capacity. An LOA may not exceed a period of six months. Members may not request another LOA within six months of the end of their last. The OCA Chief will use their discretion in deciding whether part of or the whole of the requirement is waived.

2.1.4 Controllers marked inactive on the roster will have one activity cycle to renew their certification. This can be done through the Chief Instructor (training@ganderoceanic.com), who will book a renewal OTS with the controller.

2.2 Staff Members

2.2.1 A staff position is a privilege, not a right.

2.2.2 Staff members shall maintain a regular presence online, as well as on the Discord server and social media.

2.2.3 Staff members may request an LOA directly from the OCA Chief. An LOA may not exceed six months. During this time, the staff member will not be in command of any of their regular duties.

2.2.4 Staff members are obligated to check their emails and messaging platforms regularly. Failure to do so may result in a staff member's termination from their position of authority.

2.2.5 The OCA Chief, in consultation with the VATCAN Division Director reserves the right to terminate any staff member from their position of authority, at any point in time.

2.2.6 In addition, each of the clauses outlined in the above section 2.1 shall also apply to all staff members.

2.3 *Discord*

- 2.3.1 Gander Oceanic provides a Discord server for communication with other members of the Gander community. Access to this server is a privilege, not a right.
- 2.3.2 Membership to the Discord server may only be granted if the individual holds a VATSIM certificate number.
- 2.3.3 Members of the server automatically agree to abide by the VATSIM Code of Conduct, Code of Regulations, and this policy in all channels: text or voice. Failure to do so may result in termination of certification, a ban from the server, or disciplinary action on the network.
- 2.3.4 All members shall refrain from using the '@everyone' tag. In a situation where this might be required, the member shall contact a Senior Staff member beforehand.
- 2.3.5 Members shall not use the Discord medium to spam other members with images, text, or other material. Members doing so will be subject to immediate disciplinary action.

2.4 *Events*

- 2.4.1 Gander Oceanic warmly welcomes events (including those organised by Virtual Airlines, streamers, etc) that pass through the Gander and Shanwick airspace, and we are very happy to provide our excellent, professional service for both sectors.
- 2.4.2 Gander Oceanic requires a notice of at least fourteen (14) days from the event coordinator if Oceanic control is needed. This ensures that you can have the best oceanic experience throughout the duration of your event, as it takes time for us compile a roster.
- 2.4.3 If fourteen (14) days are not provided, Gander Oceanic cannot guarantee coverage for your event. We are unable to compile a roster for any event brought to our attention less than fourteen days before the event date and are unable to publish the event on our event page.
- 2.4.4 Requests in accordance with 2.4.2 and 2.4.3 shall be made in writing via email to the Events and Marketing Director, copying in the OCA Chief. Should the Events and Marketing Director position be vacant, then correspondence shall be directed to the OCA Chief. Email addresses can be found on the website, on the staff page.