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# Radio Calls - Circuits

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## Introduction

When conducting circuits at a controlled aerodrome you will need to use and understand a specific set of radio calls. In a busy environment it is important that you listen carefully to the Controller and other aircraft so you can build a picture in your mind as to where all the other aircraft are.

## Start Clearance

At most controlled aerodromes, you must obtain a START clearance for circuits prior to starting up the aircraft. This is obtained by using the **Bankstown Ground** frequency on **119.90**

### 1. Obtain a start clearance

You: Bankstown Ground  
 Cherokee \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
 at Taxiway H  
 Received \_\_\_ (ATIS)  
 Request start clearance for Circuits

Ground: \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_, Bankstown Ground  
 Start Approved

You: Start Approved  
 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

## Taxi Clearance

### 1. Once you've started up, you will need to then obtain a taxi clearance before you can taxi

You: \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
 At Taxiway C  
 Request taxi for Circuits

Ground: \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
 Taxi \_\_\_ to the (E / B) Run Up Bay  
 Report ready in the bay

You: On \_\_\_ Taxi to the (E / B) Run Up Bay  
 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

#### Example 1

Ground: LXP, taxi A1, J, E to E run up bay, report ready in the bay.

#### Example 2

Ground: LXP, taxi A, B to B run up bay, report ready in the bay.

## 2. Ready in the run-up bay

You:           — — —  
Ready in the Run Up Bay

Ground: — — —  
Taxi to holding point (B2 / B5), Runway (11R / 29L)

You: Taxi to holding point (B2 / B5), Runway (11R / 29L)  
 — — —

**3. Ready at the holding point, change to Bankstown Tower frequency 123.60**

You: Bankstown Tower  
Cherokee \_ \_ \_  
Ready Runway (Left / Right) for Circuits

**Bankstown Tower will come back to you with ONE instruction from below:**

Tower:

1. \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, hold position
2. \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, Runway (Left / Right), Line Up
3. \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, Runway (Left / Right), Cleared for Take Off

You:

1. Holding position, \_ \_ \_
2. Runway (Left / Right), Lining Up, \_ \_ \_
3. Runway (Left / Right), Cleared for Take Off, \_ \_ \_

## Downwind Call – Touch and Go

When you are on downwind, you should make a downwind call to advise of your intentions for either a TOUCH AND GO or a FULL STOP. This needs to be done on the **Bankstown Tower** frequency **123.60**.

## Touch and Go

You:                    \_ \_ \_  
                             Downwind  
                             Touch and Go

**Bankstown Tower will come back to you with ONE instruction from the below:**

Tower:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_, number (1 / 2 / 3), follow the aircraft on (downwind / base / final etc)
3. \_\_\_\_\_, Runway (Left / Right), cleared touch and go

You:

1. [Nothing]
2. — — —
3. Runway (Left / Right), cleared touch and go,

## Downwind Call – Full Stop

When you are on downwind, you should make a downwind call to advise of your intentions for either a TOUCH AND GO or a FULL STOP. This needs to be done on the **Bankstown Tower** frequency **123.60**.

## 1. Full Stop

You:                    — — —  
                             Downwind  
                             Full Stop

Bankstown Tower will come back to you with ONE instruction from the below:

Tower:

1.     \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_
2.     \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_, number (1 / 2 / 3), follow the aircraft on  
(downwind / base / final etc)
3.     \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_, Runway (Left / Right), cleared to land

You:

1. [Nothing]
2. \_ \_ \_
3. Runway (Left / Right), cleared to land, \_ \_ \_

## After Landing

Once you exit the runway, you will need to make a taxi call to taxi back to parking. You will request your taxi call on the **Bankstown Ground** frequency **119.90**.

You: Bankstown Ground  
Cherokee \_\_ \_\_ \_\_  
On \_\_  
Request taxi to Taxiway H

Ground:      — — —  
Taxi to Taxiway H/ Parking

You: Taxi to Taxiway H/ Parking  
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## Other Calls

Your instructor will brief you on other calls including:

- Going Around
- Glide Approach
- Stop and Go