

LATERAL OFFSETS IN OCEANIC CONTROL AREAS (OCA)

Aircraft operating in OCA in the Australian FIRs are authorized to use lateral offsets in accordance with the requirements detailed below.

1. The offset shall only be applied by aircraft with automatic offset tracking capability.
2. When an offset is applied, the offset must be established at a distance of 1 NM or 2 NM to the RIGHT of track relative to the direction of flight.
3. The offset must only be applied during the enroute phase of flight.
4. The offset must not be used in addition to diversions or other offsets; eg, weather or wake turbulence.
5. The offset must not be applied at levels where obstacle clearance would be affected.
6. Identified aircraft:
 - a. may continue an offset; and
 - b. must advise ATC prior to initiating or changing an offset.

The decision to apply a lateral offset is the responsibility of the pilot-in-command. Other than when an identified aircraft initiates or changes a lateral offset, pilots are not required to notify ATC that a lateral offset is being applied.