

Facility Rating Advancement Policy

Time in Grade

— In order to obtain the S1 Rating, a student must complete all VATCAR and MDCS introductory courses AND have observed at least 2 hours on any active facility position in the proceeding 30 days. Complete an S1 Checkout (OTS)/Sweatbox Session.

— To be advanced to the S2 Rating, a student must have held an S1 rating for 30 days AND have controlled at least 20 hours on any DEL or GND position in the proceeding 30 days AND an S1 Checkout OTS/Sweatbox Session prior to starting S2 training.

— To be advanced to the S3 Rating, a student must have held an S2 rating for 30 days AND have controlled at least 50 hours on any TWR position in the proceeding 30 days AND an S2 Checkout OTS/Sweatbox Session prior to starting S3 training.

— To be advanced to the C1 Rating, a student must have held an S3 rating for 60 days AND have controlled at least 100 hours on any APP position in the proceeding 60 days AND an S3 Checkout OTS/Sweatbox Session prior to starting C1 training.

— To be advanced to the C3 Rating, VATCAR will be using this rating as an award to our advanced C1/Centre controllers. To show our appreciation, to our hardworking Centre rated controllers (C1), who have done more than just log on, but the ones who go the extra mile in their Controlling, in assisting pilots, in being more than just a CTR rated ATC within their FIR but helping build their FIR in an outstanding way.

Testing

Advancement requires students to pass both a written exam and online practical evaluation prior to consideration.

- The minimum passing score for written tests shall be 80%.
- Success of a practical evaluation shall be determined by facility or division Instructors conducting the Training Session.
- A minimum of one Sweatbox training session is required during the training period for each Rating to be obtained.

In the event of failure of either the written or practical evaluation, a minimum 7 Day waiting period must pass before testing consideration can again be given. Any waivers of testing rules under special circumstances are available at the discretion of the VATCAR Training Director and FIR Air Traffic Manager. If you have any questions on our advancement policy, please feel free to contact the Air Traffic Manager at your discretion for further assistance.