

What is the Airspace Access Program?

TSA, in conjunction with the FAA, reviews applications of general aviation aircraft operators who request to enter areas of restricted airspace. For applications for aircraft operating into, out of, within, or overflying the United States, the waiver review process includes an evaluation of the aircraft, crew, passengers, and purpose of flight. The office then adjudicates the application and provides a recommendation of approval or denial to the FAA Office of Air Traffic Services.

TSA requires five (5) business days to process an application.

What types of waivers are available?

• International:

- Single-trip waiver: Authorizes single aircraft to operate to/from and within the airspace of the United States and its territorial possessions for the term of the waiver. Length of term changes due to the needs of a specific trip, up to a maximum of 89 days.
- Fleet waiver: Authorizes multiple aircraft used by same operator to operate to/from and within the airspace of the United States and its territorial possessions for a standard term of 90 days.

• Domestic:

- Single-trip waivers: Authorizes single aircraft to operate to airports with heightened security that are unavailable under the International Waiver program, e.g. KADW (Andrews AFB) and KDCA (Ronald Reagan National).

Who requires a TSA Waiver?

Country of Registration, MTOW of aircraft, and itinerary are determining factors for which operators require a waiver.

- A) U.S. registered - MTOW is 100,309 lbs or less
 - **Not required**
- B) U.S. or foreign registered – MTOW is greater than 100,309 lbs
 - **Required**
- C) A/C registered in Mexico, Canada, Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands – MTOW is 100,309 lbs or less – operating directly to or from any of these countries
 - **Not required**
- D) A/C registered in Mexico, Canada, Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands – MTOW is 100,309 lbs or less – operating to or from any other countries
 - **Required**
- E) Registered in Mexico, Canada, Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands – MTOW is greater than 100,309 lbs
 - **Required**
- F) All other foreign registered – Not mentioned above
 - **Required**

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