Visiting Controller Procedures

Requirements

All controllers wishing to join Bulgaria vACC as a visiting controller must hold a minimum rating of S3 and meet the requirements set forth in VATEUD DIVPOL 6.2.a. Visiting requests must be submitted through the VATEUD Core platform, irrespective of the controller's current home allocation.

Once your application is approved, you will be entered into the visiting controllers waiting list until a mentor becomes available.

Currency and activity

As per GCAP, all controllers must perform at least **half** of their controlling in their Home Allocation in any given quarter.

Visiting controllers must meet the same activity requirements as home controllers, which is set at 5 hours in each rolling 6 month period.

Failure to meet these requirements will result in a warning and removal from the roster if the requirements are not met within one month of the warning.

Training procedure

The designated training airport in Bulgaria vACC is Sofia (LBSF). All initial practical training for visiting controllers will be done at this airport.

The following is the standard training process:

1. Theoretical materials will be provided for the airports and positions that the controller is requesting to control.
2. Several Sweatbox sessions (depending on position and applicant knowledge) will be conducted with a mentor, and the theoretical material explained in further detail.
3. Several online sessions (depending on traffic conditions and applicant knowledge) will be conducted with a mentor, until the applicant is deemed to meet the minimum standard required to control the applicable positions under normal VATSIM conditions.

Visiting controllers *may* be required to complete 10 hours of controlling on Unrestricted Positions prior to being able to request training for Designated Positions.

The process for visiting controllers to gain an endorsement is the same as for home controllers.