

**VATSIM UK AND VATÉIR
CROSS-BORDER CONTROLLING
AGREEMENT (CBCA)**

REVISION 3 - EFFECTIVE 20 APRIL 2026

Letter of Agreement – Scottish ACC and Shannon & Dublin ACCs – Revision 3

Effective 20 April 2026

DISTRIBUTION AND SCOPE

This agreement outlines provisions for VATéir controllers to provide Air Traffic Control Services in Northern Ireland (NI). It does not define any operational procedures for the provision of Air Traffic Services (ATS).

AMENDMENT HISTORY

Revision	Effective Date	Notes
3	20 April 2026	Updated General matter; Updated links to resources following closure of VATSIM UK forum; Updated available positions for Scottish Area Control
2	1 March 2024	Compliance with GCAP and TVCP (Global Policy)
1	28 January 2021	First Publication

VALIDITY

This agreement becomes effective 20 April 2026. It may be cancelled by any party with a minimum of 28 days written notice.

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SECTION 1 GENERAL

The purpose of this agreement is to allow home controllers of VATéir to control ATC positions in Northern Ireland without holding visiting controller status in VATSIM UK. Both **VATSIM UK** and **VATEUD** recognise the special nature of the Irish border and this agreement reflects the close ties between **VATSIM UK** and **VATéir**.

If a translated version of this agreement is available in any other language, when there is a difference in interpretation, the English version shall be the overriding authority.

The granting of permission to control the CBCA positions is not **the same as** Visiting Controller status **under the VATSIM.net Transfer and Visiting Controller Policy**. VATéir members wishing to become visiting controllers **in VATSIM UK** are subject to the same process as other **VATSIM members**. Members added only via the CBCA process (i.e. those that are not Visiting Controllers) are not subject to VATSIM UK controller activity requirements.

1.1 Requirements

In order to be eligible to control the positions outlined in this agreement, CBCA controllers must:

- Be a member of VATéir in good standing
- Be a VATéir home controller
- Hold a minimum of an S2 controller rating
- Have ‘consolidated’ their current rating by satisfactorily performing online for at least 50 hours at their current rating.

The VATéir Operations Department is responsible for ensuring controllers meet the requirements before adding them as a CBCA controller.

1.2 Roster Requirements

Before logging onto positions covered by the CBCA, controllers must first be listed on the VATSIM UK roster. The process for adding to the roster shall be initiated by VATéir and does not require ‘approval’ by VATSIM UK.

SECTION 2 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

2.1 Documentation

CBCA controllers shall ensure familiarity with the following documentation **at a minimum** prior to controlling:

- VATSIM UK [Division Policy](#)
- The applicable parts of the [Scottish FIR \(EGPX\) vMATS Part 2](#)
- [Belfast Procedures](#) (shortlink docs.vatsim.uk/belfast) for EGAA/EGAC
- Any other relevant documentation produced by VATSIM UK, including [General Procedures](#).

CBCA controllers shall ensure they remain up to date with changing procedures by:

- acknowledging notifications sent via the UK Controller Plugin
- monitoring the **#operations-updates** UK Discord channel
- reviewing the [Controller Briefing Area](#) when directed by a notification.

Further ATC training resources are available on the VATSIM UK website and download centre. The following CAA resources may also be useful:

- [CAP 493](#) – Manual of Air Traffic Services Part 1
- [CAP 413](#) – Radiotelephony Manual
- [CAP 774](#) – UK Flight Information Services

2.2 Sector File and Controller Pack

Controllers shall use the VATSIM UK [Sector File and Controller Pack](#) to ensure compatibility with adjacent controllers. Suggestions for improvements and revisions should be made to the VATSIM UK Operations Department.

2.3 Training

No formal training or examinations shall be conducted on the [approved positions](#). However, controllers from both Divisions shall endeavour to support each other and develop local knowledge wherever possible. Prior to **being added** to the roster, **new CBCA** controllers must be directed to the UK resources available and are expected to **familiarise themselves** prior to logging in.

2.4 Issues with Competence

Where feedback is received that raises concern as to a CBCA controller's competence, VATSIM UK shall raise concerns to VATéir and ask them to support the controller to improve. Where persistent feedback is received raising concerns for a CBCA controller's competence, VATSIM UK **Division staff** may remove a CBCA controller from the **UK** roster. This **will only occur** in collaboration with VATéir **staff**.

SECTION 3 APPROVED POSITIONS

3.1 Area Control

Position	Logon	Minimum Consolidated Rating
Scottish Control (Antrim)	SCL_ANT_CTR	C1
Scottish Control (Rathlin)	SCO_RAT_CTR	C1

3.2 Aerodrome

3.2.1 Belfast Aldergrove (EGAA)

Position	Logon	Minimum Consolidated Rating
Aldergrove Radar	EGAA_APP	S3
Aldergrove Director	EGAA_F_APP	S3
Aldergrove Tower	EGAA_TWR	S2
Aldergrove Ground	EGAA_GND	S2

3.2.2 Enniskillen/St. Angelo (EGAB)

Position	Logon	Minimum Consolidated Rating
Enniskillen Radio	EGAB_R_TWR	S2

3.2.3 Belfast/City (EGAC)

Position	Logon	Minimum Consolidated Rating
Belfast Radar	EGAC_APP	S3
Belfast Tower	EGAC_TWR	S2

3.2.4 Newtownards (EGAD)

Position	Logon	Minimum Consolidated Rating
Newtownards Radio	EGAD_R_TWR	S2

3.2.5 Londonderry/Eglinton (EGAE)

Position	Logon	Minimum Consolidated Rating
Eglinton Approach	EGAE_A_APP	S3
Eglinton Tower	EGAE_TWR	S2