

Pre-Departure Clearances Procedures and Registration

Procedures

PDCs are departure clearances received via datalink and are available at many airports in the United States to datalink-equipped aircraft. The aircraft, including any variable callsigns, must be registered through the GDC with the FAA. Use of PDCs at participating airports is mandatory once registered. Please refer to the GDC Air Traffic Services Airports document for a list of participating airports.

A PDC is based on a filed IFR flight plan, regardless of whether the flight plan was filed by the GDC, through an FSS, or via DUATS. Approximately 20 minutes prior to the filed time of departure of the flight plan, ATC will generate and then forward the PDC to the GDC for storage. With this in mind, request the PDC no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the filed time of departure. Because this short time is often insufficient to receive the clearance and depart as planned, the GDC recommends filing the flight plan with a time of departure 30 minutes earlier than the actual intended time of departure. For detailed instructions on requesting a PDC, please refer to the appropriate Global Data Center Services Reference Guide for information specific to each datalink platform.

If GDC has received the PDC from ATC, the PDC is sent to the aircraft as a datalink message. If the GDC has not received the PDC from ATC, a datalink message is sent to the aircraft indicating that the PDC has not been received from ATC and that the PDC may be requested again in 5 minutes. Multiple PDC requests may be sent until 10 minutes prior to the filed time of departure, after which ATC should be contacted by voice to obtain the departure clearance.

Once the PDC is received, the flight crew is required to follow the clearance. Be sure to page forward through the clearance until END OF CLEARANCE is displayed. An aircraft may receive only one PDC per airport per day, and a PDC will not be available if there is any significant change to the filed route and/or altitude or if ATC desires to negotiate the clearance. A PDC is valid for two hours beyond the filed time of departure.

Registration Terms and Conditions

- The Subscriber is responsible for disseminating Pre-Departure Clearance (PDC) procedures to all appropriate flight crew personnel.
- Once an aircraft is registered for PDCs, use of the service at participating airports is expected by Air Traffic Control (ATC).
- In the event of a system malfunction which prevents the Global Data Center (GDC) from delivering PDCs, the flight crew shall revert to voice communications with all appropriate ATC facilities.
- The subscriber is responsible for notifying the GDC of any aircraft registration changes.

I understand and accept the above Terms and Conditions of Pre-Departure Clearances. I agree that Honeywell shall not be held responsible for any air traffic delays resulting from the flight crew's inability to obtain Pre-Departure Clearances.

Please fax this completed form to (425) 885-8930 to register aircraft for PDC. PDC registrations must be received 9 days prior to the effective dates of the 5th and the 20th of each month. The GDC will confirm each registration to the subscriber via e-mail, telephone, or fax.

Name/Title: _____ **Organization:** _____

Signature: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Date: _____ **Telephone:** _____ / **Fax:** _____

Aircraft To Be Registered

Aircraft Registration: _____ **Callsign:** _____

Aircraft Registration: _____ **Callsign:** _____

Aircraft Registration: _____ **Callsign:** _____

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Name (print): _____ **Signature:** _____

Date: ____/____/____ **Customer #:** _____ **Confirmed to customer:**