



# VATNZ GCAP Proposal

As per directive under VATSIM GCAP

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## 2. Document Control

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5 April 2024	1.0	Proposal to align controller positions with GCAP
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### 2.1 *Change Process*

- 1.1.1 Amendment proposals can be made by emailing the Operations Director.
- 1.1.2 This document will be reviewed every twelve months from the latest release date by the Operations Director.

### 2.2 *Document Purpose*

- 1.1.3 This document is our proposal to align our procedural tower and oceanic control positions with VATSIM GCAP requirements.

### 3. Proposal – Tier 2 Positions

3.1 VATNZ currently has seven positions within the NZZC FIR designated as Procedural Tower positions, which operate a consolidated tower and procedural approach control service.

These positions have significant operational differences in comparison to our primary aerodrome control positions. As Procedural Towers do not have a surveillance capability, Controllers are required to use procedural separation techniques based on position reports from aircraft.

3.2 Currently, these positions can only be staffed by controllers who hold either:

- A procedural tower rating – gained after S2 rating has been achieved.
- An S3 or higher rating.

3.3 VATNZ proposes that all current Procedural Tower positions are re-designated as ‘Tier 2’ positions due to their significant differences in operational procedures when compared to conventional aerodrome control positions.

3.4 To align our positions with the Global Controller Administration Policy, the following positions are to be designated as ‘Tier 2’ positions:

- Gisborne Tower (NZGS\_TWR)
- Napier Tower (NZNR\_TWR)
- New Plymouth Tower (NZNP\_TWR)
- Nelson Tower (NZNS\_TWR)
- Dunedin Tower (NZDN\_TWR)
- Invercargill Tower (NZNV\_TWR)
- Phoenix Field/Ice Runway (NZCM\_FSS)

- 3.5 We have already prepared training material to align with the GCAP phraseology, once these changes are approved, all training and operational material will be adjusted to align with GCAP wording and phrasing
- 3.6 The Tier 2 Endorsement for the positions listed above will be incorporated into our existing Procedural Tower training.
- 3.7 All current members of the division holding a procedural tower rating will automatically receive a Tier 2 Endorsement, retaining the ability to control the endorsed positions.

## 4. Proposal – Oceanic Positions

- 4.1 VATNZ proposes that our Oceanic Control positions retain the \_FSS Position Callsign Suffix.
- 4.2 VATNZ proposes that all current Oceanic Control positions are re-designated as 'Tier 1' positions due to their significant differences in operational procedures when compared to conventional enroute positions.
- 4.3 Currently, these positions can only be staffed by controllers who hold either:
  - An Oceanic Endorsement – gained after C1 rating has been achieved.
- 4.4 To align our positions with the Global Controller Administration Policy, the following positions are to be designated as 'Tier 1' positions:
  - Tahiti Radio (NTTT\_FSS)
  - Mac Center (NZCM\_FSS)
  - Auckland Radio East (NZZO\_E\_FSS)
  - Auckland Radio Tasman (NZZO-TSN\_FSS)
  - Auckland Radio (NZZO\_FSS)
- 4.5 All current members of the division holding an Oceanic Endorsement will automatically receive a Tier 1 Endorsement, retaining the ability to control the endorsed positions.