

Membership Requirements

Joining TSC Virtual (TSCV) requires a commitment to professionalism, realism, and adherence to both our internal policies and the rules of the online Air Traffic Control (ATC) networks we support.

I. General Prerequisites

To ensure a foundational level of readiness and compliance, all applicants must meet the following general requirements:

1. **Valid Simulator:** Possession of a **licensed, non-pirated** copy of a modern flight simulator platform (e.g., **MSFS, Prepar3D, or X-Plane**) and the ability to operate complex aircraft realistically.
2. **Aircraft Access:** Access to a high-quality rendition of an aircraft type currently or historically operated by Air Transat, as outlined in the [Aircraft Fleet Documentation].
3. **Communication:** Access to a stable internet connection. Necessary hardware (headset/microphone) is required **only** for pilots who choose to fly on online ATC networks (VATSIM, IVAO, etc.). All members must be able to communicate professionally in English (the internationally accepted language of aviation).
4. **Application:** Submission of a complete and honest application through the official TSC Virtual website.

II. Minimum Age Requirement

TSC Virtual adheres to the strictest age requirement imposed by the largest supported online networks to ensure a mature and professional environment:

- **Minimum Age:** All applicants must be **sixteen (16) years of age or older** at the time of application.

III. Online Network Usage (Optional but Recommended)

While flying on networks like VATSIM and IVAO is **completely optional** for TSC Virtual membership, it is highly recommended for the most immersive and realistic experience.

1. **Pilot Choice:** Pilots may choose to fly offline, or on any supported network (VATSIM, IVAO, PilotEdge, etc.). All official PIREPs (flight reports) are logged via the TSC Virtual system regardless of the environment.
2. **External Compliance:** When a pilot *chooses* to connect to an online ATC network (e.g., VATSIM or IVAO), they must adhere strictly to the respective network's [Code of Conduct and Rules and Regulations](#) at all times while connected.
3. **Callsign Standard:** When connected to an online network, pilots **must** use the official airline callsign (**TSC + Flight Number, e.g., TSC155**), corresponding to the planned

flight. **The use of a personal member/pilot ID from the CrewCentre as the callsign is strictly prohibited** as it prevents accurate auditing and flight tracking on the network.

IV. Pilot Status and Activity Policy

To keep our roster accurate and reflect member engagement, TSC Virtual implements a status system based on flight logging:

- **Status Maintenance:** There is **no mandatory minimum flight requirement** to remain a member of TSC Virtual. Your membership will not be terminated due to low activity.
- **'On Leave' Status Trigger:** A pilot will be automatically moved to **'On Leave'** status if they have not logged a valid flight (PIREP) within **60 days**.
- **Reinstatement:** A pilot's status will be automatically and immediately **reinstated** to 'Active' upon the successful logging of any flight (PIREP). You do not need to contact administration to return to Active status.

V. Pilot Hours Transfer Policy

TSC Virtual recognizes the experience pilots have gained on established online networks. We offer a transparent policy for transferring flight hours:

1. **Source of Hours:** Only logged flight hours recorded directly on recognized online ATC networks (e.g., VATSIM, IVAO) will be considered for transfer. Hours from other virtual airlines or unsupported third-party trackers are not accepted.
2. **Transfer Amount:** Accepted hours will be transferred fully (100%) and will be credited to your TSC Virtual pilot profile upon application approval.
3. **Maximum Rank:** While hours are fully transferred, the maximum initial rank a new member can progress to is **First Officer (FO)**. Achieving the FO rank grants immediate access to all aircraft types in the TSC Virtual fleet, but further rank progression (e.g., to Captain) must be earned through active flying within TSC Virtual.

VI. Flight Logging and ACARS Requirements

All flights for TSC Virtual credit **must** be logged through an approved automated ACARS (Automated Communications Addressing and Reporting System) tracker to ensure accuracy and realism.

1. **Mandatory ACARS Use:** Pilots have a choice between the **Air Transat Virtual ACARS system (vmsACARS)** and **smartCARS 3**. All flights must be logged using one of these two supported tools.
2. **Manual PIREP Policy:** Should a supported ACARS application crash or fail during a flight, a pilot may file a manual PIREP. Manual PIREPs are subject to administrative review and **must** be accompanied by verifiable flight tracking proof (e.g., screenshots or flight logs) from recognized third-party tracking software such as **Volanta** or **Elevatex**.