

# NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
Air Traffic Organization Policy

N JO 7110.487

**Effective Date:**

August 11, 2008

**Cancellation Date:**

March 12, 2009

**SUBJ:** Takeoff Clearance

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends Federal Aviation Administration Order (FAAO) JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, Paragraph 3-9-9, Takeoff Clearance.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the Terminal Services organization and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** The notice is available on the MYFAA employee Web site at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications Web site at [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications).
- 4. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change now requires all runways to be crossed along the taxi route before the takeoff clearance can be issued.
- 5. Procedures.** Change FAAO JO 7110.65S, Paragraph 3-9-9, Takeoff Clearance, to read as follows:

### **3-9-9. TAKEOFF CLEARANCE**

- When issuing a clearance for takeoff, first state the runway number followed by the takeoff clearance.

#### **PHRASEOLOGY-**

*RUNWAY (number), CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF.*

#### **EXAMPLE-**

*"RUNWAY TWO SEVEN, CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF."*

#### **NOTE-**

*Turbine-powered aircraft may be considered ready for takeoff when they reach the runway unless they advise otherwise.*

#### **REFERENCE-**

*FAAO JO 7110.65, Para 4-3-1, Departure Terminology.*

- The controller must ensure all runways along the taxi route that lead to the departure runway are crossed before the takeoff clearance is issued, except in subpara c (below).
- At those airports where the airport configuration does not allow for an aircraft to completely cross one runway and hold short of the departure runway and/or where airports do not have runway hold markings between runways, state the runway to be crossed with the takeoff clearance if the aircraft is not able to complete a runway crossing before reaching its departure runway.

**REFERENCE-**

FAAO JO 7210.3, Para 10-3-9. Takeoff Clearance.  
Pilot/Controller Glossary Term - Clear of the Runway.

**PHRASEOLOGY-**

CROSS RUNWAY (number), RUNWAY (number), CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF.

**EXAMPLE-**

"CROSS RUNWAY TWO FOUR LEFT, RUNWAY TWO FOUR RIGHT, CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF.

- d. USA/USN. Issue surface wind and takeoff clearance to aircraft.

**PHRASEOLOGY-**

WIND (surface wind in direction and velocity).CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF.

**6. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following Air Traffic Organization service units: Terminal, Safety, and System Operations Services; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the Office of the Chief Counsel; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

**7. Background.** The FAA Administrator’s recent "Call to Action" workgroup made many recommendations to enhance runway safety. The Terminal Services Safety and Operations Support Office assembled a safety risk management panel to address some of the proposals from this workgroup. The panel did a safety assessment on takeoff procedures at FAA tower-controlled airports and found no high risks associated with this proposal.

**8. Implementation.** This notice shall be implemented on the effective date. The procedures will be incorporated into FAAO JO 7110.65S, change 2, effective March 12, 2009.



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