

# NOTICE

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

N JO 7210.704

**Effective Date:**

January 29, 2009

**Cancellation Date:**

August 27, 2009

**SUBJ:** Takeoff Clearance

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends Federal Aviation Administration Order (FAAO) JO 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, by adding Paragraph 10-3-9, 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. Cancellation.** This notice cancels N JO 7210.697, Takeoff Clearance, effective August 11, 2008.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change adds the requirement for air traffic managers at airports with specific runway configurations to establish guidance pertaining to takeoff clearances.
- 6. Procedures.** Amend FAAO JO 7210.3V, Paragraph 10-3-9, Takeoff Clearance, as follows:

## 10-3-9. TAKEOFF CLEARANCE

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, the ATM must establish guidelines for how aircraft are cleared for takeoff based on the airport configurations. These guidelines must ensure aircraft are still precluded from mistakenly departing from other than the assigned runway while taking into account factors affecting aircraft being "clear of the runway," for example, minimum distance between runways, presence of hold position markings, signage, etc. A facility directive must include where these procedures are able to be applied.

### REFERENCE

FAAO JO 7110.65, Para 3-9-9, Takeoff Clearance.

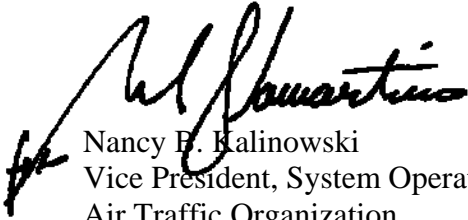
Pilot/Controller Glossary Term - Clear of the Runway.

No further changes to paragraph.

- 7. 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.

**8. 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.

**9. Implementation.** Contents of this notice will be incorporated into FAAO JO 7210.3V, change 3, effective August 27, 2009.



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