

# **NOTAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

## **INTRODUCTION**

NOTAM are published according to an internationally recognised format (ICAO Doc 8126 ICAO Aeronautical Information Services Manual) and contain a line of text known as the qualifying line or 'Q-Line'. This line contains various qualifiers to assist in the processing of NOTAM by automatic message handling systems.

## **Q-LINE FIELDS**

The Q-Line fields follow a strict format offering specific information on FIR, NOTAM Code, Traffic, Purpose and Scope, vertical limits, Coordinates and Radius of influence.

## **NOTAM CODE SUBJECT (2nd & 3rd Letter) CONDITION (4th & 5th Letter)**

The first letter of the NOTAM code will always be Q. The 2nd and 3rd letters identify the Subject and the 4th and 5th letters denote the Condition or status, this set of letters is often referred to as the Q-Code.

The tables below provide all of the 2nd & 3rd letters currently in use; the 4th & 5th letters is an extract of the most commonly used codes used in a PIB. Depending on the subject, the Q-Code will generate a combination of qualifiers known as NOTAM Selection Criteria.

From the selection of Q-Code, it may appear that any combination of codes can be used. This is not the case as there are specific restrictions that prohibit this practice.

A full and comprehensive breakdown is obtainable in ICAO Document Doc 8126 where the specific detail of valid codes and combinations is explained, Chapter 6 appendix B refers. The following table outlines the NOTAM Selection Criteria (NSC) Qualifiers.

## **TRAFFIC PURPOSE SCOPE**

I = IFR	N = NOTAM selected for immediate attention of aircraft operators	A = Aerodrome
V = VFR	B = NOTAM selected for PIB entry	E = En-route
	O = NOTAM Concerning Flight operations	W = Nav Warning
	M = Miscellaneous NOTAM	

## Q-CODE SUBJECT (2nd & 3rd LETTERs)

### FACILITIES

FA	AERODROME	FJ	OILS
FB	FRICTION MEASUREMENT DEVICE (MU METER)	FM	MET
FC	CEILING MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT	FO	FOG DISPERSAL SYSTEM
FD	DOCKING SYSTEM	FP	HELIPORT
FE	OXYGEN	FS	SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT
FF	FIRE AND RESCUE	FT	TRANSMISSOMETER (RVR)
FG	GROUND MOVEMENT CONTROL	FU	FUEL
FH	HELICOPTER ALIGHTING AREA	FW	WIND DIRECTION INDICATOR (WINDSOCK)
FI	AIRCRAFT DE-ICING	FZ	CUSTOMS/IMMIGRATION
FL	LANDING DIRECTION INDICATOR		

### MOVEMENT AND LANDING AREA

MA	MOVEMENT AREA	MO	STOPBAR
MB	BEARING STRENGTH	MP	AIRCRAFT STANDS
MC	CLEARWAY	MR	RUNWAY
MD	DECLARED DISTANCES	MS	STOPWAY
MG	TAXIING GUIDANCE SYSTEM (AGNIS)	MT	THRESHOLD
MH	RUNWAY ARRESTING GEAR	MU	RUNWAY TURNING BAY
MK	PARKING AREA	MW	STRIP/SHOULDER
MM	DAYLIGHT MARKINGS	MX	TAXIWAY
MN	APRON	MY	RAPID EXIT TAXIWAY

### LIGHTING FACILITIES

LA	APPROACH LIGHT SYSTEM	LM	RUNWAY LIGHT INTENSITY MEDIUM
LB	AERODROME BEACON	LP	PAPI
LC	RUNWAY CENTRELINE LIGHTS	LR	ALL LANDING AREA LIGHT FACILITIES
LD	LANDING DIRECTION INDICATOR LIGHTS	LS	STOPWAY LIGHTS
LE	RUNWAY EDGE LIGHTS	LT	THRESHOLD LIGHTS
LF	SEQUENCE FLASHING LIGHTS	LU	HELICOPTER APPROACH PATH INDICATOR
LG	PILOT CONTROLLED LIGHTING	LV	VASIS
LH	RUNWAY LIGHT INTENSITY HIGH	LW	HELIPORT LIGHTS
LI	RUNWAY END IDENTIFIER LIGHTS	LX	TAXIWAY CENTRELINE LIGHTS
LJ	RUNWAY ALIGNMENT IDENTIFIER LIGHTS	LY	TAXIWAY EDGE LIGHTS
LK	ILS CAT 2 COMPONENT APPROACH LIGHTS	LZ	TOUCHDOWN ZONE LIGHTS
LL	RUNWAY LIGHT INTENSITY LOW		

## COMMUNICATION AND RADAR FACILITIES

CA	AIR TO GROUND FACILITY	CL	SELECTIVE CALLING SYSTEM (SELCAL)
CB	ADS - BROADCAST	CM	SURFACE MOVEMENT RADAR
CC	ADS - CONTRACT	CP	PRECISION APPROACH RADAR (PAR)
CD	CONTROLLER PILOT DATA LINK COM	CR	SURVEILLANCE RADAR ELEMENT OF PAR (SRE)
CE	EN ROUTE SURVEILLANCE RADAR (RSR)	CS	SECONDARY SURVEILLANCE RADAR (SSR)
CG	GROUND CONTROLLED APPROACH SYSTEM	CT	TERMINAL AREA SURVEILLANCE RADAR (TAR)

## INSTRUMENT AND MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEMS

IC	ILS	IO	ILS OUTER MARKER
ID	DME ASSOCIATED WITH ILS	IS	ILS CAT 1
IG	ILS GLIDE PATH	IT	ILS CAT 2
II	ILS INNER MARKER	IU	ILS CAT 3
IL	ILS LOCALIZER	IW	MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM (MLS)
IM	ILS MIDDLE MARKER	IX	ILS LOCATOR OUTER
IN	LOCALIZER	IY	ILS LOCATOR MIDDLE

## GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM

GA	GNSS AERODROME SPECIFIC OPS	GW	GNSS AREA WIDE OPS
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## NAVIGATION FACILITIES

NA	ALL RADIO NAVIGATION FACILITIES EXCEPT	NM	VOR/DME
NB	NDB	NN	TACAN
ND	DME	NT	VOR TACAN (VORTAC)
NF	FAN MARKER	NV	VOR
NL	LOCATOR	NX	DIRECTION FINDING STATION (DF)

## AIRSPACE ORGANISATION

AA	MINIMUM ALTITUDE	AO	OCEANIC CONTROL AREA
AC	CTR	AP	REPORTING POINT
AD	AIR DEFENCE INDITIFCATION ZONE (ADIZ)	AR	ATS ROUTE
AE	CTA	AT	TMA
AF	FIR	AU	UIR
AH	UPPER CONTROL AREA (UTA)	AV	UPPER ADVISORY AREA (UDA)
AL	MINIMUM USEABLE FL	AX	SIGNIFICANT POINT
AN	RNAV ROUTE	AZ	ATZ

## PROCEDURES

PA	STAR	PL	FPL PROCESSING FILING & CONTINGENCY
PB	STANDARD VFR ARRIVAL	PM	AERODROME OPERATION MINIMA
PC	CONTINGENCY PROCEDURES	PN	NOISE OPERATING RESTRICTIONS
PD	SID	PO	OCA/OCH
PE	STANDARD VFR DEPARTURE	PR	RADIO COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE
PF	FLOW CONTROL PROCEDURE (RAD)	PT	TRANSITION ALTITUDE OR LEVEL
PH	HOLDING PROCEDURE	PU	MISSED APPROACH PROCEDURE
PI	IFR APPROACH PROCEDURE	PX	MINIMUM HOLDING ALTITUDE
PK	VFR APPROACH PROCEDURE	PZ	ADIZ PROCEDURE

## RESTRICTIONS

RA	AIRSPACE RESERVATION	RP	PROHIBITED AREA
RD	DANGER AREA	RR	RESTRICTED AREA
RO	OVERFLYING OF	RT	TEMPORARY RESTRICTED AREA
RM	MILITARY OPERATING AREA (TRA)		

## SERVICES

SA	ATIS	SP	APPROACH CONTROL SERVICE
SB	ATS REPORTING OFFICE (ARO)	SS	FLIGHT SERVICE STATION
SC	AREA CONTROL CENTRE (ACC)	ST	TOWER
SE	FLIGHT INFORMATION SERVICE (FIS EN-ROUTE)	SU	UPPER AREA CONTROL CENTRE (UAC)
SF	AD FLIGHT INFORMATION SERVICE (AFIS)	SV	VOLMET BROADCAST
SL	FLOW CONTROL CENTRE	SY	UPPER ADVISORY SERVICE
SO	OCEANIC AREA CONTROL CENTRE		

## WARNINGS

WA	AIR DISPLAY	WM	MISSILE, GUN OR ROCKET FIRING
WB	AEROBATICS	WP	PJE
WC	CAPTIVE BALLOON OR KITE	WR	RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS, TOXIC CHEMICALS
WD	DEMOLITION OF EXPLOSIVES	WS	BURNING OR BLOWING GAS
WE	EXERCISE	WT	MASS MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT
WF	AIR REFUELLING	WU	UNMANNED AIRCRAFT/MODEL AIRCRAFT
WG	GLIDER FLYING, PARAGLIDING, HANG GLIDING, PARAMOTORING	WV	FORMATION FLIGHT
WH	BLASTING	WW	SIGNIFICANT VOLCANIC ACTIVITY
WJ	BANNER, TARGET TOWING	WY	AERIAL SURVEY
WL	ASCENT OF FREE BALLOON		

OTHER

OA	AIS	OL	OBSTACLE LIGHTS
OB	OBSTACLE	OR	RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE
OE	AIRCRAFT ENTRY REQUIREMENT	XX	PLAIN LANGUAGE

### Q-CODE SUBJECT (4th and 5th LETTERs)

AD	AVAILABLE FOR DAY OPERATION	CR	TEMPORARILY REPLACED BY
AG	OPERATING, AWAITING FLIGHT CHECK	CS	INSTALLED
AH	HOURS OF OPS/SERVICE	CT	ON TEST DO NOT USE
AK	RESUMED NORMAL OPERATIONS	HG	GRASS CUTTING
AL	OPERATING SUBJECT TO PREVIOUS CONDITION	HW	WORK IN PROGRESS
AM	MILITARY OPERATIONS ONLY	HX	BIRD CONCENTRATION
AN	AVAILABLE FOR NIGHT OPERATION	LB	RESERVED FOR AIRCRAFT BASED
AO	OPERATIONAL	LC	CLOSED
AP	AVAILABLE PPR	LF	INTERFERENCE
AR	AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	LG	OPERATING WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION
AS	OUT OF SERVICE	LH	OUT OF SERVICE AIRCRAFT HEAVIER
AU	NOT AVAILABLE	LI	CLOSED TO IFR OPERATIONS
AW	COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN	LL	USEABLE LENGTH/WIDTH
CA	ACTIVATED	LN	CLOSED TO NIGHT OPERATIONS
CC	COMPLETED	LP	PROHIBITED
CD	DEACTIVATED	LR	AIRCRAFT RESTRICTED TO RWY/TWY
CE	ERECTED	LS	SUBJECT TO INTERRUPTION
CF	FREQUENCY CHANGED	LT	LIMITED
CG	DOWNGRADED TO	LV	CLOSED TO VFR OPERATIONS
CH	CHANGED	LW	WILL TAKE PLACE
CI	IDENTIFICATION/CALLSIGN CHANGED	LX	CAUTION
CL	RE-ALIGNED	TT	TRIGGER NOTAM
CM	DISPLACED	XX	ADD AN OBJECTIVE FOR 'XX'