

# Start Here

So you want to become a virtual air traffic controller? You're in for quite the ride — sit back and enjoy what comes next! ☐☐

Here at Maghreb, we offer four types of training:

- **Standard Training** – Apply here: <https://hq.vatsim.ma/dashboard>
- **Refresher Training** – For returning controllers
- **Fast-Track** – For eligible, experienced controllers
- **Familiarisation** – For visiting controllers

New students, please take a moment to read our [Training Programme](#) so you know what to expect from us — and what we expect from you during your ATC training.

For any questions, contact us at [training@vatsim.ma](mailto:training@vatsim.ma).

All students are expected to join our [Discord server](#), where training will take place. But Maghreb is more than just training — we're a community. We strongly encourage everyone to interact with others, ask questions, and get involved. Being active in the community helps you feel at home, and that comfort can translate into a smoother, more confident training experience. We call ourselves the **#MAG Family** for a reason — whether you're flying, controlling, or just chatting, there's always someone around to learn from, share with, or just enjoy the skies together.

Please make sure you complete at least **20 hours of observing on the network before** your training begins. When you submit your training request via the HQ, we won't check your hours right away. However, when your turn comes up on the waitlist — whenever that may be — we will check. If you haven't completed the required 20 hours, you'll be removed from the list and will need to submit a new request, placing you back at the bottom.

It is your responsibility to ensure this is done ahead of time to avoid delays.

To learn how to observe on the network, head over to [this page](#).

## Refresher Training

For controllers who were previously certified in Maghreb and currently have an inactive rating (less than 3 hours logged in the past 3 months). Contact the **Training Director** to apply.

## Familiarisation

Visiting controllers can request training in the Maghreb airspace of their choice. Training is tailored to the student's needs, and upon completion, they'll be approved to control all unrestricted positions up to their highest available rating.

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