

AOTA International Diploma Program Regulations

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1. Briefly about AOTA.

The AOTA (Airfields On The Air) is an international diploma program that includes the national programs of the participating countries. The program was created for licensed radio amateurs, designed to popularize amateur radio communications and attract the interest of radio amateurs to establish two-way radio contacts with radio stations operating within the squares of QTH-locators, which include airport areas and adjacent territories. For AOTA diplomas, QSO from the squares of QTH-locators of airfields registered with ICAO, IATA and the AOTA program are accepted.

The condition for participation in the program is to establish two-way radio contacts with amateur radio stations operating from QTH- locators, in which (in whole or in part) operating airfields and helipads are located.

2. The purpose of the program.

The main goal of the program is the development of friendly relations between radio amateurs of all countries of the world, the strengthening of friendship, mutual understanding and trust. Increased interest in aviation and radio sports.

3. Management of the program.

The AOTA management team – The Directorate consist of Director Yuriy Pronin R5GG, Secretary Gosho Vodenicharov LZ1ZF, Awards Manager Yuriy Pronin R5GG, Hamlog Manager Eugene Glukhov WIUAA and representatives of national AOTA programs.

The director organizes the work of the program. The director coordinates the work of the program directorate.

The Directorate organizes the work of national programs, program moderators, website, registration of diplomas. The Directorate plans and approves the program activities, coordinates

the work of the program participants, controls the download of logs in ADIF format by activators to the Internet resources of the AOTA program, as well as the issuance of diplomas and awards.

The Program Directorate meets once a month to discuss current issues, diplomas and awards.

The AOTA program directorate for approval of the national program representative, independently considers suitable candidates from among the most active radio amateurs, activators and chasers, and then approves the selected candidate at the meeting of the AOTA Directorate. Also, the meeting of the directorate has the right to make a decision or satisfy the request for the release of the head-representative of the national section.

For all questions you are interested in, you can contact the AOTA Directorate .

Any country can be a participant in the program.

4. Chasers and activators.

Chasers are radio amateurs who establish contacts with activators.

Activators are radio amateurs who establish contacts from the squares of the QTH- locators of airfields. Radio amateurs working from QTH-squares-locators with airfields are activators of the AOTA program, and a separate credit for their achievements is conducted for them by the number of activated airfields (activation count).

For the activator, the activation count includes radio contacts established by him both from the permanent location of his radio station in the square with the airfield, and when he organizes temporary work from the square in which the airfield is located.

5. Operating procedure.

The condition for participation in the AOTA program is to establish two-way radio contact with radio amateur stations operating territorially from QTH-squares, in which (in whole or in part) airfields and/or helipads, objects for small aircraft, non-motorized balloons and active airships are located.

Aerfield data – information about active and closed aerodromes registered in the ICAO / IATA registers (the conventional common name is “air harbor” or aerodrome). The existing aviation facilities (air harbor) include objects that have an intra-national classification (not ICAO/IATA), as well as air harbors of generally accepted historical and cultural significance that do not have official registration in international and national registers. Closed aerodromes include territories (squares) of former (now non-operating) aerodromes registered in the ICAO/IATA registers and/or having an intra-national classification.

The activator chooses a place of work in the areas of airports and adjacent territories within the squares of the QTH-locator, specifies the name of the airport according to the ICAO/IATA classification.

Before starting work on amateur radio HF and VHF/UHF bands (preferably through the Internet resources of the AOTA program) and during operation, the activator reports its frequencies, call

sign and name of the aerodrome to ICAO, IATA (and AOTA) (it is advisable to report it to attract more radio amateurs for radio communications).

After activation, the activator uploads the log in ADIF format to the Internet resource on <http://www.hamlog.online> of the AOTA program for the preparation and issuance of diplomas. For activators, the fact of activation (i.e. work and offset) is to make at least 50 QSO'Ds.

National programs are formed by the Directorate of the participating countries and approved by the AOTA Directorate .

The procedure and rules for the operation of activators, as well as the offset of activations, are determined by the Regulations of national programs.

The provisions of the national programs are posted on the AOTA Program website

6. Rewarding program for participants.

To increase the interest of radio amateurs in participating in the AOTA program, the program directorate is developing an awards program for both activators and chasers.

The initial form of the award is electronic diplomas for a certain number of worded or activated airfields. Such diplomas are obtained through the Internet resource on <http://www.hamlog.online> of the AOTA program. Different classes of diplomas are issued for a certain number of worded/activated airfields.

The next class of awards is plaques.

In addition, there are awards for special achievements of radio amateurs in the implementation of the AOTA program – for the days of activity and competitions.

Each country participating in the AOTA Program develops its own Regulation on the national AOTA program , which stipulates the conditions for the implementation of diplomas and awards for the participation of radio amateurs in national Programs.