

SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE (SUA)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. Information regarding SUA areas is published in *AIP ENR 1.4* and the *DAH*.
- 1.2. Time throughout this section is normally shown in UTC. Where Local time is intended it will be followed by Local.
- 1.3. Hours of operation referring to public holidays refers only to national holidays as listed in *AIP GEN 2.1*. Any other holidays affecting activation will be specified by NOTAM.

2. MILITARY AIRSPACE GROUPS

- 2.1. SUA belonging to Military Airspace Groups will be indicated in brackets with a group code alongside the SUA IDENT, e.g. R129 (PEX).
- 2.2. Military Airspace Groups define a group of SUA areas for NOTAM briefing.
- 2.3. Military Airspace Group codes, e.g. PEX can be used in NAIPS location briefings, SPFIB and on the Pilot Website Restricted Area Briefing Tool.

3. CONDITIONAL RESTRICTED AREA (RA) STATUS

- 3.1. In order to assist with shared use of airspace, all RA have been allocated a RA conditional status. This will be an indication as to the likelihood of obtaining a clearance to fly through restricted airspace. NOTAM may be issued to indicate changes to the RA conditional status, which should be checked prior to flight planning.

3.2. RA conditional status legend

- a. RA1: pilots may flight plan through the RA and under normal circumstances expect a clearance from ATC.
- b. RA2: pilots must not flight plan through the RA unless on a route specified in *GEN-FPR* or under agreement with the Department of Defence, however a clearance from ATC is not assured. Other tracking may be offered through the RA on a tactical basis.
- c. RA3: pilots must not flight plan through the RA and clearances will not be available.
Note: In a declared emergency, every effort will be made to obtain approval to transit a RA, irrespective of its conditional status.

4. MILITARY OPERATING AREAS (MOA)

- 4.1. MOA are a subset of danger areas. They are primarily established outside Australian territory in Australian administered airspace for use by the Australian Defence Force for military training and exercises.
- 4.2. Outside Australian territory, only Australian registered aircraft are restricted from entering MOA unless they have Administering Authority approval. Within Australian territory, both foreign registered and Australian registered aircraft are restricted from entering MOA unless they have Administering Authority approval.
- 4.3. It is highly recommended that foreign registered aircraft make appropriate safety contact with the relevant Administering Authority if they choose to enter an active MOA outside Australian territory.

5. SUA ACRONYM LIST

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| ACFR | Australian Centre for Field Robotics, Sydney University |
| ANSTO | Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation |
| BCP | Base Command Post |
| CSIRO | Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation |
| DEFENCE | Department of Defence (switchboard) |
| DO | Duty Officer |
| DOTAM | Director of Training Area Management |
| EODF | Explosive Ordnance Defence Flight |
| FLTCDR | Flight Commander |
| GBRMPA | Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority |
| JACC | Joint Airspace Control Cell |
| MSCSPO NCS | Maritime Strategic Communications, System Program Office, Naval Communications Station |
| OC | Officer Commanding |
| OIC | Officer in Charge |
| OPSO | Operations Officer |
| RCO | Range Control Officer |
| RSU | Radar Support Unit |