


ATC CAREER

ATC job is challenging and stressful but at the same time rewarding.

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Air traffic control is a difficult but interesting job. Work situations are very dynamic, each day is different. Some young people **choose ATC job** by chance, others **follow advice** or career of their fathers. Some come to the profession because they fail to pass medical check for pilots.

Air traffic controllers are trained at the Civil Aviation Academy or College. Future controllers **study aviation subjects**: meteorology, airspace structure, aerodynamics, aviation law (rules), navigation, air traffic control technology and others. After graduating from the Academy, trainees pass on-the-job training in ATC Center and **obtain permission for work**.

ATC job has **a lot of advantages**. Controllers have good pay, long holidays and company benefits (e.g. bonus airline ticket, free health insurance, social security). Authorities provide convenient working conditions (e.g. good and reliable ATC equipment, comfortable facilities for rest). Controllers work shifts and they have enough free time to relax. Another good point is teamwork, controllers can help each other in work.

But there are disadvantages too. Working at night is very difficult. It can **cause fatigue** and **negatively affect health**. Besides, during operations controllers often **experience high workload**. The mixture of high workload and high responsibility for safety can make you stressed. One more negative side is that ATC job requirements are very high. Air traffic controllers often have to pass strict checks, tests and exams. It puts high pressure on a person.

ATC work can be stressful due to high traffic intensity, bad weather, military restrictions and other conditions, especially when they **arise simultaneously (at one time)**. Also, emergency or unexpected situations can cause stress. Anyway, **under all conditions (circumstances)**, controllers must work quickly and maintain full concentration. Controllers must **cope with stress and pressure** because flight safety is in their hands.