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RE: YVR Runway Slots – Airport Reservation Office (ARO)

Effective October 29th, 2023, YVR will permanently transition to a Runway Slot system. This means that ALL users, of YVR's runway system will require a pre-approved arrival and departure slot prior to operation. This program will be known as the Airport Reservation Office (ARO) and will handle all GA/BA slot filings at CYVR.

Runway slots are a global industry standard that aim to optimize air traffic movements, reduce delays and congestion, as well as curb GHG emissions. Historically, YVR has not required Runway slots as the system could manage the traffic volume unconstrained. However, in the past several years it has become apparent that YVR will require a Runway slot constraint to manage the flow of air traffic and improve on-time performance. The process of managing Runway slots is overseen by IATA, and YVR is following the Worldwide Slot Guidelines as best practice to implement and manage the runway constraint.

If you and your company fly to CYUL, this system is already in place at this airport. YVR will be using the same system to book runway slots: Online Coordination System (OCS). Please have your company contact the program vendor PDC: help@online-coordination.com to have them add CYVR to your account.

If you do not operate at CYUL, and for new users of OCS, please see <https://www.online-coordination.com/frontend/#/howToApply>, and fill in the pdf form and submit to PDC to have your account created.

Alternatively, you may be able to engage your FBO to assist with your bookings if you are an infrequent user of YVR's facilities.

There will be a soft launch involving existing users starting in late August. The official start date for enforcement and slot monitoring is October 29th.

For more information contact ARO at slot_coordination@yvr.ca

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