

Dubai International Airport – Charter Local Rule

Dubai International Airport (DXB) is designated as IATA Level 3 – fully Coordinated. This reflects increasingly scarce capacity at peak hours of operation and the need to implement scheduling processes that can promote best utilisation of the capacity.

ADDITIONAL SCHEDULING RULES AT DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DXB) FOR CHARTER OPERATIONS, AMENDED FROM WINTER 2025:

Designation of charter on non charter operators and additional services.

Operator designation is assessed by the Slot Coordinator for new and existing operators. All operators are required to fully cooperate and provide any information requested by the Slot Coordinator to support the assessment of an operator's designation. The Slot Coordinator may be contacted at:

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Designation process

- Operators who apply as IATA SSIM Chapter 6 service type C will be considered as charter and may not operate at Dubai International Airport.*
- Operators may be required to provide proof of current ticket sales to the wider public. Operators designated as charter and/or not selling tickets directly to the public may not operate at Dubai International Airport.
- Operators not designated as charter and hold historic slots at Dubai International Airport may operate charter services if the seasonal total of charter movements does not exceed the total of scheduled passenger movements. During special events such charters will not be permitted at Dubai International Airport.
- Operators who are allocated charter or ad hoc slots after the Historic Baseline Date are deemed as non-historic regardless of the utilisation of the ad hoc slots in the season.
- Deportee flights are designated as charter and may not operate at Dubai International Airport.

*Charter and ad hoc operations related to flights approved via local diplomatic channels are exempt from these restrictions.

Non charter operators are required to follow the standard schedule application process as described in the Dubai International Airport Conditions of Us.

Charter services operated by non charter operators

Services that hold a series of slots, fewer than 80% of the available weeks, during a season at the IATA slot handback deadline will not gain historic status in future seasons. Therefore schedule requests for the same operation in future seasons will not be guaranteed a slot. Slots held for 80% and greater will be subject to the determination of Historic Status as detailed in the IATA Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines.

Operations that already have historic status prior to the publication of these rules at Dubai International Airport

The historic status of existing operations will be only be maintained for operators not designated as charter. These will however be subject to the standard rules around utilisation as laid out in the IATA Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines. Failure to adhere to the rules will result in the loss of historic status and future applications will be treated as new services and subject to the rules relevant to these services as laid out above.

For further clarification, please contact the Aviation Business Development team.

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