

Operational Announcement

Minimum Connection Time (MCT)

Following the completion of the Minimum Connection Time (MCT) study and the subsequent operational validation and stakeholder review, Riyadh Airports Company (RAC) hereby declares the updated MCT for King Khalid International Airport (RUH). The updated MCT reflects the current terminal operating model and transfer processes and will remain effective until further notice, subject to future operational improvements.

Airlines are requested to incorporate the below MCT into their scheduling and connection planning.

From / To	T1 & T2	T3 & T4	T5
T1 & T2	75 min	95 min	90 min
T3 & T4	85 min	75 min	90 min
T5	85 min	95 min	65 min

Operational Requirements

- Transfer baggage is segregated by final destination at origin, with short-connection bags appropriately identified and positioned to support priority offloading.
- Rush transfer bags are prioritized during offloading and dispatched immediately to the next transfer process.
- Dedicated transfer handling resources and drivers are available to support short connections.
- Designated transfer routes and processes are followed, with domestic and international baggage appropriately segregated.
- Once cleared through the transfer process, baggage is dispatched to the departing aircraft in accordance with the applicable transfer procedure.
- Airlines ensure timely and accurate sharing of transfer passenger and baggage information required to support the connection process.

Performance Monitoring

RAC will continue to monitor end-to-end transfer performance in coordination with airlines, ground handlers and relevant stakeholders. The declared MCT may be reviewed in the future following further operational improvements or changes to airport infrastructure and transfer processes.

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