

# **Manual of Standards Instrument Flight Procedure Design**



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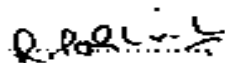


# FOREWORD

Rule 57(c) of CAR 2058 First Amendment 2013 authorizes DGCA to specify the provisions for “the air routes used in Nepalese airspace and the Instrument Flight Procedures and the Visual Flight Procedures used for arrival and departure at different airports”. To achieve this objective, "Manual of Standards – Instrument Flight Procedure Design" is enacted by Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal pursuant to Rule – 82 of Civil Aviation Regulation – 2058 (2002) and published by the Air Navigation Services Safety and Standard Department (ANSSD). This Manual spells out the national standards and requirements to be met by the instrument flight procedure design organization and instrument flight procedure designers for the design and maintenance of instrument flight procedures within Nepal.

The standards in this Manual are mainly based on ICAO Document 8168 Volume II (Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Aircraft Operations (PANS-OPS) and other relevant ICAO documents, and with such modifications as may be determined by CAAN to be applicable in Nepal.

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## **1 DEFINITIONS**

When the following terms are used in this document, they have the following meanings:

**Aerodrome elevation.** The elevation of the highest point of the landing area.

**Aerodrome Operating Minima.** The limits of usability of an aerodrome either for take-off or landing usually expressed in terms of visibility or Runway Visual Range, decision altitude/height or Minimum Descent Altitude/Height and cloud conditions.

**Along-track tolerance (ATT).** A fix tolerance along the nominal track resulting from the airborne and ground equipment tolerances.

**Altitude.** The vertical distance of a level, a point or an object considered as a point, measured from mean sea level (MSL).

**Base turn.** A turn executed by the aircraft during the initial approach between the end of the outbound track and the beginning of the intermediate or final approach track. The tracks are not reciprocal.

Note.— Base turns may be designated as being made either in level flight or while descending, according to the circumstances of each individual procedure.

**Circling approach.** An extension of an instrument approach procedure which provides for visual circling of the aerodrome prior to landing.

**Cross-track tolerance (XTT).** A fix tolerance measured perpendicularly to the nominal track resulting from the airborne and ground equipment tolerances and the flight technical tolerance (FTT).

**Decision altitude (DA) or decision height (DH).** A specified altitude or height in the precision approach or approach with vertical guidance at which a missed approach must be initiated if the required visual reference to continue the approach has not been established.

**Elevation.** The vertical distance of a point or a level, on or affixed to the surface of the earth, measured from mean sea level.

**Final approach segment.** That segment of an instrument approach procedure in which alignment and descent for landing are accomplished.

**Final approach track.** The flight track in the final approach segment that is normally aligned with the runway centre line.

**Flight procedure designer.** A person responsible for flight procedure design who meets the competency requirements as laid down by the State.

**Heading.** The direction in which the longitudinal axis of an aircraft is pointed, usually expressed in degrees from North (true, magnetic, compass or grid).

**Height.** The vertical distance of a level, a point or an object considered as a point, measured from a specified datum.

**Holding procedure.** A predetermined manoeuvre which keeps an aircraft within a specified airspace while awaiting further clearance.

**Initial approach fix (IAF).** A fix that marks the beginning of the initial segment and the end of the arrival segment, if applicable.

**Initial approach segment.** That segment of an instrument approach procedure between the initial approach fix and the intermediate approach fix or, where applicable, the final approach fix or point.

**Instrument approach procedure (IAP).** A series of predetermined manoeuvres by reference to flight instruments with specified protection from obstacles from the initial approach fix, or where applicable, from the beginning of a defined arrival route to a point from which a landing can be completed and thereafter, if a landing is not completed, to a position at which holding or en-route obstacle clearance criteria apply. Instrument approach procedures are classified as follows:

**Non-precision approach (NPA) procedure.** An instrument approach procedure which utilizes lateral guidance but does not utilize vertical guidance.

**Approach procedure with vertical guidance (APV).** An instrument procedure which utilizes lateral and vertical guidance but does not meet the requirements established for precision approach and landing operations.

**Precision approach (PA) procedure.** An instrument approach procedure using precision lateral and vertical guidance with minima as determined by the category of operation.

**Intermediate approach segment.** That segment of an instrument approach procedure between either the intermediate approach fix and the final approach fix or point, or between the end of a reversal, racetrack or dead reckoning track procedure and the final approach fix or point, as appropriate.

**Intermediate fix (IF).** A fix that marks the end of an initial segment and the beginning of the intermediate segment.

**Minimum descent altitude (MDA) or minimum descent height (MDH).** A specified altitude or height in a nonprecision approach or circling approach below which descent must not be made without the required visual reference.

**Minimum obstacle clearance altitude (MOCA).** The minimum altitude for a defined segment that provides the required obstacle clearance.

**Minimum sector altitude (MSA).** The lowest altitude which may be used which will provide a minimum clearance of 300 m (1 000 ft) above all objects located in an area contained within a sector of a circle of 46 km (25 NM) radius centred on a radio aid to navigation.

**Missed approach point (MAPt).** That point in an instrument approach procedure at or before which the prescribed missed approach procedure must be initiated in order to ensure that the minimum obstacle clearance is not infringed.

**Missed approach procedure.** The procedure to be followed if the approach cannot be continued.

**Mountainous area.** An area of changing terrain profile where the changes of terrain elevation exceed 900 m (3 000 ft) within a distance of 18.5 km (10.0 NM).

**Obstacle assessment surface (OAS).** A defined surface intended for the purpose of determining those obstacles to be considered in the calculation of obstacle clearance altitude/height for a specific APV or precision approach procedure.

**Obstacle clearance altitude (OCA) or obstacle clearance height (OCH).** The lowest altitude or the lowest height above the elevation of the relevant runway threshold or the aerodrome elevation as applicable, used in establishing compliance with appropriate obstacle clearance criteria.

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**Precision approach procedure.** An instrument approach procedure utilizing azimuth and glide path information provided by ILS or PAR.

**Primary area.** A defined area symmetrically disposed about the nominal flight track in which full obstacle clearance is provided. (See also Secondary area.)

**Procedure altitude/height.** A specified altitude/height flown operationally at or above the minimum altitude/height and established to accommodate a stabilized descent at a prescribed descent gradient/angle in the intermediate/final approach segment.

**Procedure turn.** A manoeuvre in which a turn is made away from a designated track followed by a turn in the opposite direction to permit the aircraft to intercept and proceed along the reciprocal of the designated track.

**Racetrack procedure.** A procedure designed to enable the aircraft to reduce altitude during the initial approach segment and/or establish the aircraft inbound when the entry into a reversal procedure is not practical.

**Reference datum height (RDH).** The height of the extended glide path or a nominal vertical path at the runway threshold.

**Reversal procedure.** A procedure designed to enable aircraft to reverse direction during the initial approach segment of an instrument approach procedure. The sequence may include procedure turns or base turns.

**Secondary area.** A defined area on each side of the primary area located along the nominal flight track in which decreasing obstacle clearance is provided. (See also Primary area.)

**Significant obstacle.** Any natural terrain feature or man-made fixed object, permanent or temporary, which has vertical significance in relation to adjacent and surrounding features and which is considered a potential hazard to the safe passage of aircraft in the type of operation for which the individual procedure is designed.

**Standard Instrument Arrival (STAR).** A designated instrument flight rule (IFR) arrival route linking a significant point, normally on an ATS route, with a point from which a published instrument approach procedure can be commenced.

**Standard instrument departure (SID).** A designated instrument flight rule (IFR) departure route linking the aerodrome or a specified runway of the aerodrome with a specified significant point, normally on a designated ATS route, at which the en-route phase of a flight commences.

**Terminal arrival altitude (TAA).** The lowest altitude that will provide a minimum clearance of 300 m (1 000 ft) above all objects located in an arc of a circle defined by a 46 km (25 NM) radius centred on the initial approach fix (IAF), or where there is no IAF on the intermediate approach fix (IF), delimited by straight lines joining the extremity of the arc to the IF. The combined TAAs associated with an approach procedure shall account for an area of 360 degrees around the IF.

**Threshold (THR).** The beginning of that portion of the runway usable for landing.

**Track.** The projection on the earth's surface of the path of an aircraft, the direction of which path at any point is usually expressed in degrees from North (true, magnetic or grid).

**Visual manoeuvring (circling) area.** The area in which obstacle clearance shall be taken into consideration for aircraft carrying out a circling approach.



**2 ABBREVIATIONS**

AIP	Aeronautical Information Publication
ALS	Approach Lighting System
AMSL	Above mean sea level
ARP	Aerodrome reference point
APV	Approach procedures with vertical guidance
ATC	Air traffic control
ATS	Air traffic services
ATT	Along-track
tolerance BV	Buffer
value	
CAAN	Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal
CAT	Category
CDI	Course deviation
indicator CRM	Collision Risk
Model DA/H	Decision
altitude/height	
DER	Departure end of the runway
DME	Distance measuring equipment
FAF	Final approach fix
FAP	Final approach point
FATO	Final approach and take-off
area FMC	Flight management
computer FMS	Flight management
system	
FTT	Flight technical tolerance
FL	Flight level
GP	Glide path
GPA	Glide path angle
HF	Holding/racetrack to a fix
HL	Height loss
IAF	Initial approach fix
IAP	Instrument approach procedure
IAS	Indicated airspeed

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IF	Intermediate approach fix
IFP	Instrument flight
procedure IFR	Instrument
flight rules	
ILS	Instrument landing system



IMC	Instrument meteorological conditions
ISA	International standard atmosphere
LOC	Localizer
MA/H	Minimum altitude/height
MAHF	Missed approach holding fix
MAPt	Missed approach point
MATF	Missed approach turning fix
MDA/H	Minimum descent altitude/height
MM	Middle marker
MOC	Minimum obstacle clearance
MOCA	Minimum obstacle clearance altitude
MSA	Minimum sector altitude
MSD	Minimum stabilization distance
MSL	Mean sea level
NM	Nautical mile
NPA	Non-precision approach
OAS	Obstacle assessment surface
OCA/H	Obstacle clearance altitude/height
OCS	Obstacle clearance surface
OJT	On-the-job training
OLS	Obstacle limitation surface
OM	Outer marker
PA	Precision approach
PANS-OPS	Procedure for Air Navigation Services – Aircraft Operations
PBN	Performance Based Navigation
PDG	Procedure design gradient
PinS	Point-in-space approach
RAIM	Receiver autonomous integrity monitoring
RDH	Reference datum height (for APV and PA)
SI	International system of units
SID	Standard instrument departure
SOC	Start of climb

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STAR	Standard instrument
arrival TAA	Terminal arrival
altitude TA/H	Turn at an
altitude/height	

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TAR	Terminal area surveillance radar
TAS	True airspeed
THR	Threshold
TMA	Terminal control area
TP	Turning point
VDP	Visual descend point
VPA	Vertical path angle
VSS	Visual segment surface
WGS	World geodetic system
XTT	Cross-track tolerance



### 3 INTRODUCTION

#### 3.1 Related Documents:

3.1.1 For the IFP Design standards, which are not included in this Manual, the current versions of the following documents shall be used in conjunction,

a) ICAO Doc 8168 Volumes I and II	Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Aircraft Operations (PANS-OPS)
b) ICAO Doc 9368	IFP Construction
Manual c) ICAO Doc 9371	Template
Manual	
d) ICAO Doc 9724	CRM Manual
e) ICAO Doc 9365	All Weather Operations Manual
f) Doc. 9906 Vol. I & V	Quality Assurance Manual for Flight Procedure
Design g) ICAO Doc 9613	Performance-based Navigation (PBN)
Manual	
h) ICAO Doc 9573	RNAV Operations
i) ICAO Doc 9674	World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84)
Manual j) ICAO Doc 8697	Aeronautical Chart Manual
k) CAR 2/Annex 2	Rules of the Air
l) CAR 4/Annex 4	Aeronautical Charts
m) CAR 5/ICAO Annex 5	Units of
Measurement n) FOR/ICAO Annex 6	Annex 6

Aircraft Operations

- o) CAR 11/ICAO Annex 11 Air Traffic Services
- p) CAR 14/ICAO Annex 14 Aerodromes/Helipads
- q) CAR 15/ICAO Annex 15 Aeronautical Information Services

- 3.1.2 Where there is a difference between a standard in this Manual and that of the above- mentioned ICAO documents, the standard in this Manual shall prevail.
- 3.1.3 When the IFP design office is not able to comply with any standards or recommended practices specified or referenced in ICAO documents or in this Manual, the design office shall apply to Air Navigation Service Safety and Standard Department (ANSSSD) for exemption or deviation. Applications shall be supported in writing with the reasons for such exemption or deviation including any safety assessment or other studies undertaken and where appropriate, an indication of when compliance with the current standards can be expected.
- 3.1.4 Any exemption or deviation granted to the IFP design office shall also be recorded in the operations manual developed by the design office. The operations manual shall also contain the details of the exemption or deviation, such as the reason that the exemption or deviation was requested and any resultant limitations or conditions imposed.

## **4 INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURE DESIGN OFFICE**

### **4.1 Office**

- 4.1.1 The IFP design unit shall maintain an appropriately facilitated instrument design office with sufficient number of qualified and experienced IFP designers, enabling them to carry out instrument flight procedure design work in accordance with the requirements set out in this Manual.
- 4.1.2 The IFP design office shall ensure that the designs of instrument flight procedure are in accordance with
  - a) Applicable standards set out or referred to in ICAO Doc 8168;
  - b) Applicable standards set out in this Manual.
- 4.1.3 The IFP design office shall ensure that the process of each instrument flight procedure design is checked and verified independently by person(s) trained in IFP design.

### **4.2 Instrument Flight Procedure Design Manual**

The IFP Design Office shall design and maintain 'Operations Manual' to demonstrate compliance with the requirements set out in this Manual.

### **4.3 Resource Requirements**

The IFP design office shall provide and maintain facilities for the design work on instrument flight procedures. This would include:

- a) equipment appropriate for the design, design verification, and maintenance of the instrument flight procedures, like design tool, software, etc.;
- b) relevant and current charts, aeronautical data, terrain and obstacle data for the design, design verification, and maintenance of the instrument flight procedures; and
- c) Copies of relevant documentation comprising standards, practices, instructions and any other documents that may be necessary for the design, design, verification and maintenance of the instrument flight procedures.

### **4.4 Documents and Records Control System**

- 4.4.1 The IFP design office shall establish and put into effect, a system for controlling documents and records relating to the instrument flight procedures on which the designer carries on design work, including the procedures for making, amending, preserving and disposing of those documents and records.
- 4.4.2 The IFP design office shall, at ANSSSD's request, make the documents and records, or copies of them or extracts from them, available for inspection by ANSSSD.
- 4.4.3 The IFP design office shall maintain the training records of the personnel involved in procedure design work.

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- | 4.5.1 Upon receipt of written request or application, CAAN shall permit the Procedure Design Office and/or Persons to perform Instrument/Visual Flight Procedures and Airspace/Air-route Design tasks.
- | 4.5.2 The validity period of such permission shall be two years.



## **5 DESIGNER'S QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING**

- 5.1 The procedure designer shall meet the qualification as specified in Qualification Assurance Manual for Flight Procedure Design, ICAO Doc 9906 Vol. 2.
- 5.2 Training for flight procedure designer shall at least include an initial, advance, OJT and recurrent/refresher training at periodic intervals.
- 5.3 Initial training shall ensure that the flight procedure designer is able to demonstrate a basic level of competency that includes at least the following elements:
- a) knowledge of information contained in the PANS-OPS, Doc 8168 Volumes I & II, other related ICAO provisions, MANUAL and related directives relevant to the flight procedure designer;
  - b) knowledge of general criteria in IFP designing;
  - c) skills in the non-precision approach design;
  - d) skills in the precision approach design;
  - e) skills in the instrument departure designs;
  - and f) practical exercises in the design of procedures.
- 5.4 Recurrent training shall ensure that the flight procedure designer is able to demonstrate a basic level of competency that includes at least the following elements:
- a) knowledge about updates in ICAO provisions and other provisions pertaining to procedure design; and
  - b) maintenance and enhancement of knowledge and skills in the design of procedures.
- 5.5 Authorized Procedure Design Office shall ensure that flight procedure designers have acquired and maintain competency level through training and supervised on-the-job training (OJT).
- 5.6 Competency of the flight procedure designer shall be evaluated at regular intervals by the authorized Procedure Design Office. This is to ensure that the quality assurance in the procedure design process and its output, including the quality of aeronautical information/data, meets the requirements of Nepalese Civil Aviation Requirements: CAR 4- Maps & Charts and CAR 15- Aeronautical Information Services.
- 5.7 The Procedure Design Office shall maintain records of qualification and training of all procedure designers.

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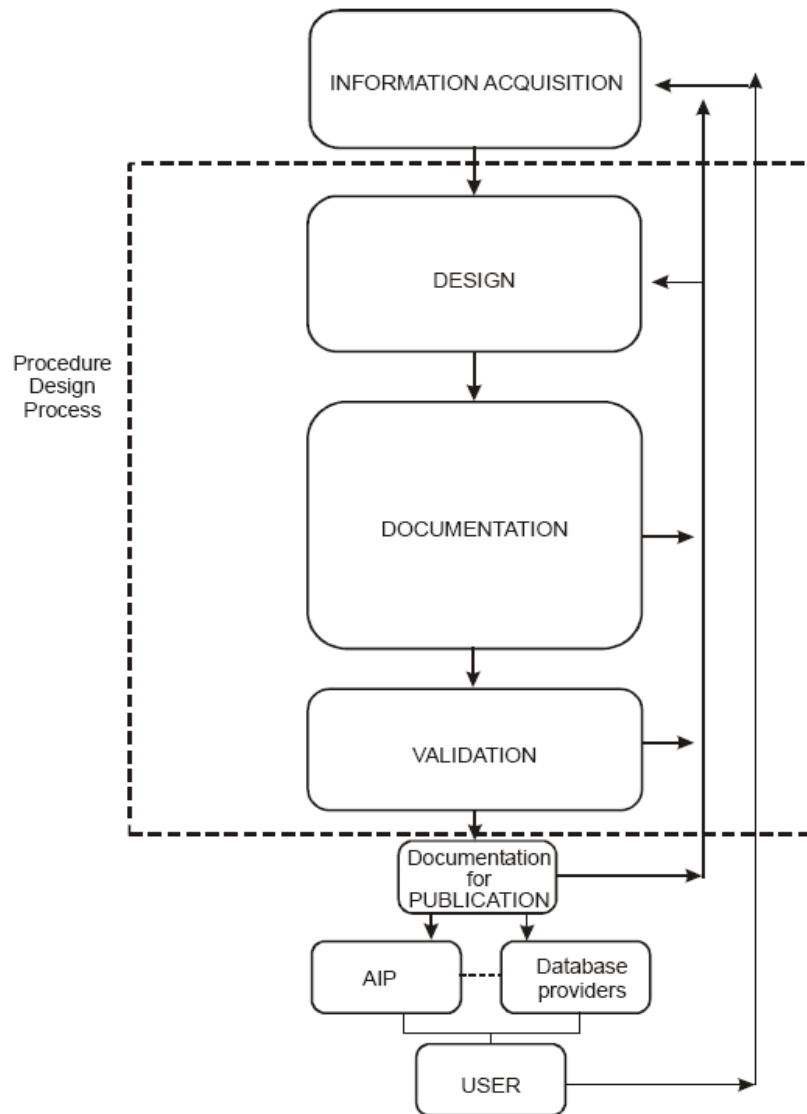
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5.8 The Procedure Design Office shall develop the training programme for its procedure designers.



## 6 THE INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURE DESIGN PROCESS

6.1 The Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) process (see following figure) encompasses the acquisition of data, design and promulgation of procedures. It starts with compilation and verification of the many inputs and ends with ground and/or flight validation of the finished product, and documentation for publication. The elements of the process encompass enablers, constraints, output, and post-publication feedback for the procedure under consideration.





**7 PROCEDURE DESIGN INFORMATION ACQUISITION**

7.1 The procedure design information shall be coordinated with all relevant stakeholders. As input for the procedure design process the following aspects need to be assessed:

- a) airport, navigation aid, obstacle, and terrain coordinate and elevation data, based on verified surveys and complying with CAR11-Air Traffic Services, CAR14- Aerodromes, CAR15- Aeronautical Information Service and relevant ICAO Annexes;
- b) airspace requirements;
- c) user requirements, needs of Air Traffic Service provider and operators who will use the procedure;
- d) airport infrastructure such as runway classification, lighting, communications, runway markings, and availability of local altimeter setting;
- e) environmental considerations; and
- f) any other potential issue associated with the procedure.



**8 PROCEDURE DESIGN WORK**

- 8.1 Taking into account all the design inputs, instrument flight procedures shall be designed by a procedure designer according to the criteria set out in this manual in conjunction with the Procedures for Air Navigation Services - Aircraft Operations (PANS-OPS) ICAO Doc. 8168 Volume II including the instructions/circulars published by the ANSSS Department.
- 8.2 Coordination with all concerned parties shall continue throughout the procedure design and validation process to ensure that the procedure meets the needs of the user and the aviation community.
- 8.3 Each new or revised procedure shall be verified by a qualified procedure designer, other than the one who designed the procedure, to ensure compliance with applicable criteria.
- 8.4 General criteria for some of the procedures are mentioned in the following chapters.





**9 DEPARTURE PROCEDURES****9.1 GENERAL**

- 9.1.1 For each runway at aerodromes where instrument departures are expected to be used, a departure procedure shall be established and promulgated.
- 9.1.2 A departure procedure shall be designed to accommodate all aircraft categories where possible. Where departures are limited to specific categories, the departure chart shall clearly identify the applicable categories.
- 9.1.3 A departure procedure shall provide obstacle clearance immediately after take-off until the aircraft intercepts an en-route segment. Departure procedures include, but are not limited to, standard departure routes and associated procedures.
- 9.1.4 A departure procedure may also be required for air traffic control, airspace management or other reasons (e.g. noise abatement) and the departure route or procedure may not be determined by obstacle clearance requirements alone. Departure procedures shall be developed in consultation with the operators, ATC and other parties concerned.
- 9.1.5 In the interest of efficiency and economy, every effort shall be made to ensure that departure procedures are designed, consistent with safety, to minimize both the time taken in executing a departure and the airspace required.
- 9.1.6 Departure procedures may be designed & published as specific routes or as omni- directional departures.

**9.2 TURN AREA CONSTRUCTION**

- 9.2.1 Obstacle clearance areas associated with turns that apply to the phases of flight shown below, shall be constructed in accordance with the standard techniques contained in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168 Voll-II “Turn area construction”.

- a) Departure.
- b) Missed approach.
- c) Final approach fix (turns > 10 degrees).
- d) RNAV turns at the IAF and IF (turns > 30 degrees).

All other turns are constructed by means of circular arc method.

- 9.2.2 The methodologies shall be used are —

- a) wind spiral;
- and/or b) bounding circles

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9.2.3 Parameters that shall be established for designing turns are;

- a. Segment Altitude.
- b. Indicated airspeed (IAS) by aircraft category.
- c. Wind.
- d. Bank angle.
- e. Flight technical tolerances (FTT).

9.2.4 Other turn factors and calculations used in turn area construction are;

- a. Fix tolerance, as appropriate for the type of fix.
- b. Rate of turn in degrees second. If the calculated value is  $>3$  degrees/second, the maximum value of 3 degrees/second has to be used.
- c. Radius of turn at a designated angle of bank in still air, in km or NM as appropriate.
- d. Wind effect for the time taken to change heading by degrees (convenient for the designer for highest safety) expressed in km or NM as appropriate.
- e. Pilot reaction time, in second.

### **9.3 TYPE OF DEPARTURE**

9.3.1 Departures may be designed as straight departures or turning departures.

9.3.2 At many aerodromes, a departure route is not required for ATC purposes or to avoid particular obstacles. Nevertheless, there may be obstacles in the vicinity of the aerodrome which affect departures and an omni-directional departure procedure is a convenient and flexible method of ensuring obstacle clearance that permits a turn in any direction after reaching a specified altitude/height.

9.3.3 **END OF THE DEPARTURE PROCEDURE:** The departure procedure ends at the point where the PDG reaches the minimum altitude/height authorized for the next phase of flight.

### **9.4 OBSTACLE IDENTIFICATION SURFACE (OIS)**

9.4.1 The obstacle identification surface (OIS) is a sloping surface used to identify obstacles in the departure area. The origin, construction & gradient of the OIS related to each type of departure are contained in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

9.4.2 The OIS shall be surveyed at regular intervals to validate obstacle information so that the minimum obstacle clearance is assured and the integrity of departure procedures is safeguarded. The competent authority shall be notified whenever an object is erected that penetrates the OIS.

**Manual of Standard - Instrument Flight Procedure Design****9.5 DESIGN PRINCIPLES TO BE FOLLOWED:**

- 9.5.1 A straight departure may permit a turn of 15° or less.
- 9.5.2 An aircraft will maintain the runway direction until reaching a minimum height of 120 m (394 ft) (Cat H, 90 m (295 ft) above the runway before commencing a turn.
- 9.5.3 A turning departure will specify a turn either at a turn point or an altitude/height.
- 9.5.4 The standard procedure design gradient (PDG) is 3.3 per cent (Cat H, 5.0 per cent).  
The PDG begins at a point 5 m (16 ft) above the departure end of the runway (DER).
- 9.5.5 The standard PDG provides an additional clearance of 0.8 per cent of the distance flown from the DER, above an obstacle identification surface (OIS). The OIS has a gradient of 2.5 per cent (Cat H, 4.2 per cent).
- 9.5.6 Where an obstacle penetrates the OIS, a steeper PDG may be promulgated to provide obstacle clearance of 0.8 per cent of the distance flown from the DER.
- 9.5.7 Before any turn greater than 15° may be executed, a minimum obstacle clearance of 90 m (295 ft) (Cat H, 80 m (265 ft)) must be reached. Alternatively, 0.8 per cent of the distance from the DER may be used, if this value is higher. This minimum obstacle clearance must be maintained during subsequent flight.

**9.6 PUBLISHED INFORMATION FOR DEPARTURE PROCEDURES**

- 9.6.1 The minimum information to be published for a departure procedure is as follows:
- a) all tracks, points, fixes and altitudes/heights (including turn altitudes/heights) required by the procedure;
  - b) all navigation facilities, fixes, waypoints, radials and DME distances used to define route segments;
  - c) significant obstacles which penetrate the obstacle identification surfaces (OIS);
  - d) the position and height of close-in obstacles penetrating the OIS. A note shall be included on the departure chart wherever close-in obstacles exist which was not considered in the determination of the published procedure design gradient (PDG)
  - e) the highest obstacle in the departure area, and any significant obstacle outside that area controlling the design of the procedure;
  - f) a PDG greater than 3.3 per cent and the altitude/height to which it applies;

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- g) the altitude/height or fix at which a gradient in excess of 3.3 per cent (Cat H, 5.0 per cent) ceases to be required;
- h) where an increased procedure design gradient is required by airspace restrictions only, a note stating that condition e.g. “4% climb gradient required due airspace restrictions only”;

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- i) altitude/heights to be achieved at significant points in the departure, identified by navigation aids or fixes; and
- j) when close conformance to a track is important (e.g. noise abatement/ATC constraints) a note stating that the average flight path is designed using statistical aircraft performance data.

Note.— Principles governing the identification of standard departure routes are contained in Annex 11, Appendix 3. Specifications for standard instrument departure charts are contained in Annex 4.

**9.7 INSTRUMENT DEPARTURES FROM PARALLEL RUNWAYS**

- 9.7.1 When it is intended to use two instrument departure procedures from parallel runways simultaneously, the nominal departure tracks shall diverge by at least 15 degrees immediately after take-off.
- 9.7.2 When it is intended to use an instrument departure procedure and an instrument approach procedure in the same direction on parallel runways simultaneously, the nominal tracks of the departure procedure and of the missed approach procedure shall diverge by at least 30 degrees as soon as practicable.

**10 STANDARD INSTRUMENT ARRIVAL ROUTES (STARs)**

- 10.1 When it is necessary to designate standard instrument arrival routes (STARs) from the en-route structure to the initial approach fix, which provide an operational advantage shall be established and published. These shall take local air traffic flow into consideration.
- 10.2 The length of the arrival route shall not exceed the operational service range of the facilities which provide navigation guidance.
- 10.3 Standard instrument arrival routes (STARs) shall be simple and easily understood and only those navigation facilities, fixes or waypoints essential to define the flight path of an aircraft and for Air Traffic Services (ATS) purposes will be included in the procedure.
- 10.4 A STAR shall accommodate as many aircraft categories as possible.
- 10.5 A STAR shall begin at a fix, e.g. radio navigation facility, intersection, distance measuring equipment (DME) fix or waypoint.
- 10.6 A STAR shall permit transition from the en-route phase to the approach phase by linking a significant point normally on an ATS route with a point from which an instrument approach procedure is initiated.
- 10.7 A STAR shall be designed to permit aircraft to navigate along the routes reducing the need for radar vectoring.
- 10.8 A STAR may serve one or more airports within a terminal area.
- 10.9 Airspeed and altitude/level restrictions, if any, shall be included. These shall take into account the operational capabilities of the aircraft category involved, in consultation with the operators.
- 10.10 Whenever possible, STARs shall be designed with DME fixes or waypoints instead of intersections.
- 10.11 A DME arc may provide track guidance for all or a portion of an arrival route.
- 10.12 Omni-directional or sector arrivals can be provided taking into account the minimum sector altitudes (MSA) or terminal arrival altitudes (TAA) in accordance with PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.





## **11 INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES**

### **11.1 SEGMENTS OF AN INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURE**

11.1.1 An instrument approach procedure may have five separate segments. They are the arrival, initial, intermediate, final and missed approach segments.

**(a) Arrival Approach Segment:**

Connect the procedure to the en-route structure, when it is not practical to connect with an initial (Functions as a special en-route).

**(b) Initial Approach Segment:**

Transition the aircraft from the en-route phase of flight to the terminal phase- speed, configuration etc.

**(c) Intermediate Approach Segment:**

Generally, a level segment, for configuration and management of the aircraft for the final descent.

**(d) Final Approach Segment:**

To conduct the final descent to the lowest permissible altitude/height or to the latest point from which a landing or missed approach must be initiated.

**(e) Missed Approach Segment:**

Provided to deliver the aircraft to holding, en-route, point from which another procedure may be initiated.

11.1.2 Only those segments that are required by local conditions need be included in a procedure. In addition, an area for circling the aerodrome under visual conditions shall be considered.

11.1.3 Track guidance shall normally be provided for all phases of flight through the arrival, initial, intermediate, final and missed approach segments. 1.6.2 When track guidance is not provided, the obstacle clearance area shall be expanded as prescribed in the concerned chapter of the PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

11.1.4 The approach segments begin and end at designated fixes. However, under some circumstances, as stated in the concerned chapter in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II, certain segments may begin at specified points where no fixes are available (or necessary)

11.1.5 Generally, following fixes shall be used in the procedure:

- a) initial approach fix (IAF);
- b) intermediate approach fix (IF);
- c) final approach fix (FAF);
- and d) holding fix.

- a) an intersection of two navigation aids (VOR/VOR, DME/DME, VOR/DME);
- b) overhead of a facility/nav. aid (VOR or NDB);
- c) an RNAV waypoint (in PBN);
- and/or d) other kinds of navigation aids.

11.1.7 When necessary, a fix to mark the missed approach point (MAPt), or the turning point

(TP) may also be used.

11.1.8 The fixes shall be named according to the segment they precede. For example, the intermediate segment begins at the intermediate fix(IF). Where no fix is available, as mentioned above in 22.1.6, the segments may begin and end at specified points (e.g. the point where the glide path intersects the nominal intermediate altitude and the point where the glide path intersects the nominal DA/H).

## 11.2 PARAMETERS OF APPROACH SEGMENT

11.2.1 Each segment of approach procedure is specified by 5 parameters;

- a. Obstacle clearance Area
- b. Obstacle Clearance (MOC, OCA/H)
- c.
- Alignment d.
- Length
- e. Gradient

11.2.2 Different values of 5 parameters apply for each segment of a procedure design and they are different in Non Precession Approach & precession Approach procedure. The parameters are calculated & established in accordance with PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

## 11.3 OBATACLE CLEARANCE AREA (GENERAL)

11.3.1 Each segment shall have an associated obstacle clearance area. Normally the area is symmetrical on both sides of the intended track. In principle, this area has to be subdivided into primary and secondary areas. However, in some cases, only primary areas are permitted.

11.3.2 When secondary areas are applied, the outer half of each side of the area (25 % of the total width) is designated as secondary area.

#### 11.4 CONSTRUCTION OF OBSTACLE CLEARANCE AREAS FOR REVERSAL AND HOLDING PROCEDURES

When anticipated, the construction of obstacle clearance areas for reversal procedures shall be based on the direct application of the tolerance criteria specified in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II. These may be applied either on an additive tolerance basis, or using statistical methods.

**11.5 OBSTACLE CLEARANCE**

11.5.1 Full obstacle clearance (applicable Minimum Obstacle Clearance-MOC according to the PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Volume II) for the segments concerned, is provided throughout the primary area.

11.5.2 When secondary area is used, the MOC is reduced linearly from the full clearance at the inner edge to zero at the outer edge.

11.5.3 If the obstacle elevation is less than 900m, normal MOC shall be used. If it is  $\geq 900\text{m}$  and  $\leq 1500\text{m}$ , MOC shall be increased by 50%. If it is more than 1500m, MOC shall be increased by 100%. This Para is also applicable in cases of STARs and en-route procedures.

**11.6 CALCULATION OF MOCA/H:**

11.6.1 Minimum Obstacle Clearance Altitude/Height (MOCA/H) of each segment of the procedure shall be established in accordance with the provisions of PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Volume II.

11.6.2 While calculating MOCA/H or OCA/H, an allowance of 30 m must be added for vegetation growth and the erection of new obstacles.

11.6.3 If the vertical accuracy of maps and charts cannot be determined, a value of 10 m charting accuracy, in particular vertical accuracy must be used.

11.6.4 If terrain height is determined from contour information, half of the contour interval as contour accuracy shall be used.

11.6.5 In case of un-surveyed spot elevations, tolerance for both vertical as well as contour accuracy as mentioned above shall be used.

11.6.6 For surveyed points such as top of structures, antenna mast, etc charting accuracy, contour accuracy and vegetation allowance may not be used.

11.6.7 The above paragraphs from 11.6.2 to 11.6.6 are also applicable in cases of STARs and en-route procedures.

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### **11.7 PROCEDURE ALTITUDE/HEIGHT**

11.7.1 Procedure altitudes/heights are intended to place the aircraft above any minimum altitude associated with obstacle clearance and to support a stabilized prescribed descent gradient/angle in the final segment.

11.7.2 Procedure altitudes/heights shall be developed/ established to place the aircraft at altitudes/heights that would normally be flown to intercept and fly the prescribed descent gradient/angle in the final approach segment to a 15 m (50 ft) threshold crossing. In no case shall a procedure altitude/height be less than any OCA/H.

### **11.8 GRADIENT**

11.8.1 Gradient is the slope of Climb/Descent in the segment concerned with respect to the horizontal, shall expressed in terms of percentage or degrees (5%, 4%, 3°, 3.5° etc.)

11.8.2 The optimum and maximum Climb/Descent gradients of the procedure are calculated in accordance with concerned chapters of PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II. The optimum is the operationally preferred gradient. This shall only be exceeded where alternative means of satisfying obstacle clearance requirements are impracticable. The maximum gradient shall not be exceeded.

11.8.3 Optimum and maximum gradients are specified/ calculated depending on the type of procedure and the segment of the approach. At least in the case of the final approach segment for non-precision approach procedures and, preferably, also for other approach segments where appropriate, the gradient(s) used in the construction of the procedure shall be published.

11.8.4 In calculating maximum descents, no descent shall be considered as having taken place during turns.

### **11.9 SEGMENT AREA WHILE TRACK GUIDANCE PROVIDED**

11.9.1 In constructing obstacle clearance area of a segment, when track guidance is provided by VOR/DME/NDB, area convergence or splay (for VOR 7.8°, for NDB=10.3°) & the MOCA/H at a given distance to/from the facility shall be calculated and established in accordance with PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

### **11.10 LENGTH**

11.10.1 Length of the segment is the distance from fix to fix of a segment.

### **11.11 ALIGNMENT**

11.11.1 Alignment is the track (in degrees magnetic) of the concerned segment

### **11.12 CATEGORIES OF AIRCRAFT**

11.12.1 The descent/climb Gradient, bank angle & turn radius/angle for Alignment and the optimum Length for each segment are determined considering the standard conditions for specific aircraft characteristics/performance, segment

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altitude, atmospheric condition, terrain and position of the track guidance aids/facilities.

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- 11.12.2 The most significant factor in aircraft performance is speed. Accordingly, 5(five) categories of typical aircraft have been established to provide a standardized basis for relating aircraft maneuverability to specific instrument approach procedures.
- 11.12.3 The criteria taken into consideration for the classification of aeroplanes by categories is the Indicated Air Speed (IAS) at threshold which is equal to the stall speed multiplied by 1.3 or stall speed multiplied by 1.23 in the landing configuration at the maximum certificated landing mass. If both are available, the higher resulting IAS at threshold shall be used.
- 11.12.4 Aircraft categories considered in procedure designing are identified by the letter designations as follows:
- Category A — less than 169 km/h (91 kt) indicated airspeed (IAS)
  - Category B — 169 km/h (91 kt) or more but less than 224 km/h (121 kt)
  - IAS Category C — 224 km/h (121 kt) or more but less than 261 km/h (141 kt)
  - IAS Category D — 261 km/h (141 kt) or more but less than 307 km/h (166 kt)
  - IAS Category E — 307 km/h (166 kt) or more but less than 391 km/h (211 kt)
  - IAS Category H — “Helicopters”
- 11.12.5 The ranges of speeds (IAS) are to be used in calculating each phase/segment of the procedures as described in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II. For conversion of these speeds to TAS, conversion factor shall be used from PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.





## **12 INITIAL APPROACH SEGMENT**

### **12.1 GENERAL**

12.1.1 The initial approach segment starts at the initial approach fix (IAF). In the initial approach the aircraft is maneuvering to enter the intermediate segment. When the intermediate fix (IF) is a part of the en-route structure, it may not be necessary to designate an initial approach segment. In this case the instrument approach procedure begins at the intermediate fix and intermediate segment criteria apply.

12.1.2 Reversal and racetrack procedures as well as holding pattern descents are considered as initial segments until the aircraft is established on the intermediate approach track. Where holding is required prior to entering the initial approach segment, the holding fix and initial approach fix shall coincide. When this is not possible, the initial approach fix shall be located within the holding pattern on the inbound holding track. Entry into a racetrack procedure shall be similar to entry procedures for holding patterns

12.1.3 Normally track guidance is required except that dead reckoning tracks may be used for distances not exceeding 19 km (10 NM). Although more than one initial approach may be established for a procedure, the number shall be limited to that which is justified by traffic flow or other operational requirements.

### **12.2 OBSTACLE CLEARANCE**

12.2.1 The prescribed minimum altitudes for initial segment (including the racetrack or the reversal procedure) shall not be less than 300 m (984 ft) above all obstacles within the appropriate primary areas. In the secondary area the minimum obstacle clearance shall be 300 m (984 ft) at the inner edge, reducing linearly to zero at the outer edge. Obstacle clearance at a given point can be calculated in accordance with the guidance in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

12.2.2 If Reversal and racetrack procedures are used as initial segment, the obstacle protection area shall be established following the criteria set out in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

### **12.3 PROCEDURE ALTITUDE/HEIGHT**

12.3.1 All initial approach segments shall have procedure altitudes/heights established. The initial segment procedure altitude/height shall be established and published in accordance with PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II to allow the aircraft to intercept the final approach segment descent gradient/angle from within the intermediate segment.

12.3.2 Procedure altitudes/heights shall not be less than the OCA/H and shall be developed in coordination with air traffic control requirements.

12.3.3 Minimum altitudes in the initial approach segment shall be established in 100-ft or  
50-m increments as appropriate in accordance with PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

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12.3.4 When different minimum altitudes are specified for different categories of aircraft, separate procedures shall be published.

**12.4 ALIGNMENT**

12.4.1 Maximum turn 120 (90° recommended) at the IAF or within the segment. The turn shall be established carefully, because bank angle, turn radius, DTA & MSD will increase with the increment of turn angle.

12.4.2 Max. Bank angle is 25 for Initial.

**12.5 DESCENT GRADIENT**

12.5.1 The optimum descent gradient in the initial approach is 4.0 per cent (Cat H, 6.5 per cent). Where a higher descent gradient is necessary to avoid obstacles, the maximum permissible is 8.0 per cent (Cat H, 10 per cent) or, if the initial approach speed is restricted to 165 km/h IAS (90 kt IAS), 13.2 per cent.

## **13 INTERMEDIATE APPROACH SEGMENT**

### **13.1 GENERAL**

13.1.1 The intermediate approach segment blends the initial approach segment into the final approach segment. It is the segment in which aircraft configuration, speed, and positioning adjustments are made for entry into the final approach segment.

13.1.2 Two types of intermediate approach segments are available:

- a. one which begins at a designated intermediate approach fix (IF);  
and
- b. one which begins upon completion of a dead reckoning (DR) track, a reversal or a racetrack procedure.

13.1.3 In both cases, track guidance shall be provided inbound to the final approach fix

(FAF) where the intermediate approach segment ends.

### **13.2 AREA**

13.2.1 When used with the reversal or racetrack procedure, the intermediate segment width expands uniformly from the width of the final approach segment at the navigation facility to 9.3 km (5.0 NM) on each side of the track at 28 km (15 NM) from the facility, for a total width of 18.6 km (10 NM). Beyond 28 km (15 NM) the area remains 19 km (10 NM) wide. The intermediate approach area is divided into primary and secondary areas.

13.2.2 When an IF is available the intermediate approach segment is normally 19 km (10 NM) long (Cat H, maximum length of 9.3 km (5 NM)). However, the intermediate segment length may be varied from 5-15NM according to the interception angle as specified in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II. When no IF is available, the intermediate approach area shall extend to the far boundary of the reversal procedure primary area.

### **13.3 OBSTACLE CLEARANCE**

13.3.1 A minimum of 150 m (492 ft) of obstacle clearance shall be provided in the primary area of the intermediate approach segment. In the secondary area, 150 m (492 ft) of obstacle clearance shall be provided at the inner edge, reducing to zero at the outer edge. Obstacle clearance at a given point can be calculated in accordance with the relevant chapter in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

13.3.2 The intermediate approach segment may be established as reversal or racetrack procedure and the obstacle protection area shall be established following the criteria set out in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

13.3.3 The minimum altitude/height in the intermediate approach segment shall be established in 100-ft increments or 50-m increments as appropriate in accordance with PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

**13.4 DESCENT GRADIENT**

13.4.1 Because the intermediate approach segment is used to prepare the aircraft speed and configuration for entry into the final approach segment, this segment shall be flat or at least have a flat section contained within the segment.

13.4.2 If a descent is necessary the maximum permissible gradient will be 5.2 per cent (Cat H, 10 per cent) or, if the intermediate approach speed is restricted to 165 km/h IAS (90 kt IAS), 13.2 per cent. In this case, a horizontal segment with a minimum length of 2.8 km (1.5 NM) shall be provided prior to the final approach for Cat C and D aircraft. For procedures specific to Cat A and B aircraft, this minimum length may be reduced to 1.9 km (1.0 NM). This shall allow sufficient distance for aircraft to decelerate and carry out any configuration changes necessary before final approach segment.

13.4.3 Procedure altitudes/heights in the intermediate segment shall be established to allow the aircraft to intercept a prescribed final approach descent.

**13.5 ALIGNMENT:**

13.5.1 Turn 120 at the IF (90° optimum).

**14 FINAL APPROACH SEGMENT****14.1 ALIGNMENT**

14.1.1 Turn at the FAF 30 (for all categories of aircraft)

14.1.2 Track guidance shall be provided for the instrument phase of the final approach segment.

14.1.3 IF practicable, approach procedures shall have vertical guidance in final approach.

14.1.4 In the final approach segment, alignment and descent for landing are carried out. The instrument part of the final approach segment begins at the final approach fix, and ends at the missed approach point (MAPt). Track guidance shall be provided for the instrument phase of the final approach segment. Final approach may be made:

a. to a runway for a straight-in landing; or

b. to an aerodrome for a circling

approach.

14.1.5 The final approach and its track guidance shall be aligned with a runway whenever possible. All final approaches with a FAF have an optimum length of 9.3 km (5 NM). The minimum final approach segment length shall not be less than 5.6 km (3.0 NM)

14.1.6 An offset final approach increases the complexity of pilot operation. Consequently it shall only be designed when existing or obstacle problems permit no other option.

14.1.7 An offset final approach track shall not be established as a noise abatement measure.

14.1.8 When runway aligned track guidance is not possible it may be offset up to 5 degrees without OCA/H penalty. Beyond these limits (or where other requirements cannot be met) a circling approach shall be used.

14.1.9 For a crossing final approach track maximum angle between the final approach track and runway center line for;

CAT A/B 30

CAT C/D 15

14.1.9.1 Minimum Distance prior to threshold for the final approach track to cross the runway CL is 1400M.

14.1.10 A final approach which does not intersect the extended centre line of the runway

(equal to or less than 5°) may also be established, provided such track lies within

150 m laterally of the extended runway centre line at a distance of 1 400 m outward from the runway threshold.

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**14.2 GRADIENT**

14.2.1 The minimum/optimum descent gradient is 5.2 per cent for the final approach segment of a non-precision approach with FAF (3° for a precision approach or approach with vertical guidance).

14.2.2 The maximum descent gradient/angle is:

a. for non-precision procedures with FAF:

i. 6.5 per cent for a non-precision approach for Cat A and B aircraft;

ii. 6.1 per cent for Cat C, D and E aircraft;

and iii. 10 per cent for Cat H aircraft.

Where an operational need exists and the magnitude of turn at the FAF is less than or equal to 30°, a gradient of as much as 13.2 per cent may be authorized, provided the final approach speed is restricted to a maximum of 130 km/h IAS (70 kt IAS), and provided the gradient used is depicted on approach charts.

b. for a non-precision approach with no FAF, gradient shall be established in accordance with PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

c. 3.5° for an approach with vertical guidance;

and d. for precision approaches:

3.5° for a Cat I precision approach; and

3° for Cat II and III precision approaches.

**14.3 OBSTACLE CLEARANCE**

14.3.1 Minimum obstacle clearance (MOC) over the obstacles in the final approach area:

75 m (246 ft) with FAF; and

90 m (295 ft) without FAF.

**14.4 CIRCLING APPROACH**

14.4.1 The circling approach contains the visual phase of flight after completing an instrument approach, to bring an aircraft into position for landing on a runway that for operational reasons is not suitably located for straight-in approach. In addition, when the final approach track alignment or the descent gradient does not meet the criteria for a straight-in landing, only a circling approach shall be authorized and the track alignment shall ideally be made to the centre of the landing area. When necessary, the final approach track may be aligned to pass over some portion of the usable landing surface. In exceptional cases, it may be aligned beyond the aerodrome boundary, but in no case beyond 1.9 km (1.0 NM) from the usable landing surface.

**14.2 GRADIENT**

14.4.2 Obstruction protection area for circling approach shall be constructed in accordance with Circling approach PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Volume II.



**14.5 PROMULGATION**

- 14.5.1 Descent gradients/angles for charting shall be promulgated to the nearest one-tenth of a per cent/degree. Descent gradients/angles shall originate at a point 15 m (50 ft) above the landing runway threshold. For non-precision approaches at short runways (Code 1 and 2) the height above threshold can be as low as 12m (40 ft). Earth curvature is not considered in determining the descent gradient/angle. For precision approaches different origination points may apply.
- 14.5.2 For database coding angles shall be published to the nearest one-hundredth of a degree.
- 14.5.3 The procedure altitude/height shall not be less than the OCA/H of the segment preceding the final approach segment.
- 14.5.4 Both the procedure altitude/height and the minimum altitude for obstacle clearance shall be published. In no case shall the procedure altitude/height be lower than the minimum altitude for obstacle clearance.
- 14.5.5 OCA and/or an OCH shall be published for each instrument approach and circling procedure, the value shall be expressed in 5-m or 10-ft increments by rounding up as appropriate.



**15 MISSED APPROACH SEGMENT****15.1 GENERAL**

- 15.1.1 A missed approach procedure shall be established for each instrument approach and shall specify a point where the procedure begins and a point where it ends.
- 15.1.2 The missed approach procedure is initiated:
- at the decision altitude height (DA/H) in precision approach procedures or approach with vertical guidance (APV); or
  - at the missed approach point (MAPt) in non-precision approach procedures.
- 15.1.3 The missed approach procedure shall terminate at an altitude/height sufficient to permit:
- initiation of another approach; or
  - return to a designated holding pattern;
  - or c) resumption of en-route flight.
- 15.1.4 Only one missed approach procedure shall be established for each approach procedure.

**15.2 PHASES OF MISSED APPROACH SEGMENT**

- 15.2.1 In principle the missed approach segment starts at the MAPt and includes the following three phases:
- initial phase — begins at the earliest MAPt, and extends until the Start of Climb (SOC). Generally it is a level segment to accelerate and establish a climb of 2.5% gradient. MOC is same as final approach.
  - intermediate phase — extends from the SOC to the point where 50M(164ft) obstacle clearance is first obtained and can be maintained. MOC is 30M in the primary area, and 30M(98ft) at the inner edge of secondary area reducing to zero at the outer edge ;
  - final phase — start at the point where MOC of 50M is achieved then extends to the point at which a new approach, holding or return to en-route flight is initiated. Turns may be carried out during this phase.

**15.3 TYPES OF MISSED APPROACH:**

- 15.3.1 Two types of missed approach can be designed:
- straight missed approach (includes turns less than or equal to 15 degrees);
  - or b) turning missed approach.

**15.4 LOCATION OF MISSED APPROACH POINT:**

15.4.1 The optimum location of the MAPt is the runway threshold. Where necessary, the MAPt may be moved closer to the FAF provided that the OCA/H is not lower than the altitude/height at the MAPt on a nominal 5.2 per cent (3°) descent gradient or the promulgated descent gradient if steeper. An increase in OCA/H may be required to meet this condition.

**15.5 MISSED APPROACH AREA**

15.5.1 The tolerance overhead a MAPt, aircraft type & speed, atmospheric condition at the initial phase of missed approach and the pilot reaction shall carefully be considered for calculating distance from MAPt to Start of Climb (SOC) and constructing the missed approach area.

15.5.2 The area considered for the missed approach shall start at the earliest MAPt tolerance, with a width equal to that of the final approach segment at that point. The subsequent size and shape of the area will depend on the missed approach procedure, including the point at which a turn is initiated, if applicable, and the extent of the turn.

**15.6 TURN AREA CONSTRUCTION**

15.6.1 General criteria for the construction of turn area discussed in Para 9.2 of this

MANUAL shall apply for constructing missed approach turn area.

**15.7 GRADIENT**

15.7.1 Initial phase: The flight track is horizontal.

15.7.2 Intermediate phase: The nominal climb gradient (tan Z) of the missed approach surface is 2.5 per cent (Cat H 4.2 per cent). A gradient of 2 per cent may be used if the necessary survey and safeguarding can be provided. Maximum climb gradient of 5 per cent may also be specified. These may be used by aircraft whose climb performance permits the operational advantage of the lower OCA/H associated with these gradients, with the approval of CAAN.

15.7.3 The climb gradient greater than 5% may be used only after consultation and concurrence of all the stakeholders and approval from CAAN.

15.7.4 Final phase: The criteria of the intermediate phase apply.

**15.8 MOC**

15.8.1 In the initial missed approach area, the minimum obstacle clearance (MOC) shall be the same as for the last part of the final approach area.

15.8.2 In the intermediate missed approach phase, the minimum obstacle clearance shall be 30 m (98 ft) in the primary area, and in the secondary area the minimum obstacle clearance shall be 30 m (98 ft) at the inner edge, reducing linearly to zero at the outer edge.

**15.4 LOCATION OF MISSED APPROACH POINT:**

15.8.3 In the final missed approach phase of a straight missed approach the minimum obstacle clearance shall be 50 m (164 ft) (Cat H, 40 m (132 ft)) in the primary area, reducing linearly to zero at the outer edge of the secondary area.

## 15.9 PROMULGATION

- 15.9.1 The OCA/H for the nominal 2.5 per cent must always be published on the instrument approach chart. If additional gradients are specified in the construction of the missed approach procedure, they and their associated OCA/H values must be published as alternative options.



**16 MINIMUM SECTOR ALTITUDES (MSA)****16.1 GENERAL**

16.1.1 Minimum sector altitudes shall be established for each aerodrome where instrument approach procedures have been established. Each minimum sector altitude shall be calculated by:

- a. taking the highest elevation in the sector concerned;
- b. adding a clearance of at least 300 m (1 000 ft); and
- c. rounding the resulting value up to the next higher 50-m or 100-ft increment, as appropriate.

16.1.2 If the difference between sector altitudes is insignificant (i.e. in the order of 100 m or 300 ft as appropriate) a minimum altitude applicable to all sectors may be established.

16.1.3 A minimum altitude shall apply within a radius of 46 km (25 NM) of the homing facility on which the instrument approach is based. The minimum obstacle clearance when flying over mountainous areas shall be increased by as much as 300 m (1 000 ft).

16.1.4 The sectors shall normally coincide with the quadrants of the compass. However, when topographical or other conditions make it desirable, the boundaries of the sectors may be chosen to obtain the most favourable minimum sector altitudes.

**16.2 OBSTACLES IN BUFFER AREA**

16.2.1 Obstacles within a buffer zone of 9 km (5 NM) around the boundaries of any given sector shall be considered as well. If such obstacles are higher than the highest obstacle within the sector, then the minimum sector altitude shall be calculated by:

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- c. rounding the resulting value up to the nearest 50 m (100 ft).

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16.3.1 Where more than one facility provides instrument approaches to an aerodrome, and several minimum sector altitude diagrams are involved, individual diagrams shall be produced and minimum sector altitudes calculated.

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**16.4 SECTORS CENTERED ON A VOR/DME OR NDB/DME**

16.4.1 In sectors centred on a VOR/DME or NDB/DME, it is possible to define an additional boundary (DME arc) within a sector, dividing the sector into two subsectors with the lower MSA in the inner area.

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**17 PRECISION APPROACH PROCEDURE****17.1 GENERAL**

17.1.1 The basic difference in construction between Precision and Non-Precision approach procedure is that precision approach contains a precision segment. The procedure from enroute to the precision segment of the approach and in the final missed approach phase conforms with the general criteria. The differences are found in the physical requirements for the precision segment which contains the final approach segment as well as the initial and intermediate phases of the missed approach segment. These requirements are related to the performance of Cat I, II and III systems.

17.1.2 The precision segment starts at the final approach point (FAP), which is the intersection of the nominal glide path and the minimum altitude specified for the preceding segment.

17.1.3 The FAP shall not normally be located more than 10.0 NM before threshold, unless adequate glide path guidance beyond the minimum specified in Annex 10 is provided.

17.1.4 CRM software shall be used in accordance with ICAO Doc. 9724 for safety assessment in the precision approach procedure

**17.2 PRECISION APPROACH WITH INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM (ILS)****17.2.1 INITIAL APPROACH SEGMENT**

17.2.1.1 The initial approach segment must ensure that the aircraft is positioned within the operational service volume of the localizer on a heading that will facilitate localizer interception. For this reason, the general criteria which apply to the initial segment shall be modified in accordance with PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II.

**17.2.2 INTERMEDIATE APPROACH SEGMENT**

17.2.2.1 The intermediate approach segment for ILS differs from the general criteria in that:

- a) the alignment coincides with the localizer course;
- b) the length may be reduced; and
- c) in certain cases the secondary areas may be eliminated.

**17.2.3 PRECISION SEGMENT**

17.2.3.1 The precision segment is aligned with the localizer course and contains the final descent for landing as well as the initial and intermediate phases of the missed approach segment

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17.2.3.4 The precision segment normally terminates at the point where the final phase of the missed approach commences or where the missed approach climb surface (starting 900 m past threshold) reaches a height of 300 m (984 ft) above threshold, whichever is lower.

### 17.2.4 OBSTACLE CLEARANCE OF THE PRECISION SEGMENT USING OBSTACLE ASSESSMENT SURFACE (OAS) CRITERIA

17.2.4.1 The OAS consist of six sloping plane surfaces (denoted by letters W, X, Y, and Z) arranged symmetrically about the precision segment track, together with the horizontal plane which contains the threshold. The geometry of the sloping surfaces is defined by four linear equations of the form  $z = Ax + By + C$ . In these equations x and y are position coordinates and z is the height of the surface at that position.

17.2.4.2 The OAS dimensions are related to:

- a) the ILS geometry (localizer-threshold distance, glide path angle, ILS RDH, localizer sector width);
- b) the category of ILS operation; and
- c) other factors, including aircraft geometry, missed approach climb gradient.

A table of OCA/H values for each aircraft category may be calculated for Cat I and II ILS operations at the particular airfield.

17.2.4.3 OAS are not intended to replace Annex 14 surfaces as planning surfaces for unrestricted obstacle growth. The obstacle density between the basic ILS surfaces and the OAS must be accounted for the effect of obstacle density on OCA/H.

17.2.4.4 For calculating & establishing OCA/H and for the other relevant criteria, the steps &

procedure contained in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II shall be followed.

17.2.4.5 The OCA/H as calculated and established above shall be published in the chart.

### 17.2.5 MISSED APPROACH SEGMENT

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17.2.5.1 The criteria for the final missed approach are based on those for the general criteria.

Certain modifications may be made following PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II to allow for the different phases and surfaces associated with the precision segment and for the possible variation in OCA/H for that segment with aircraft category.

17.2.5.2 Area shall be constructed according to the navigation system specified for the missed approach.

**18 LOCALIZER (LLZ) ONLY**

- 18.1 The localizer only procedure is a non-precision approach procedure. The general criteria apply with the in exceptions in intermediate & final approach segment.
- 18.2 The intermediate approach segment shall terminate at the FAF (outer marker or any fix meeting the FAF requirements). The width of the primary and secondary areas shall meet the criteria specified in PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Volume-II.
- 18.3 The final approach segment shall start at the FAF. It shall terminate at the MAPt, which shall not be beyond the threshold.
- 18.4 The alignment of the final approach track with the runway centre line determines whether a straight-in or circling approach may be established.



**19 GNSS RNAV, RNP & BARO-VNAV APPROACH PROCEDURE**

19.1 Concerned chapters of PANS-OPS Doc. 8168, Vol-II shall be followed for constructing the approach procedure when required.





**20 PUBLISHED MINIMA**

The procedures or values as prescribed, published or authorized by the CAAN shall be used in publishing the visibility minima in the instrument flight procedure charts. If there is no such prescription, publication or authorization, the provisions as mentioned in All Weather Operations Manual, ICAO Doc 9365 should be adopted.



## **21 PROCEDURE NAMING & CHARTING**

### **21.1 GENERAL**

Instrument approach, arrival & departure procedures shall be named in accordance with the naming convention contained in ICAO PANS-OPS DOC 8168, Vol.-II, CAR-11 & ICAO Annex-11.

### **21.2 SCALE OF MAPS**

21.2.1 The following scale of maps shall be used for plotting instrument flight procedure segments:

- (a) 1:1000,000 and 1:500,000 for initial calculation of minimum sector altitudes.
- (b) 1:250,000 for confirmation of minimum sector altitude, standard arrival routes, racetrack and reversal areas, initial, intermediate and missed approach segments.
- (c) 1:100,000 and 1:50,000 for detail checks within racetrack/reversal areas, intermediate areas, final approach area and missed approach area.
- (d) 1:25,000 and 1:10,000 for check of the ILS precision segment and preparation of obstacle data for CRM.

### **21.3 CHARTING FOR AIP**

21.3.1 Publication procedure of charts to be followed is contained in:

- a. Standard Departure Chart — Instrument (SID) — ICAO Annex 4, Chapter 9;
- b. Standard Arrival Chart — Instrument (STAR) — ICAO Annex 4, Chapter 10;  
&
- c. Instrument Approach Chart — ICAO Annex 4, Chapter 11.

### **21.4 CHARTING ACCURACY**

21.4.1 Charting tolerance should be added to the height and location of the controlling terrain feature or obstacle when instrument approach procedures are developed in accordance with ICAO PANS-OPS DOC 8168, Vol-II. "Charting accuracy".

21.4.2 When the application of these tolerances creates an unacceptable operational penalty, additional survey information shall be used to refine the obstacle location and height data.



**22 GROUND AND FLIGHT VALIDATION****22.1 VALIDATION**

22.1.1 Validation is the necessary final quality assurance step in the procedure design process, prior to publication. The purpose of validation is the verification of all obstacle and navigation data, and assessment of flyability of the procedure. Validation normally consists of ground validation and flight validation. Ground validation shall always be undertaken.

22.1.2 When it can be verified, by ground validation (para 22.2), the accuracy and completeness of all obstacle and navigation data considered in the procedure design, and any other factors normally considered in the flight validation, then the flight validation requirement may be dispensed with.

**22.2 GROUND VALIDATION**

22.2.1 Ground validation is a review of the entire instrument flight procedure package by a person(s) trained in procedure design and with appropriate knowledge of flight validation issues. It is meant to catch errors in criteria and documentation, and evaluate on the ground, to the extent possible, those elements that will be evaluated in a flight validation.

22.2.2 Issues identified in the ground validation shall be addressed prior to any flight validation. The ground validation will also determine if flight validation is needed for modifications and amendments to previously published procedures.

**22.3 FLIGHT VALIDATION**

22.3.1 Except as mentioned in 22.1.2, flight validation of instrument flight procedures shall be carried out as part of the initial certification and shall also be included as part of the periodic quality assurance programme.

22.3.2 The flight validation shall be accomplished by a qualified and experienced flight inspector, certified or approved by the appropriate authority. The objectives of the flight validation of instrument flight procedures are to:

- a) provide assurance that adequate obstacle clearance has been provided;
- b) verify that the navigation data to be published, as well as that used in the design of the procedure, is correct;
- c) verify that all required infrastructure, such as runway markings, lighting, and communications and navigation sources, are in place and operative;
- d) conduct an assessment of flyability to determine that the procedure can be safely flown; and
- e) evaluate the charting, required infrastructure, visibility and other operational factors.

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- 22.3.3 Flight validation shall not be confused with flight inspection. Flight inspection of instrument flight procedures is required to assure that the appropriate radio navigation aids adequately support to the procedure. This is carried out in periodic intervals as part of a formal flight inspection programme and is performed by a qualified flight inspector using an appropriately equipped aircraft.
- 22.3.4 The procedure designer shall be the originator of all data applicable to conducting a flight validation provided to the flight inspection operations activity. The procedure designer shall be prepared to provide briefings to the flight inspection crews in those cases where flight procedures have unique application or special features.
- 22.3.5 The procedure designer may participate in the initial validation flight to assist in its evaluation and obtain direct knowledge of issues related to the procedure's design from the flight inspection pilot and/or inspector.
- 22.3.6 ICAO Manual on Testing of Radio Navigation Aids, Volumes I, II, and III (Doc 8071) shall be followed for guidance concerning flight inspection and validation of instrument flight procedures as well as qualifications and certification of flight inspectors.

**23 PROCEDURE DESIGN DOCUMENTATION**

23.1 The documentation provided by the procedure designer is divided into three categories and includes:

- a) documentation required for publication in AIP in accordance with ICAO Annexes 4 and 15;
- b) documentation required to maintain transparency concerning the details and assumptions used by the procedure designer, which shall include supporting information/data used in the design, such as:
  1. controlling obstacle for each segment of the procedure;
  2. effect of environmental considerations on the design of the procedure;
  3. infrastructure assessment;
  4. airspace constraints;
  5. for modifications or amendments to existing procedures, the reasons for any changes; and
  6. for any deviation from existing standards, the reasons for such a deviation and details of the mitigations applied to assure continued safe operations.
- c) additional documentation required to facilitate ground and flight validation of the procedure.

23.2 All documentation shall undergo a final verification for accuracy and completeness prior to validation and publication.

23.3 Degrees true are used for track in designing the procedure, however all published procedures shall be in degrees magnetic in accordance with Annex 4.





**24 PROMULGATION**

- 24.1 The promulgation of the instrument flight procedures in AIP Nepal shall be undertaken by Aeronautical Information Management Department in accordance with relevant applicable provisions.
- 24.2 Procedure designers shall ensure that all important and necessary information pertaining to safety of air navigation has been depicted on the charts.



## **25 SAFETY ASSESSMENT AND DESIGN APPROVAL**

### **25.1 SAFETY ASSESSMENT**

25.1.1 The IFP design office shall carry out a safety assessment in respect of proposals for new flight procedure designs or any significant changes in a revised procedure. Proposals shall be implemented only when the assessment has shown that an acceptable level of safety will be met.

25.1.2 The safety assessment shall consider relevant factors determined to be safety-significant, including but not limited to:

- a) types of aircraft and their performance characteristics, including navigation capabilities and navigation performance;
- b) traffic density and distribution;
- c) airspace complexity; ATS route structure and classification of the airspace;
- d) aerodrome layout
- e) type and capabilities of ground navigation systems
- f) any significant local or regional data (e.g. obstacles, infrastructures, operational factors, etc).

25.1.3 Safety risk control/mitigation process shall include hazard/consequence identification and safety risk assessment. Once hazards and consequences have been identified and safety risks assessed, the effectiveness and efficiency of existing aviation system defenses relative to the hazards and consequences shall be evaluated. As a consequence of this evaluation, existing defenses shall be reinforced, new ones introduced, or both.

25.1.4 As part of the safety assurance, the risk control/ mitigation process shall include a system of feedback. This is to ensure integrity, efficiency and effectiveness of the defenses under the new operational conditions.

25.1.5 The IFP design office shall ensure that the results and conclusions of the safety assessment and mitigation process of a new or changed procedure are specifically documented, and that this documentation is maintained throughout the life of the instrument flight procedure.

### **25.2 DESIGN APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION**

25.2.1 IFP Design office shall obtain approval from the DGCA Nepal before promulgating instrument flight procedures.



**26 REVIEW OF PROCEDURE & RETENSION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 26.1 Published instrument flight procedures shall be subjected to a periodic review to ensure that they continue to comply with changing criteria and meet user requirements, and to ensure that significant changes to the obstacles, aerodrome, aeronautical and navaid data are assessed for their impact on the IFPs. The maximum interval for this review will be 05 (five) years.
- 26.2 All documents concerned to the instrument flight procedure design shall be retained in the procedure design office to assist in recreating the procedure in the future in the case of incidents and for periodic review and maintenance. The period of retention shall not be less than the operational lifetime of the procedure.



**27 NORMAL AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

- 27.1 The design of procedures shall assume normal operations and that all engines of the aircraft are operating.
- 27.2 It is the responsibility of the operator to conduct an examination of all relevant obstacles and to ensure that the performance requirements of Annex 6 are met by the provision of contingency procedures for abnormal and emergency operations. Where terrain and/or obstacle considerations permit, the contingency procedure routing shall follow that of the departure/arrival procedure.
- 27.3 The obstacle information described in Annexes 4 and 6, and any additional information used in the design shall be made available in AIP.





**28 PROCEDURE DESIGN AUTOMATION**

- 28.1 Procedure design automation tools have the potential to greatly reduce errors in the procedure design process. The advantages are many, including maintaining the integrity of the source data throughout the design phase, reducing human errors, gaining the capability to develop “what-if” scenarios, and standardized application of the PANS-OPS criteria. For this reason procedure design office may use the available software packages to design their instrument flight procedures.
- 28.2 While software developers test their software extensively, there is no absolute guarantee as to the accuracy of any individual application of the criteria. So, it shall be checked carefully that the software packages used in the design of procedures have been validated and approved by DGCA Nepal.



**29 GUIDANCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

- 29.1 Although procedure designers are primarily concerned with obstacle clearance criteria, but attention must be given to other important elements in procedure design, namely airspace requirements, ATS operational requirements and, in many cases, environmental requirements imposed by governmental organizations.
- 29.2 When planning departure routes, it is generally feasible to define the aircraft containment area and its distribution. This will allow either concentrating or spreading aircraft noise.
- 29.3 The decision to use spread or concentrate aircraft noise method— or to combine both methods — shall always be made for each individual airport, thereby taking into account the density of population.



**30 REVISION OF THIS MANUAL**

- 30.1 All or any of the chapter of this Manual will be revised time to time as an when the appropriate authority feels it necessary.

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