

ATC VHF Operator – How to Get Started

From ACP 44

(1) Training Objective.

To be able to operate VHF/UHF radio unsupervised to the satisfaction of the Unit Radio Instructor.

(2) Enabling Objectives.

To have a knowledge of:

The Phonetic Alphabet and Numbers.

Voice Procedures.

Prowords.

Communications Security.

Log Keeping.

Use and care of Batteries.

Safety in the Radio Room and in the field.

To be aware of:

Type and equipment and frequencies in use on the unit.

Operating ranges of equipment in use.

Talk through operation (Repeaters).

Phone patch.

Aerials.

Frequencies and Power Output restrictions.

Cadet must be 1st Class or better to start.

Study ACP31 and additional material from the Wing Radio Training Team for 5Hrs.

It is very helpful if the cadets are made to practice their radio protocols while talking between desks.
No radios needed

Test Cadet using the Provisional Operator exam paper.

If the exam is passed, the Cadet becomes **ATC VHF Provisional Operator**
A certificate is issued, 3822 can be signed.
Cadet can operate radios under supervision.

20 Hours practical experience of operating and continuous assessment on Squadron.

If radios are in short supply an amount of this can be done by voice just as above.

Send for Wing radio exam papers.
Return the completed papers for marking.

Cadet must be Leading or better to get past this point.

Cadet Becomes **ATC VHF Operator**
A certificate is issued, 3822 can be signed.
Can use radios alone and supervise provisional operators.

This counts as a 25 Hour project/skill for the Leading Cadet qualification.