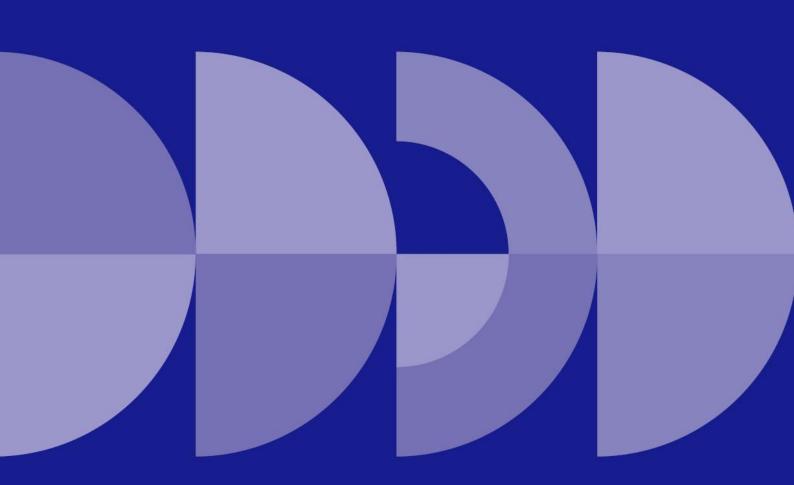


# Airside Bus Operations Collaborative Process

Civil Aviation Rules Part 139



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### List of Abbreviations

AOT

**GHR** 

ADP	Airside Driving Permit
AEP	Airfield Emergency Plan
ATL	Airfield Team Leader
ATP	Airfield Team Planner
AR	Airline Representative
AVP	Airside Vehicle Permit
BD	Bus Driver
BSP	Bus Service Provider
BSS	Bus Shift Supervisor
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETD	Estimated Time of Departure
GH	Ground Handler

**Airfield Operations Team** 

**Ground Handler Representative GSE** 

**Ground Service Equipment** 

MPI Ministry of Primary Industries

**TSV Tarmac Support Vehicle** 

UHF Ultra-High Frequency Radio

VHF Very-High Frequency Radio

### **Key Airport Contact Details**

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Bus Shift Supervisor	+64 27 705 1117

#### 1 Safety and Security

Safety and security best practices should take precedence over any of the processes in this document in any situation where it could be deemed that safety or security is likely to be put at risk. This document encourages all stakeholders to work safely together and formalises processes that strengthen safety and security.

#### 2 Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline for all stakeholders an agreed collaborative process to ensure consistency in airside bus operations. Please also refer to the following separate documents for further information on stand allocation, rules for driving airside and rules for working airside. These documents can be obtained from the following website address:

www.aucklandairport.co.nz/airfieldinformation

#### 3 Airside Driving and Vehicle Permit Rules

Auckland Airport is the private property of Auckland International Airport Limited ("AIAL"). AIAL grants access to the airside area ONLY to approved drivers and vehicles, and that access is conditional on observance of the rules outlined in the Airside Driving and Vehicle Permit Rules. Failure to observe these rules may lead to revocation of airside access.

### 4 Stand Allocation Principles Document

The AIAL Airfield Operations Team ("AOT") controls and manages stand allocation at Auckland Airport and produces a daily stand allocation plan based on the scheduled traffic information that operators submit to Airport Coordination Limited UK. All stands are common-use aircraft stands and are allocated to ensure efficient use of airport infrastructure. The Stand Allocation Principles document outlines how AOT allocates aircraft stands, both contact and remote, on a daily basis.

#### 5 Rules for Airside Workers

AIAL grants access to the airside area at its own discretion, which is conditional on compliance with all relevant safety and security procedures outlined in the Rules for Airside Workers. These rules must be read in conjunction with any other rules that apply to conducting operations at Auckland Airport. All workers operating in the airside area must be familiar with and adhere to the provisions of these Rules in order to minimize and mitigate the potential dangers.

#### 6 Failure to Comply

Any individual that fails to comply with any applicable rules may be asked to immediately leave the airside area, and access to airside areas may be suspended or withdrawn permanently.

### 7 Changes to Rules

AIAL may change or update these documents at any time without notice.

#### 8 Airfield Team Planner

Through the Airside Tactical COG, the Airfield Team Planner will be working to create visibility around projected bus operations for the upcoming flight season. This will ensure planned and actual fairness levels of bus operations between ground handlers are measurable.

#### 9 Airside Bus Operations

- 9.1 Please refer to Appendix A for the layout of the Auckland International Apron, this provides an overview of international contact stands, remote stands, gate lounges and arrival doors for bus operations and the apron road system.
- 9.2 All international bus operation departures will be from gate lounges on either Pier A or Pier B;
  - Pier A gate lounges are located on the ground level between stands 3 and 4;
    - o These are designated as gate lounges 4A and 4B on the Eastern side, and 4C and 4D on the Western side.
    - o 4A and 4B are generally allocated for departures off the eastern side.
    - o 4C and 4D are generally allocated for departures off the western side.
  - Pier B gate lounges are located on the ground level at the head of stand 16;
    - o These are designated as gate lounges 16A, 16B, 16C and 16D.
    - o 16A, 16B, 16C and 16D are generally allocated for departures on the western side.
  - All gate lounges have bathroom facilities and lift access.
- 9.3 All international bus arrivals will transfer passengers to the terminal via Door 13 or Door 118;
  - Door 13 is located on the Eastern side of stand 15.
  - Door 118 is located on the Eastern side of Pier A, abeam stand 6.
  - Both arrival doors have lift access into the terminal.
- 9.4 For any questions or concerns, please contact the AOT.

### 10 AOT Responsibilities

- 10.1 Allocate bus operations by 2000 the day prior to bus operations, as per Stand Allocation document.
- 10.2 Acknowledge any GH/AR requests or concerns, look into the request and approve if achievable, taking into consideration fairness, apron optimisation and the effect of change on other ground handlers or airlines.
- 10.3 Advise BSS and GH of any changes to bus operations as soon as practical if the change occurs within 4 hours of the flight arrival or departure. Advise the BSS over the UHF bus radio channel 10 or phoning 027 705 1117, and the ground handler via the appropriate contact numbers.

### 11 Bus Service Provider Responsibilities

- 11.1 Roster to meet the total driver demand agreement set at governance meetings.
- 11.2 Ensure that the "Airside bus sterile process" (Appendix B) is followed and met at all times.
- 11.3 Any bus provided must have an AVP and be accompanied by a BD with a valid ADP.
- 11.4 Provide a replacement BD prior to a BD whose shift is either due to end or will exceed their duty hours before the end of their required hours.
- 11.5 Ensure all supplied BDs are fit to commence duty airside (eg, sufficient rest period, etc).

#### 12 Bus Driver Responsibilities

- 12.1 Ensure that the "Airside bus sterile process" (Appendix B) is followed and met at all times.
- 12.2 Ensure that the assigned bus is ready for service as per the pre-start checks, complete the checklist and acknowledge in the Bus RMS system portal.
- 12.3 Adhere to Airside Driving Rules and Rules for Airside Workers at all times whilst airside.
- 12.4 Communicate with BSS or BD via the 'BUS' UHF Channel 07;
  - Ensure correct radio procedures are followed at all times and avoid any unnecessary chat.
- 12.5 Maintain a listening watch on VHF 123.0 whilst operating on the international apron to be aware of any aircraft movement. Maintain a listening watch on the Bus UHF channel, unless on a designated break.
- 12.6 Welcome passengers onto the bus by physically standing at the bus door.
- 12.7 Ensure courtesy to all passengers at all times.
- 12.8 Be an active member of the airport community by keeping a safety watch on operational areas at all times.
- 12.9 Perform tasks assigned as per the Bussing RMS system, advise the Bus Supervisor of any challenges.
- 12.10 For arriving flights, ensure that the pre-set safety messages advising on the correct use of the escalators is played prior to passengers disembarking the bus.
- 12.11 Load passengers from an arriving flight through the middle door of the Cobus 2700, and if more than one ground rep is present then two-door loading can be used. When dropping passengers off at doors 13 or 118 the same applies.
- 12.12 For departing flights, offload passengers at the aircraft using one door lined up with the AviRamp or stairs.
- 12.13 Ensure bus is efficiently filled as per airside bus specifications (see Appendix C), whilst not jeopardising passenger comfort, safety and bus utilisation.
- 12.14 Await confirmation from AR/GHR to depart from aircraft or gate lounge, after the last passenger is on the bus.
- 12.15 When arriving at an aircraft or an arrival door, wait for AR/GHR to advise before commencing passenger embarkation/disembarkation. A physical thumbs-up between the bus driver and the ground rep should confirm that the ground rep is comfortable to receive the passengers.
- 12.16 Do not allow passengers to embark/disembark if there is no AR/GHR present; the bus doors must remain closed and the BSS must be advised.
- 12.17 For any departure bus operation:
  - Before leaving the Gate Lounge, ensure AR/GHR is already present on the aircraft layover stand to assist passengers boarding the aircraft.
  - If the AR/GHR is not present, do not commence boarding of the aircraft and advise BSS.
- 12.18 For any arrival bus operation:
  - Ensure AR/GHR is present on the aircraft layover stand to oversee and manage the disembarkation of passengers from the aircraft onto the bus; and
  - Ensure AR/GHR is present at the appropriate arrival door to receive the passengers as they disembark the bus: and
  - If the AR/GHR is not present at any of these two points, do not commence passenger movement and advise BSS.

- 12.19 Search the bus immediately after an operation and hand any items left by passengers in the bus to the AR/GHR and advise BSS. Note in the comments/observations section of report, with short description of item(s).
- 12.20 Any issues or hazards to be communicated to the BSS as soon as possible.
- 12.21 Remain airside unless approved by BSS to stand-down from duty.
- 12.22 Upon leaving airside, notify BSS on 'BUS' UHF Channel 10.
- 12.23 Ensure that all documentation is filled in correctly and all reporting is captured throughout the course of the shift.
- 12.24 If entering the airside environment on foot, ensure that the access is via the gate at the honeypot, and upon entry present to the AVSEC security officer in the Menzies oversize and fragile and undergo the security check, which may include:
  - A physical wand-over;
  - Checking of water, food;
  - A visual check of the BD AVSEC card; and/or
  - Further checks as deemed necessary by AVSEC.
- 12.25 If entering the airside environment by bus, the access must be via Checkpoint Charlie where, along with the above checks, a check of the bus by an AVSEC officer will also be carried out.
- 12.26 Ensure no biosecurity risk material remains on board after pax have disembarked.

### 13 Ground Handler Responsibilities

- 13.1 Provide suggestions or express any concerns with planned bus operations by 2000 to AOT on the day prior to the day of operations, as per Clause 14 or current equivalent in the Stand Allocation Document.
- 13.2 Ensure that passenger numbers are updated and fed into the wider AOS platform prior to day of operations (to assist AOT/BSS in determining number of buses to order), having this information incorrect will impact the number of buses sent to the operation.
- 13.3 On the day of operations, communicate directly with the BSS for any bus operational requirements.
- 13.4 All transportation to/from the layover aircraft will need to be communicated and arranged with the BSS;
  - Please ensure all non-aircrew personnel requiring transportation are transferred at the same time, as this is limited to one return transfer per flight.
- 13.5 Advise BSS when aircrew are ready for pick up from the appropriate gate lounge.
- 13.6 Be an active member of the airport community by keeping a safety watch on operational areas at all times.
- 13.7 Confirm with BD that it is safe for the bus to pull away from aircraft or gate lounge after the last passenger is on the bus.
- 13.8 Advise BD when ready for passengers to disembark the bus at the aircraft/arrival door.
- 13.9 For any departure bus operation, before allowing bus to leave the Departure Lounge to transport first busload of pax, GH to ensure:

- The aircraft is ready to accept passengers (stairs on and crew ready); and
- A GHR is already present on the aircraft layover stand to assist and manage passengers boarding the aircraft.
- 13.10 Note that if a GHR is not present at any of the two points, BD will not allow passenger movement to commence.
- 13.11 For any arrival bus operation, GH to ensure:
  - A marshal is in place, with wands, prior to the aircraft approaching its layover stand, to eliminate any congestion on the manoeuvring area; and
  - Passenger service stairs or AviRamp are staged and awaiting arrival of the aircraft; and
  - GHR is present on the aircraft layover stand to oversee and assist the disembarkation of passengers from the aircraft; and
  - GHR is present at the appropriate arrival door to receive the passengers as they disembark the bus.
- 13.12 Note that if a GHR is not present at any of the two points, BD will not allow a passenger movement to commence.
- 13.13 If any delays are expected, notify the BSS as soon as practical (eg, delay of service stairs, aircraft not ready to board, GH delay to arrival door or aircraft, etc). This will enable the BSS and GH to manage the issue collaboratively and ensure an ongoing high standard of passenger experience.
- 13.14 If an arriving or departing bus operation flight is off-schedule, priority for buses may be given to on-schedule flights.

### 14 Airline Responsibilities, if Applicable

- 14.1 Provide suggestions or express any concerns with planned bus operations by 2000 to AOT on the day prior to the day of operations, as per Clause 14 or current equivalent in the Stand Allocation Document.
- 14.2 On the day of operations, communicate directly with the BSS for any bus operational requirements.
- 14.3 All transportation to/from the layover aircraft will need to be communicated and arranged with the BSS;
  - Please ensure all non-aircrew personnel requiring transportation are transferred at the same time, as this is limited to one return transfer per flight.
- 14.4 Be an active member of the airport community by keeping a safety watch on operational areas at all times.
- 14.5 Confirm with BD that it is safe for the bus to pull away from aircraft or gate lounge after the last passenger is on the bus.
- 14.6 Advise BD when ready for passengers to disembark the bus at the aircraft/arrival door.
- 14.7 For any departure bus operation, AR to ensure:
  - The aircraft is ready to accept passengers before sending bus from the gate lounge; and
  - An AR, if not GHR, is present on the aircraft layover stand to assist and manage passengers boarding the aircraft.
- 14.8 Note that if an AR or GHR is not present at any of the two points, BD will not allow passenger movement to commence.
- 14.9 For any arrival bus operation, AR to ensure:

- GH is on layover stand prior to the aircraft approaching, to eliminate any congestion on the manoeuvring area.
- Passenger service stairs are available and awaiting arrival of the aircraft.
- GHR, if not AR, is present on the aircraft layover stand to oversee and assist the disembarkation of passengers from the aircraft.
- GHR, if not AR, is present at the appropriate arrival door to receive the passengers as they disembark the bus.
- 14.10 Note that if an AR or GHR is not present at any of the two points, BD will not allow passenger movement to commence.
- 14.11 If an arriving or departing bus operation flight is off-schedule, priority for buses may be given to on-schedule flights.

### 15 Bus Shift Supervisor Responsibilities

- 15.1 Ensure that the "Airside bus sterile process" (Appendix B) is followed and met at all times.
- 15.2 Adhere to Airside Driving Rules at all times.
- 15.3 Be the main point of contact for AOT, GHR, AR, TSV, MPI and BD.
- 15.4 Oversee and manage bus operations using the Bussing RMS application
- 15.5 Communicate with AOT on "AOT" UHF Channel 4, and if necessary call AOT (ph (09) 256-8990).
- 15.6 Be the main point of contact for BD and communicate on "BUS" UHF Channel 7.
- 15.7 Using the Bussing application facilitate or delegate (to TSV or BD) any transportation requests from AOT, GH, MPI, or AR.
- 15.8 Using the Busing application ensure a bus is ready to collect crew, at no later than ETD-60 minutes, unless otherwise coordinated with GH/AR.
- 15.9 Using the Busing application ensure a bus is ready to start boarding passengers, at no later than ETD-45 minutes, unless otherwise coordinated with GH/AR.
- 15.10 Using the busing application ensure that a bus is ready at the layover stand, at no later than ETA-5 minutes for an arriving aircraft.
- 15.11 Complete all reporting as agreed and share with the Operations Performance and Delivery Manager and the Ground Transport Coordinator prior to 0600 the following day.
- 15.12 Update AOT of any bus operation disruptions or issues, and if required, escalate to ATL.
- 15.13 Using the Busing application record any delays with root cause, as well as incidents, issues, accidents or any other noteworthy information.
- 15.14 Be an active member of the airport community by keeping a safety watch on operational areas at all times.
- 15.15 If an arriving or departing bus operation flight is off schedule, priority for buses may be given to flights on schedule.

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- 15.16 When an Airside bus is used on either a domestic or regional flight and then positioned to an International flight, there is a requirement to have that bus screened by an authorised AVSEC officer. Before moving over to International, but after leaving the last domestic/regional trip, the BSS is to call AVSEC Operations on 09 255 6000 to request a mobile officer to meet the bus to carry out the screening process in an agreed location near stand 82. The BSS is to manage these communications with the bus driver in order to ensure that the process occurs correctly, and should receive confirmation from AVSEC that the screening has been completed before sending the bus driver to the next task.
- 15.17 Using the tools in the Control Room, including CCTV, RMS, and radio, check that remote stands expecting bus operations have been set up with:
  - GSE, including stairs, AviRamps, dollies, etc, staged correctly;
  - Clear access and egress for buses and aircraft (no GSE or fuel trucks in the way);
  - Airline Rep and, for arriving aircraft, Marshal, with wands, present at stand.
- 15.18 Where there is an issue, resolve this by;
  - Asking TSV or another bus driver to go and physically check a situation that is perhaps unclear on the CCTV;
  - Asking the TSV or another bus driver to locate a GH to help resolve an issue;
  - Directly contacting the GH Control Room to ask for an issue to be resolved;
  - Escalating to AOT where this has not been resolved before an aircraft is due to arrive, particularly where this is likely to cause a delay to passenger processes.

### 16 Tarmac Support Vehicle Responsibilities

- 16.1 Adhere to Airside Driving Rules at all times.
- 16.2 Ensure that the "Airside bus sterile process" (Appendix B) is followed and met at all times.
- 16.3 Ensure bus routes are clear of any obstacles, eg, GSE.
- 16.4 If instructed by BSS, and available, transport technical/cabin crew to/from aircraft.
- 16.5 Provide support to BSS when necessary.
- 16.6 Communicate with BSS and BD on "BUS" UHF Channel 07.
- 16.7 Be an active member of the airport community by keeping a safety watch on operational areas at all times.

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### 17 MPI Responsibilities

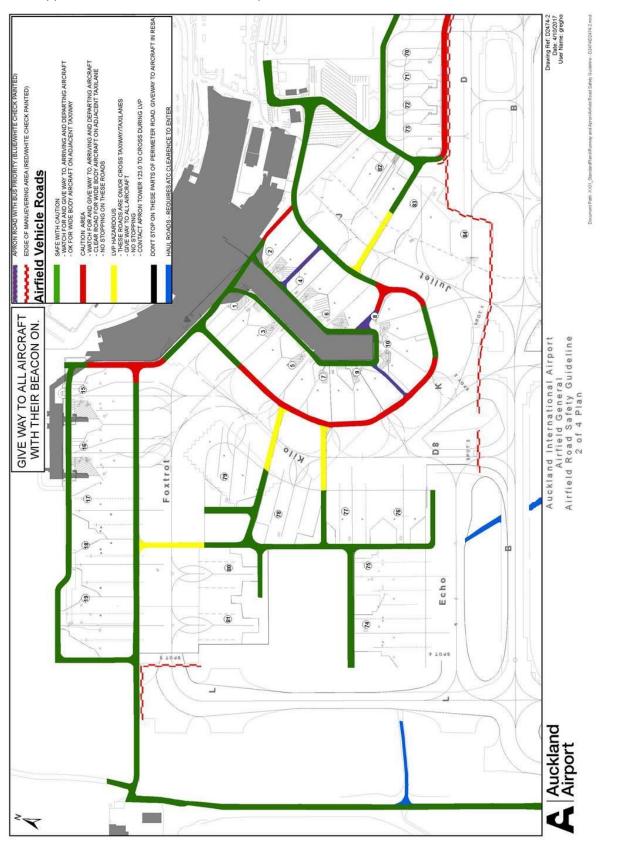
- 17.1 Advise BSS, with minimum 15 minutes notice, if requiring transportation to/from the aircraft.
- 17.2 Liaise with the BSS regarding the pick-up time and location.
- 17.3 Ensure that any trip to and from the aircraft for more than one MPI staff member is on the one trip.

### 18 AVSEC responsibilities

- 18.1 Ensure that the "Airside bus sterile process" (Appendix B) is followed and met at all times.
- 18.2 Carry out screening of both the bus and the bus driver, and any bag or other belongings of the bus driver, whenever the bus enters Airside through Checkpoint Charlie, and to sign the "log of bus security checks" form.
- 18.3 Carry out spot checks on busses as and when required in accordance with CAR Pt 140.A14.
- 18.4 Respond to carry out a mobile search of the bus and driver when the BSS advises that they are moving from domestic/regional over to International to carry passengers or crew.
- 18.5 In all instances, upon completion of a search, the AVSEC officer is to sign the "log of bus security checks" form.

### 19 Appendices

Appendix A: Auckland International Apron



#### Appendix B: "Airside Bus Sterile process"

Note that performing "a sterile" refers to the inspection process designed to establish that the inspected area can be classified as "sterile".

- 1. The Bus drivers will be mini-vanned in at approximately 0400 via Checkpoint Charlie.
- 2. The Bus drivers will be taken to the Bus park located in the GSE area by the western stands 74 and 75, start their vehicles and reposition to the portacom area under Stand 17.
- 3. Avsec will attend Stand 17 at 0430 hrs (Security 1 or Security 2 as directed by control room) to carry out a group sterile of the busses and wanding of drivers / inspection of portacom.
- 4. This involves wanding every bus driver and a walk-through sterile of each bus and the portacom.
- 5. The current recording system for busses "steriled" will continue (clipboards in busses). Exception-based (see below) driver checks will continue to occur at OOG2.
- 6. The responsibility for provision of all bus drivers and vehicles to the morning sterile location rests with AIAL and Bussing Ops.
- 7. Responsibility for presenting at OOG2 for any driver going landside to be re—wanded still rests with the drivers (AIAL Audit notebooks will still be operational for these instances).
- 8. Drivers remaining airside will only require rescreening if they have had contact with someone outside of normal operations (eg, someone with no legitimate operational reason was seen entering one of the busses) or the driver has a particular concern (eg, a large group of engineers with tools was transported out to a remote stand and the driver desires Avsec to check no tools were left on the bus).
- 9. Busses that remain airside will ONLY require sterile once every 24 hrs.
- 10. Busses that are required to go landside and return shall be re-sterilised at OOG2 as per normal by contact with Avsec Control room.
- 11. Change of shift drivers Bus Ops will notify Avsec Control room who will dispatch a vehicle. Minivan will proceed to OOG2 where a wand of drivers (including bus driver), physical search of bags and inspection of the interior of the minivan will take place. Minivan may then proceed to drop off drivers as required.
- 12. Busses changing from domestic to international ops will still require sterile via Avsec Control room.

#### **Notes:**

- 1. A sterile of the portacom will accept the presence of LAGs meal room items, tea and coffee facilities and basic cutlery that may exceed the 60mm rule.
- 2. This sterile will focus on non-meal room / non-work-purpose sharps, etc.
- 3. AIAL undertakes a monthly audit process for compliance of Bus drivers, with only water-bottles / drinks / snacks allowed in the secured cabin that have been sourced from the meal room after morning checks, and remain in the secure cabin, along with OOG2 access notes and sharps prohibitions in line with NPS guidelines.
- 4. Bus drivers using airside toilet facilities on the apron or under the terminals will not require rescreening.
- 5. AIAL will undertake random audits of Avsec sterile procedures to check compliance with correct protocols.
- 6. The portacom will have a PIN lock system and when unattended shall remain locked. Portacom will be unlocked by a driver for the morning sterile.

### Appendix C: Airside Bus Specifications







	2017 Cobus 2700		2011 Scania K320
In fleet	10	1	1
Length (m)	14.0	5.9	13.5
Width (m)	2.70	1.9	2.25
Standing Capacity (Max)	70	nil	36
Seats	14	18	40
Kneeling Capability	Yes, both sides	No	Yes
PRM Seating	Yes	Yes	Yes
Air conditioning	Yes	Yes	Yes
PRM	Yes	Yes	Yes