

AFSS TELEPHONE BRIEFING FLIGHT PLANNING TIPS

Use these shortcuts in place of voice recognition when calling

800-WX-BRIEF (800-992-7433):

- Press 1 to speak to a Briefer; enter state code (see below).
- Press 2 to issue, cancel, or amend NOTAM's (authorized persons only)
- Press 3 to listen to TIBS (transcribed information briefing service); enter state code.
- Press 4 to record a Fast File Flight Plan.
- Press 5 to hear Special Announcements.

Additional telephone numbers:

- Clearance Delivery 888-766-8267
- TIBS direct line: 877-4-TIBS-WX (877-484-2799); enter state code
- FAA's FSS Hotline: 888-FLT-SRVC (888-358-7782); register complaint
- **International access telephone numbers for U.S. Customs notification from areas in the Caribbean, Mexico, and South America:**
 - Albuquerque, New Mexico: 505-243-7831
 - Fort Worth Texas: 817-697-6110
 - Miami, Florida: 305-233-2600
 - Intra-Florida: 800-432-4716, within Florida for international briefings to Caribbean, Mexican, and South American destinations
 - Prescott, Arizona: 928-583-6126

<u>State</u>	<u>State Code</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>State Code</u>
Alabama	AL 25	Nevada	NV 68
Alaska	AK 25	New Hampshire	
Arizona	AZ 29		NH 64
Arkansas	AR 27	New Jersey	NJ 65
California	CA 22	New Mexico	NM 66
Colorado	CO 26	New York	NY 69
Connecticut	CT 28	North Carolina	
Delaware	DE 33		NC 62
District of Columbia		North Dakota	ND 63
	DC 32	Ohio	OH 64
Florida	FL 35	Oklahoma	OK 65
Georgia	GA 42	Oregon	OR 67
Hawaii	HI 44	Pennsylvania	PA 72
Idaho	ID 43	Puerto Rico	PR 77
Illinois	IL 45	Rhode Island	RI 74
Indiana IN	46	South Carolina	
Iowa	IA 42		SC 72
Kansas	KS 57	South Dakota	
Kentucky	KY 59		SD 73
Louisiana	LA 52	Tennessee	TN 86
Maine	ME 63	Texas	TX 89
Maryland	MD 63	Utah	UT 88
Massachusetts		Vermont	VT 88
	MA 62	Virgin Islands	
Michigan	MI 64		VI 84
Minnesota	MN 66	Virginia	VA 82
Mississippi	MS 67	Washington	WA 92
Missouri	MO 66	West Virginia	WV 98
Montana	MT 68	Wisconsin	WI 94
Nebraska	NE 63	Wyoming	WY 99

FSS Complaint Hotline - 888-358-7782



AFSS TELEPHONE BRIEFING TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

AVOID LONG TELEPHONE HOLD TIMES

- Use numeric prompts (see front side) to access specific services.
- For even faster service, press “1” and say “any” for first available briefer anywhere in the country.

GET A QUALITY PREFLIGHT BRIEFING

Ask for the appropriate briefing:

- Outlook - A synopsis of expected weather and flight restrictions more than six hours out and up to five days ahead.
- Standard - An in-depth briefing that provides current and forecast weather, adverse conditions, winds aloft, NOTAM's, and temporary flight restrictions (TFRs).
- Abbreviated - An updated briefing based on a previously received “Standard” briefing.
- Help the briefer help you:
 - Have all flight plan information at your fingertips including correct airport and navaid identifiers, waypoints, and other relevant details.
 - Ask for Local NOTAM's and TFRs; **don't count on the briefer to automatically provide this information.**
 - Use phonetic alphabet pronunciation to avoid mistakes.
 - Know how to express local times in Coordinated Universal Time (ZULU). <http://www.greenwichmeantime.com/>

MAKE SURE YOUR FLIGHT PLAN IS FILED

- Ask the briefer to confirm your flight plan has been accepted.
- Note the FSS you filed with and the airport identifiers used in the flight plan. This will help locate your flight plan if it is lost.

IFR DEPARTURE

- **Expedite Your IFR Clearance. Use the new FS21 dedicated IFR Clearance Delivery Telephone Number (888-766-8267) when departing IFR from a non-towered airport that does not have a remote communication frequency.**

PROBLEMS? REPORT THEM IMMEDIATELY

- If you experience poor performance with flight service, register your complaint with the FAA at 888-FLT-SRVC (888-358-7782).

WEATHER, TFR AND FLIGHT PLANNING SOURCES

Aviation Digital Data Service
CSC DUATS.
DUAT
GRAPHICAL TFR'S

<http://adds.aviationweather.noaa.gov>
<http://www.duats.comDTC>
<http://www.duat.com>
<http://airspace.nifc.gov>
<http://www.faa.gov>

