



AIR WALES

Eich Porth i Gymru - Your Gateway to Wales

Operations Handbook

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1. About Air Wales Virtual

Air Wales Virtual's story began in February 2018. The airline was founded to serve a market in the flight simulation community that hasn't previously existed. In the real world, Air Wales used to operate a small fleet of ATR-72 aircraft out of Cardiff to domestic airports within the UK, but ceased operations in 2006.

(*Air Wales Virtual is not affiliated nor associated with the previous Air Wales and is entirely fictional.*)

Whether you are a serious flight simmer or a casual virtual pilot, we have room for you here at Air Wales Virtual. We're proud to represent our country within the flight simulation community and we hope you'll be apart of it.

So, thank you for your interest, and Croeso i Gymru!

2. Fleet Information

Air Wales Virtual is split into two [2] divisions for operational purposes; Mainline and Connect. Mainline is inclusive of most UK services as well as all of our European and international services. Connect is a regional division that operates our shorter services, usually under 200nm in distance.

Fleet information for each division can be found below.

2.1 Air Wales Mainline

Aircraft Type	ICAO Code	Configuration	Number in Fleet
Bombardier Q400	DH8D	78Y	4
Boeing 737-800NG	B738	35B/130Y	5
Boeing 757-200	B752	10F/30B/145Y	3
Boeing 787-9	B789	12F/30B/175Y	3

2.2 Air Wales Connect

Aircraft Type	ICAO Code	Configuration	Number in Fleet
Saab 340A	SF34	34Y	3

3. Application Requirements

In order to keep our community enjoyable for all, we do have certain requirements to be eligible for hire. Applicants must:

- Hold and maintain an active email address
- Be 16 years of age or older at time of application
 - *No exceptions will be made to this requirement*

- Own a legal copy of Microsoft Flight Simulator, Prepar3D, or X-Plane
- Have a basic knowledge of proper flight standards and procedures
- Maintain and uphold the standards set out in this manual
- Have a clean disciplinary record with VATSIM
- Must not be a member of staff at another virtual airline

* Air Wales Virtual reserve the right to reject any application*

4. Activity & Flight Requirements

Air Wales Virtual is fairly relaxed in terms of how active pilots must be, but we do have a few “rules” to ensure smooth operations. They are as follows:

- File a PIREP (Pilot Report) every 60 days
 - However, a PIREP must be filed within 7 days of registration
- Landing rates must not exceed -750fpm for the PIREP to be approved
- We do allow time acceleration, but only on flights with a scheduled duration of 4 hours or greater, and not in excess of 4x speed. PIREP time will be computer time, not simulator time.
- Direct routes will not be approved. You must use a correct route. These can be found online and generated when using the Flight Dispatch system. This is to ensure realistic operations.
 - Ensure you follow assigned SIDs and STARs

5. Career Progression

Air Wales Virtual aims to replicate a certain amount of realism, therefore we enforce a rank structure for virtual pilots to progress through during their career with us. As pilots increase their hour count, they work through our ranking structure. Applicants can request transfer hours during the application process.

Providing we can verify the hours, we will accept 50% of your hours from VATSIM, IVAO, or a previous virtual airline, up to a maximum of 50. Transfer hours may also be requested by email up to 7 days following registration. Please email info@airwalesv.org with a link to verify the hours.

While Air Wales Virtual provide repaints for certain payware aircraft models, we allow pilots to operate either freeware or payware aircraft.

Rank Title	Hours Required	Aircraft Available
First Officer	0	SF34, DH8D, B738
Captain	50	Above + B752, B789
Senior Captain	100	All Aircraft
Chief Pilot	250	All Aircraft

6. Aircraft Substitution

We understand that pilots have preferences over aircraft choices, so we provide flexibility over what aircraft is flown on each route. You may substitute an aircraft for another member of our fleet so long as you are ranked to fly the new aircraft and that it has sufficient range to complete the flight safely. For example, a First Officer may substitute a DH8D for a B738 and vice versa but not for any higher ranked aircraft. However, Captains and higher may substitute freely, providing the new aircraft has sufficient range. Pilots may substitute the Boeing 787 with the Airbus A350 should their simulator of choice not have an B787 available. The same applies to the Boeing 738 and Airbus A320.

7. Partnership Discounts

As an Air Wales Virtual pilot, you are entitled to some discounts from certain developers that we have partnered with. Currently, this includes well-known FSX/P3D and X-Plane scenery developer, UK2000. Pilots who have reached 25 flight hours or 15 flights with Air Wales Virtual are able to request the 20% discount code. To do this, please email ops@airwalesv.org after reaching one of the requirements. Please note, transfer hours do not count toward these requirements. Please do not share this code with anybody outside of Air Wales Virtual nor any pilot who hasn't yet reached the flight requirements.

8. Social Media

We actively encourage any pilots who utilise social media platforms to connect with us. Click the icons below to connect.



9. Code of Conduct

Air Wales Virtual requires that all pilots and staff conduct themselves professionally in and outside our community. When flying on the VATSIM network, you must abide by the network's COC (found [here](#)). We also ask that when using social network platforms you represent our organisation professionally. Should a member violate the policies set forth in this handbook, or VATSIM's COC, Air Wales Virtual staff reserve the right to suspend or terminate pilots from the organisation.

10. Legal

Air Wales Virtual is a flight simulation community simulating a fictional airline. We are not affiliated in any way nor sponsored by any real-world airline. Air Wales Virtual is not a representation of the historic "Air Wales", and is completely fictional. All content on our website and Operations Centre is the property of its respective owners. No copying of any content is permitted without the prior consent of Air Wales Virtual. Please contact info@airwalesv.org with any questions.