

## Another Article on Getting Logged into DUATS

If you are having trouble getting registered into DUATS, one of the main reasons may be your name and certificate are not in the current FAA Pilot Record provided to GTE. Don't worry. We can still get you registered. Read "Difficulty Getting Logged into DUATS" (DUATS Flyer Issue No. 26). To make sure we get you entered into the database in a timely manner, please send all of the requested information. E-mail is preferred over fax, but we will accept either. You can even mail the information to:

DUATS  
15000 Conference Center Dr.  
Chantilly, VA 20151-3808

Because we sometimes have difficulty reading the scanned or faxed copies, please include your name as it appears on your certificate and certificate number. Also, please provide one or all of the following: address, phone number, e-mail address.

Your assistance in providing complete and accurate information will insure that you are granted timely access. We will send you a confirmation that you are entered into the database.

**NOTE: If you want a response by e-mail, please make sure our reply is not blocked.**

### Accessing DUATS through the Web

Once you have entered your access code and password press "Main Menu." Regardless of how you access GTE DUATS, the same access code and password will work.

When a request to log-on is sent, Web DUATS sends a cookie to your PC.

#### Why use cookies?

Cookies are used by GTE DUATS on the Web to link together all of the individual

screens that make up a session. When you sign on, GTE DUATS on the Web issues to you a single cookie that contains a session identifier. This session identifier is valid for 30 minutes and allows the system to maintain context about a session (your origin and destination airports, route of flight, altitude, etc.) precluding you from having to retype information.

The cookies are stored in your Web browser and automatically expire. They are accessible only to the GTE DUATS on the Web system and cannot be viewed by other systems that you might be browsing at the same time.

#### Enabling Cookies

If your browser does not support cookies, or you have cookies turned off, GTE DUATS on the Web will not work. To turn on cookies, follow the steps below.

##### Enabling Cookies: Netscape Navigator 4.x

1. Select "Preferences" from the Edit menu.
2. Click the triangle next to "Advanced."
3. In the Cookies box, select "Accept all cookies" or "Only accept cookies" originating from the same server as the page being viewed.
4. Click OK.

##### Enabling Cookies: Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.x

1. Select "Internet Options" from the View menu.
2. Click on the "Advanced" tab.

3. Scroll down about halfway until you see the "Security" section. In the "Security" section, locate the "Cookies" subsection.

4. Click on "Always accept cookies."
5. Click OK.

Other browsers or versions of these browsers work much the same way. Refer to HELP in the Browser for information on cookies.

Another reason for not being able to gain access to DUATS could be that the Time Zone and the Clock Time on your PC do not match. For example, if you are in Eastern Time and your PC clock displays the correct time of 9:00 am, but your Time Zone is set to (GMT -08:00) Pacific Time, the cookie sent by DUATS will expire upon receipt and you will not be able to gain access to Web DUATS. (Microsoft distributes Windows with Time Zone set to Pacific). When you have matched your clock time and time zone, restart your browser.

#### **Why do I have to remember a computer generated access code?**

The answer is you do not. A recent revision to DUATS allows users to choose a "personal access code." This code can be a series of numbers of 9 or 10 digits that may be used instead of the 8-digit DUATS-assigned access code. You can make this second access code something that is easy for you to remember, such as your pilot certificate number, home phone number, etc.

**Please retain your DUATS Newsletters for Future Reference.**

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Data line: 800-767-9989

Tech support: 800-345-3828 press number 4 after operator

Internet Telnet: [duats.gtefsd.com](http://duats.gtefsd.com)

Internet Web: <http://www.duats.com>

# Web DUATS "New User Registration"

The "New User Registration" function will first ask for your last name and pilot certificate to be entered. Clicking on the Submit button passes the information to the DUATS system for validation that you are in the FAA database and will/can continue to register.

This precludes you from having to provide all of the required registration information and then find out that registration cannot be completed. If you are not in the database, that does not mean that you cannot gain access to DUATS. For information on who is eligible and how to apply read "Another article on Getting Logged into DUATS" in this Flyer and "Difficulty Getting Logged into DUATS" in DUATS Flyer Issue No. 26.

## Access code or Password

To obtain information on your access code, enter your last name and pilot certificate either in interactive DUATS or on Web DUATS under "Forgot Your Access Code?" If you do not remember your password (and we do not have access to it) a new one must be reissued by a GTE DUATS system operator. You can have this done by calling 1-800-345-3828 or sending an e-mail request to duats@duats.com.

## Standard Weather Briefings

The first option is a drop-down menu which allows you to select the type of standard weather briefing you want to receive. For the Low and High briefings, DUATS builds a corridor around each route segment and provides all aviation weather available from every facility within that corridor width. For an Area briefing, the location selected is the center of a radius defined by the user, and all weather information available in that radius is provided. Highlight the desired briefing by clicking with the left mouse button, then click on the "Select Standard" button. The following screen will display. Fill out the information. The "Tab" can be used to move from box to box in order. The key words in blue provide links to HELP including airport look-up tables.

**Departure** and **Destination** are required and can be entered in either ICAO or three letter domestic format. **Alternate** will accept ICAO or three letter identifiers, but is optional and should be left blank if an entry is not desired. If available METAR and TAF are provided for alternates. The entry into the **N-number** box must be the complete aircraft ID. If the "N" is left off, the system will reject the information. **Cruise altitude** should be entered in a "Flight Level" format. Clicking on the link "altitude" will provide examples. The **Route of flight** will accept any standard route element. Separate each element with a "space." Leaving the route blank will produce a weather briefing for a great circle, providing route elements resulting in a more complete weather briefing since a corridor is built around element pairs. Entries for **Departure time** can be made using "Minutes from now" (10 - 1339 minutes), or by entering "hhmm" (2200 clock time) for any of the time zones available in the US or UTC.

**Duration of flight (hhmm)** is the time it will take to complete the flight in hours and minutes (2 hours and 20 minutes = 0220).

**Corridor Width (NM)** Determines the weather provided within a specified corridor along the requested route of flight. The default is 50 NM. User may select 10-100 NM in 5 NM increments. Example: An input of 40 will display weather within 20 NM each side of the route of flight.

**Winds Aloft Corridor Width (NM):** (Required) Determines the winds provided within the specified corridor along the requested route of flight. The default is 200 NM. User may select 100-600 NM in 50 NM increments. Example: An input of 150 will display winds within 75 NM each side of the route of flight. Winds Aloft Forecast data is interpolated for requested flight level and displayed as an additional column to the right of the FD.

## Select Desired Optional Components

**General FDC NOTAMS:** (Optional) Checking this box adds Flight Data Center (FDC) NOTAMS that are not associated with an affected facility identifier to your briefing. These NOTAMS are often worldwide in scope and may go on for many pages.

**ATC Delay and Flow Control Advisories:** (Optional) Measures designed to adjust the flow of traffic into a given airspace, along a given route, or bound for a given aerodrome (airport) so as to ensure the most effective utilization of the airspace.

**Tropical Depression/Hurricane Advisories:** (Optional) Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf advisories are provided.

**Output Format:** Selection from this drop-down list identifies the time zone for the plain language translation output. To receive the standard abbreviated aviation weather format, select Undecoded. The default "Departure time zone, plain language" can be used if you have previously selected a time zone for departure.

The screenshot shows a web form for selecting a standard briefing. A dropdown menu labeled "Standard Briefing" is open, showing three options: "Low Altitude", "Low Altitude Area", and "High Altitude Area". The "Low Altitude" option is highlighted. To the right of the dropdown is a "Select Standard" button. Below the dropdown, there are several input fields: "Departure airport:", "Destination airport:", "Alternate airport (optional):", "N-number: [095215]", "Cruise altitude:", "Route of flight:", "Departure time:", "Minutes from now" (dropdown), "Duration of flight (hhmm):", "Route Corridor Width (NM): [50]", and "Winds Aloft Corridor Width (NM): [250]". Below these fields is a section titled "Select desired optional components:" with four checkboxes: "ATC delay and flow control advisories", "Non-associated FDC NOTAMS", "Tropical depression and/or hurricane advisories", and "Adverse weather". At the bottom, there is an "Output format:" dropdown menu showing "Departure time zone, plain language" selected. At the very bottom are three buttons: "Submit request", "Clear form", and "Return to Main Menu".

The screenshot shows a dropdown menu for "Output format". The menu is open, showing a list of options: "Departure time zone, plain language" (selected), "Eastern time zone, plain language", "Central time zone, plain language", "Mountain time zone, plain language", "Pacific time zone, plain language", "Alaska time zone, plain language", "Hawaii time zone, plain language", and "Undecoded".

If minutes from now has been used, a time zone must be selected here.

When finished, select Submit.

## Oshkosh

Remember GTE DUATS will be at Oshkosh '99. Look us up. We provide personalized demonstrations, will get you registered, give you FREE Cirrus software and have copies of all current DUATS Flyer Newsletters. Our Booth numbers are 3017 and 3018 in Hangar C.