Procedures for Air Navigation Services – ICAO Abbreviations and Codes (PANS-ABC, Doc 8400)

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| Abbreviation | PANS-ABC Meaning | Details of Difference |
|--------------|---|--|
| ALA | Aircraft alighting area | In Australia, ALA means 'Aircraft Landing Area' |
| ARO | Air traffic services reporting office | In Australia, ARO means 'Aerodrome Reporting Officer' |
| ATCSMAC | Air traffic control surveillance minimum altitude chart (followed by name/title) | Australia uses RTCC (Radar terrain clearance chart) instead of ATCSMAC (Air traffic control surveillance minimum altitude chart) |
| AWOS | Automated Weather Observation System | Australia uses AWS (automatic weather station) instead of AWOS. |
| CAA | Civil Aviation Authority or Civil Aviation Administration | Australia's civil aviation authority is called CASA - Civil Aviation Safety Authority |
| СОТ | At the Coast | In Australia, COT means 'Coastal' |
| D-ATIS | Data Link Automatic Terminal Information Service (pronounced "DEE-ATIS") | In Australia DATIS means 'Digital Automatic Terminal Information Service' |
| EUR RODEX | European regional OPMET data Exchange | Not used |
| eFPL | Filed flight plan exchanged via flight and flow — information for a collaborative environment (FF-ICE) services | Australia has not yet implemented FF-ICE and associated electronic flight plan abbreviations |
| FPL | Filed flight plan exchanged via aeronautical fixed service (AFS) | In Australia, FPL means 'Filed Flight Plan Message' |
| М | MACH Number | In Australia, the letter M is also used a prefix in the identification of a Military Operating Area |
| MET REPORT | Local routine meteorological report | In Australia, MET REPORT means 'Aviation routine weather report' |
| MOCA | Minimum obstacle clearance altitude | Australia uses LSALT (lowest safe altitude) instead of MOCA (minimum obstacle clearance altitude) |
| МТОМ | Maximum take-off mass | Australia uses MTOW (Maximum Take-off Weight) instead of MTOM (Maximum Take-off mass) |
| NAPD | Noise Abatement Departure Procedure | Australia uses NAP (Noise Abatement Procedure) instead of NAPD (Noise Abatement Departure Procedure) |
| PCL | Pilot Controlled Lighting | Australia uses PAL (pilot activated lighting) instead of PCL (Pilot Controlled Lighting) |
| PFP | Preliminary flight plan | Australia has not yet implemented FF-ICE and associated preliminary flight plan abbreviation |
| QNH | Altimeter sub-scale setting to obtain elevation when on the ground | Australia defines QNH as "Altimeter subscale setting to obtain elevation or altitude" |
| RQ | 'Request (to be used in AFS as a procedure signal)' | In Australia, RQ means 'Require(d)' |
| TL | Till (followed by time by which weather change is forecast to end) | Australia uses the abbreviation TILL instead of TL as the abbreviation for the time by which weather change is forecast to end |
| TRA | Temporary Reserved Airspace | In Australia, TRA means 'temporary restricted area' |
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