

INTERNATIONAL ROUTE AIR NAVIGATION
SERVICES - CHARGES

Valid from January 1st, 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with a decision of the ICAO Council, all civil aircraft crossing the North-Atlantic north of 45°N are charged for the use of facilities and services provided by Iceland under the “Agreement on the Joint Financing of Certain Air Navigation Services in Iceland” (ICAO Doc. 9586-JS/682).

2. CALCULATION FORMULA

The charge for this service is split into two parts:

1. A charge per crossing. In 2024, a full charge of 5282 ISK is charged for a full crossing between Europe and Canada or the United States. Two-thirds of that charge is levied upon flights between Europe and Greenland or Iceland and Canada or the United States. One-third of the charge is levied upon flights between Greenland and Canada or the United States, Greenland and Iceland, and Iceland and other European states. A crossing to or from Europe or Iceland which does not cross the coast of North America but crosses the meridian of 30° West north of the 45th parallel North shall be counted as one-third of a crossing.
2. A charge based on distance flown in the Reykjavik and Nuuk Flight Information Regions (FIR's), within the boundaries of the Reykjavik CTA. This charge is equal to the product of the distance factor (d) and the unit rate (t).

$$\text{Distance based charge} = d \times t$$

The distance factor (d) is equal to one-hundredth of the great circle distance, expressed in kilometers, between the aerodrome of departure within, or the point of entry into, the airspace of the Reykjavik and Nuuk FIR's and the aerodrome of the first destination within, or the point of exit from, that airspace. The entry and exit points are the points at which the lateral limits of the airspace are crossed by the route of the aircraft. The distance to be taken into account is reduced by a notional 100 kilometers for each take-off and for each landing on the territory of the Nuuk FIR and the Faroe Islands and 220 kilometres for each approach and each departure from airports in Iceland.

The unit rate for 2024 is 2185 ISK.

Flights flying exclusively below FL285 within this airspace and all flights in and out of airports located in Greenland are subject to half the unit rate.

3. EXEMPTIONS

The following are exempt from charges:

- > Flights performed exclusively for the transport, on official mission, of reigning Monarchs and their immediate family, Heads of State, Heads of Government and Government Ministers; in all cases, the exemption must be substantiated by the appropriate status indicator or remark on the flight plan.
- > Search and rescue flights authorised by the appropriate competent body.
- > Military flights performed by military aircraft of any country.
- > Flights performed exclusively for the purpose of checking or testing equipment used or intended to be used as ground aids to air navigation, excluding positioning flights by the aircraft concerned.
- > Flights terminating at the airport from which the aircraft has taken off and during which no intermediate landing has been made.
- > Flights flying exclusively below FL195 in the Nuuk FIR.

4. METHOD OF PAYMENT

The United Kingdom collects these route charges on behalf of Iceland. Other charges may be collected with the Icelandic charges, including charges for the use of facilities and services provided by Denmark under the “Agreement on the Joint Financing of Certain Air Navigation Services in Greenland” (ICAO Doc. 9585-JS/681). The charges are levied in pounds Sterling (GBP).

The annual rates in local currency (ISK) will be converted to GBP on a monthly basis by NATS UK using the Bloomberg Closing Mid Rates from the last day of the month 2 months prior to the rate being implemented.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

These charges are effective from January 1st, 2024 and will be reviewed annually.

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