



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

MEMORANDUM FOR Non-DOD Pilots Requesting Practice Approaches

FROM: 325 OG/CC

SUBJECT: Letter to Airmen 2000-01, VFR Aircraft Practicing Instrument Approaches

1. Tyndall Radar Approach Control may approve pilot request by visual flight rules (VFR) aircraft, for practice instrument approaches at Panama City Airport, subject to traffic and workload conditions. Pilots should anticipate that it may become necessary to deny approval or withdraw previous approval when traffic conditions warrant.
2. Pilots on VFR flight plans are required to comply with basic visual flight rules (FAR 91.155), even though they may be approved to perform a practice instrument approach. Controllers will instruct VFR aircraft requesting instrument approaches to maintain VFR.
3. Pilots requesting an instrument flight rules (IFR) clearance and approach must state clearly their request and obtain an IFR clearance. Application of air traffic control (ATC) procedures or any action by the controller does not relieve IFR nor VFR pilots of their responsibility to see and avoid other traffic while operating in visual meteorological conditions (VMC).
4. When VFR pilots receive approval to practice the instrument approach, the pilot will be provided standard IFR separation at the point where the clearance becomes effective, however, 500 feet vertical separation may be applied between VFR aircraft and between VFR and IFR aircraft. The pilot must specifically request permission from the air traffic controller to fly the published missed approach procedure.
5. Pilots should inform the approach control of the type of approach desired, type landing, and intentions to follow, if other than full stop.
6. The pilot must comply with basic visual flight rules (FAR 91.155) at all times and no action the controller takes shall relieve the pilot of this responsibility.
7. Jacksonville Center is the only other agency with authority to approve practice instrument approaches at Panama City Airport.
8. This letter is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until cancelled or until 1 May 2002, whichever occurs first.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Morris", is located below the list of points.

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