



SAS At Your Office, How It Will Work

You may be wondering how SAS will be deployed to your office. The on-site deployment will take place over a three-week period:

- Week one is the training preparation week. During this week, a SAS training team will prepare your location for classroom training by ensuring the site logistics are sound. The training team will consist of two SAS subject matter experts, a training specialist, and local START members.
- Week two consists of five full days of classroom instruction on SAS policy, automation, and hands-on practice. The precise deployment date for your office is the beginning of the second week. Contact your START member for the deployment date for your office. The dates for Key Site and Regional deployment are listed on the SAS Deployment Schedule below.
- Week three is the on-site technical support week. The training team will provide on-site support to assist you as SAS goes live in your office.

SAS support will continue after week three to ensure each office has adjusted to the SAS transition, answer questions about SAS, and provide updates to assist each office with their commitment to SAS.

SAS Countdown

As we accelerate towards SAS deployment, the SASO Program Office has prepared a SAS Countdown for each location that will commence 6 months (180 days) prior to SAS deployment. You may see this 180-day point referred to as your "SAS Boarding Pass." This countdown includes numerous activities to prepare for SAS such as monthly tailored briefings to inform and update office managers, START members, and employees on matters pertaining to their rapidly approaching SAS deployment. A comprehensive SAS checklist will detail the actions required at precise time intervals based on the deployment date for each office. Your office will receive additional details on the SAS Countdown and be notified when your individual checklist "Boarding Pass" is ready!

SAS Updates

Change Readiness Assessment: A special thank you to everyone who responded to the Change Readiness Assessment. If you haven't yet taken the assessment, you have until January 31, 2014. Select the link to access the Change Readiness Assessment. Look for the assessment results in our next newsletter coming in March.

SAS News Now (SNN): Select the video thumbnail to view *The Transition to SAS with Mr. John Duncan, AFS-1*. In this video, Mr. Duncan discusses the change to SAS through the lens of his experience as Director and a long-time member of Flight Standards.

SAS Benefits: Be sure to view the SNN video *SAS Benefits* for an explanation of how SAS will benefit both the organization and the individual inspector.

SAS News: To access previous editions of SAS News, select the SAS News thumbnail.

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Your Input is Vital!

To submit a question or comment about SAS, send an email to 9-AWA-AFS-900-SASO@faa.gov or contact your office START member.



Leadership Corner

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Happy New Year! We are preparing for what will be a busy year for Flight Standards. In addition to the important safety work done each day by the AFS workforce, we will also embark on the deployment of the Safety Assurance System to your offices. An experienced training team will arrive at each location early to prepare for SAS training and deployment. The team will conduct on-site training and then remain with you the following week to provide technical support as you begin to work in SAS automation. AFS-900 will continue to provide support before, during, and after on-site SAS deployment. The combination of your safety expertise, local START members, full support from the AFS-900 team, and Flight Standards leadership is a sure recipe for success!

SAS Deployment Schedule

See the SAS deployment schedule below. The dates represent the beginning of on-site training and deployment.

Key Site Deployment

San Antonio FSDO	5 May 2014
Delta CMO (Atlanta)	9 Jun 2014
Anchorage FSDO	14 Jul 2014
St. Louis FSDO	14 Jul and 28 Jul 2014

Regional Deployment

Alaskan • Central • Southern • Western Pacific	25 Aug 2014
Eastern • Great Lakes • NW Mountain • Southwest	8 Sep 2014

Full Deployment

Alaskan	Sep 2014
Central	Sep-Dec 2014
NW Mountain	Oct 2014-Dec 2014
Great Lakes	Oct 2014-Feb 2015
Western Pacific	Jan-Mar 2015
Southern	Mar-Apr 2015
Southwest	Apr-Jun 2015
Eastern	May-Aug 2015

Dates are current as of January 20, 2014.