

“The first line of any CONTROLLER INFORMATION (ATIS) will contain voice channel switching or network information that is either automatically inserted by the ATC software or manually entered by the controller, and thereafter a controller shall add not more than 4-lines of pilot operational information. A line shall be not more than 64 characters in length. Wherever possible a controller should try to construct the Controller Information in fewer than the maximum number of lines allowed by this policy”.

Information that is NOT allowed to be included in the Controller Information is;
Controller’s Name and or Rating
Controller’s frequency
Raw METAR data that has not been decoded by the controller.

Position Specific Guidelines

Different ATC positions have different Controller Information requirements. This section provides guidelines for each position. The examples below are taken from the newly formed VATPAC ATIS policy but would serve well as a general guide as to who has an ATIS or more correctly, Controller Information

Clearance Delivery

None [Optional] a 1-line statement about:
Availability - Log off time (UTC)

Ground: Redirect

Ground ATIS should refer pilots to the associated local Tower ATIS:

“ATIS AVBL FROM TWR”

Note: If Tower is not online, Ground must take up the Tower Position and provide a FULL ATIS.

Tower: Tower must at all times provide a FULL ATIS that complies With the content guidelines.

Approach (With Tower Operating)

Redirect: Approach ATIS should refer a pilot to the associated local Tower ATIS:

Approach (Without a Tower Operating)

Approach should provide a FULL ATIS in lieu of the missing Local Tower service, in accordance with the content guidelines Set for Tower.

Departures: None [Optional] a 1-line statement about:
Position name

Centre: None [Optional] a 1-line statement about:

Position name and service coverage.

Availability - Log off time (UTC)

"CHRISTCHURCH CONTROL, EXTENDED COVERAGE AVAILABLE, LOGGING
OFF

AT 1130Z"

Oceanic : None [Optional] a 1-line statement about:

Position name and service coverage.

Availability - Log off time (UTC)

"BRISBANE RADIO, NORTH PACIFIC COVERAGE AVAILABLE, LOGGING OFF
AT 1400Z"