

ZJX Pre-departure Clearance (PDC) Instructions

PDCs are official text clearances issued for US IFR flight plans, and include the filed route, the cleared altitude, transponder code, departure frequency, and any special instructions. A PDC replaces (and is the same as) a verbal clearance from Clearance Delivery. In general a PDC should be used for airlines and corporate jets not used for general aviation, although with the advent of Foreflight, GA aircraft may be able to receive a PDC.

The ZJX ARTCC uses PDCs at Orlando International Airport (KMCO), Jacksonville International Airport (KJAX) and Charleston Air Force Base/International Airport (KCHS).

The PDC Code is within the Alias File and issued through text. There are three basic instructions for each airport.

1. Clearance when a departure radar controller is available (TRACON or ENROUTE).
2. Clearance when there is no departure radar controller and the aircraft will go to UNICOM frequency, 122.8.
3. Message to contact the controller issuing the clearance due to changes needed in the filed routing.

If you are working Delivery, Ground or Tower, Follow the below instructions.

Before issuing any messages, select the aircraft for the message to prepare for a text message.

For **ALL** airports, if you want to message them to call for voice clearance, type:

.nopdc

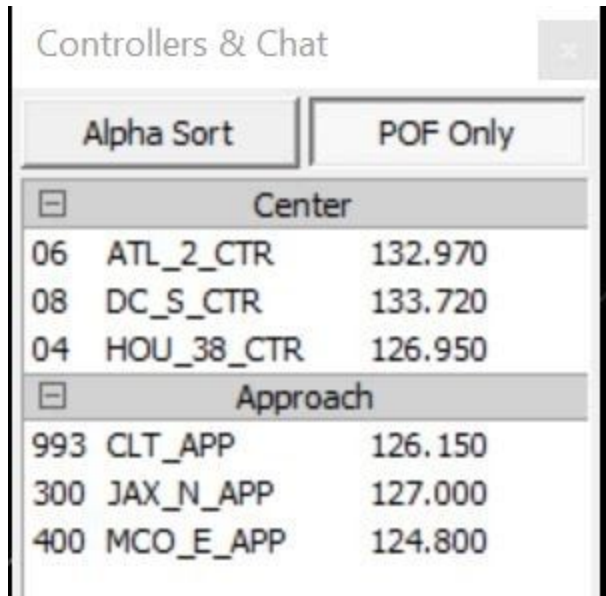
The displayed text will read:

PRE-DEPARTURE CLEARANCE UNAVAILABLE. CONTACT APPROPRIATE
CONTROLLER FOR CLEARANCE

Orlando International Airport:

For aircraft flying the MCCOY and JAGUAR Departures, type:

.pdcmj A B where **A** is the runway number and **B** is the departure sector ID.
The sector ID is the number letter combination next to the left of the designated controller.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Controllers & Chat" with a close button in the top right corner. Below the title bar are two tabs: "Alpha Sort" (selected) and "POF Only". The main content area is divided into two sections: "Center" and "Approach", each with a collapse icon on the left. The "Center" section lists three controllers: 06 ATL_2_CTR (132.970), 08 DC_S_CTR (133.720), and 04 HOU_38_CTR (126.950). The "Approach" section lists three controllers: 993 CLT_APP (126.150), 300 JAX_N_APP (127.000), and 400 MCO_E_APP (124.800).

Center		
06	ATL_2_CTR	132.970
08	DC_S_CTR	133.720
04	HOU_38_CTR	126.950
Approach		
993	CLT_APP	126.150
300	JAX_N_APP	127.000
400	MCO_E_APP	124.800

Example: .pdcmj 17R 400

The output will show as follows with your input in red:

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DAL 326 ****PRE DEPARTURE CLEARANCE **** | DAL326 DEPARTING KMCO |  
EQUIP: B763 | TRANSPONDER: 0747 | FILED FLT LEVEL: FL310 | RTE: KMCO  
JAG6 MATEO YULEE CHESN LAIRI LARZZ JJEDI2 KATL | MAINTAIN 5000 | DPTR  
CTL FREQ 124.800 | PLAN RWY 17R | DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE | PUSH  
AND START AT PILOT'S DISCRETION | CONTACT APPROPRIATE GROUND CTL  
WITH CURRENT ATIS SHORT OF ENTRY TAXIWAY | ****PRE DEPARTURE  
CLEARANCE END ****
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For aircraft on the Orlando Departure, type:

.pdco A B

If there is **NO** departure controller online, simply add a “u” to the code. You will not need to include the sector ID in this case, just the runway. This code is the same across all airports. Type:

.pdcnju A

.pdcou A

Example: .pdcnju 17R

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DAL 326 ****PRE DEPARTURE CLEARANCE **** | DAL326 DEPARTING KMCO |  
EQUIP: B763 | TRANSPONDER: 0747 | FILED FLT LEVEL: FL310 | RTE: KMCO  
JAG6 MATEO YULEE CHESN LAIRI LARZZ JJEDI2 KATL | MAINTAIN 5000 | DPTR  
CTL OFFLINE | PLAN RWY 17R | DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE | PUSH AND  
START AT PILOT'S DISCRETION | CONTACT APPROPRIATE GROUND CTL WITH  
CURRENT ATIS SHORT OF ENTRY TAXIWAY | ****PRE DEPARTURE CLEARANCE  
END ****
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Jacksonville International Airport:

For all aircraft with approved routing, type:

.pdcj A B

For all aircraft with no departure controller, type:

.pdcju A

Charleston Air Force Base/International Airport:

For all aircraft with approved routing, type:

.pdcc A B

For all aircraft with no departure controller, type:

.pdccu A

For all radar controllers issuing clearance and **you** will be the departure controller, do **not** include your sector ID, **only** the runway number. Your frequency will automatically populate.

Example for Jacksonville International Airport:

.pdcj A

All available alias PDC Codes

.nopdc

.pdcmj

.pdcmju

.pdco

.pdcou

.pdcj

.pdcju

.pdcc

.pdccu