

INTERIM OPERATING PERIOD



OVERVIEW

- · Brisbane's airspace change - 21 May 2020
- Interim flight paths with southerly winds, northerly winds and overnight

CURRENT AS AT MAY 2020

The interim operating period is the period of time between when the Brisbane airspace changes and the opening of Brisbane's new runway. The airspace change includes the publication of new flight paths in the aircraft navigation systems and air traffic control systems. This publication can only occur on two dates per year, with one of these dates being Thursday 21 May 2020. Therefore, the interim operating period is from Thursday 21 May to Sunday 12 July 2020.

FLIGHT PATHS DURING THE INTERIM OPERATING PERIOD

From Thursday 21 May to Sunday 12 July 2020, you can expect to see changes to where aircraft fly. Although the new flight paths for parallel operations are installed in the aircraft and air traffic control systems, the flight paths to and from the new runway won't be able to be utilised as it is not yet open.

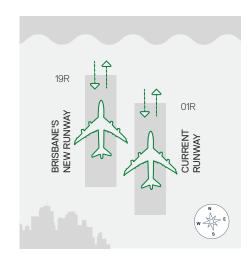
Pilots and air traffic controllers will know the new runway cannot be used during this time. This will be indicated by large crosses on the new runway marking it as 'not in use', and instructions published to all pilots and air traffic controllers.

Arrivals and departures to the **north and west** (which will utilise the new runway once operational) will use contingency flight paths to and from the current runway during the interim operating period. These contingency flight paths will also be used in the future when the new runway is closed, due to infrequent maintenance or emergencies.

Arrivals and departures to the **south and east** will use the new flight paths to the current runway. These new flight paths will be used during and after the interim operating period.

OVERNIGHT OPERATIONS (10AM - 6PM)

Just like today, during the interim operating period the preference is for all overnight arrivals and departures to occur over the bay utilising reciprocal operations. This means that both arriving and departing aircraft use the current runway. This operating mode is only available when traffic volume and weather conditions permit.



The maps below show the current flights paths, interim flight paths and new flights for southerly winds, northerly winds and overnight. As always, flight path use will be determined via wind speed and direction at the airport. In general, southerly and westerly winds occur predominantly in the cooler months in Brisbane. Therefore, the flight paths during southerly winds are more likely to be utilised during the interim operating period.

SOUTHERLY WINDS



NORTHERLY WINDS



The maps below show the flight paths that will be used if over the bay reciprocal operations are not available due to weather conditions.



COVID-19 IMPACT

Brisbane Airport is currently operating significantly below its usual capacity. While capacity and traffic demand does not influence the interim operating period and flight path use, the number of aircraft using these flight paths is likely to be significantly lower than normal.