



## **IATA DESIGNATOR CODE REQUIREMENTS**

According to the Provisions of the IATA Passenger Services Conference Resolution 762, to be eligible for an IATA two-character designator, companies must:

1. Complete and submit the official online application form ([www.iata.org/cs](http://www.iata.org/cs)).
2. Submit a valid Air Operator Certificate (AOC) issued by a government.
3. Scheduled Airlines must provide proof that schedules are published. Therefore, IATA recommends filing of initial schedules and subsequent updates with major industry schedules database companies. Please contact OAG or Cirium who understand IATA's Coding application process and will be able to guide your company to obtain this evidence.

OAG: [reference@oag.com](mailto:reference@oag.com)

Cirium: [supplierrelations@cirium.com](mailto:supplierrelations@cirium.com)

If another aggregator or reservation ticketing services is being used, the company will need to provide evidence to IATA that the schedules have been uploaded and available to the industry.

4. Non-scheduled airlines must meet at least **ONE** of the following conditions:

- Has signed a reciprocal (two-way) interline traffic agreement with an airline holding a valid IATA airline code. Please provide a copy of the signed agreement.
- Participates in an airline industry shared telecommunication facility using Societe Internationale de Telecommunications Aeronautiques (SITA) or Aeronautical Radio, Inc. (ARINC). Please provide a copy of the signed agreement. Participates in the A4A Interline Traffic Agreement (ITA) – Passenger. Please provide a copy of the signed agreement.

If the airline applies as a non-scheduled carrier, per Resolution 762, a duplicated code containing an (\*) will be assigned. With a duplicated code, schedules cannot be published. In the event the airline becomes a scheduled carrier, the code will need to be changed to its primary form if available or a different primary code will be assigned. Proof of schedules will need to be submitted.

5. Train, bus, and ferry companies must meet the following requirements:

- Submit a valid authorization issued by a government body to provide transportation services.
- Provide copy of an intermodal traffic agreement with an airline holding a valid IATA code. The intermodal service must be for use in reservations, schedules, timetables, or tariffs publishing.
- Provide proof that schedules are published (see point #3 above for required evidence to be supplied to IATA).

6. Unit Load Devices (ULDs) owners/leasing companies must participate in the IATA Strategic Partnership.

7. Computerized Reservation Systems (CRSs) must provide the following documentation:

- Confirmation from an Airline holding an IATA code, that the CRS is providing them CRS services. The confirmation should be received in the form of a signed letter from the airline.
- Participates in an airline industry shared telecommunication facility using Societe Internationale de Telecommunications Aeronautiques (SITA) or Aeronautical Radio, Inc. (ARINC). Please provide a copy of the signed agreement.

8. Submit official copies of the company's Certificate of Incorporation/Registration (COI/COR).



9. Submit a recent breakdown of the company's shareholders list including percentage ownership of each shareholder. The document should be on corporate letterhead and dully signed and stamped with a corporate seal.

Translations where necessary (Point 8 and 9) should be made to English and certified by an official translator. The translations should be signed and certified.

Please note that an application and assignment fee is required to be paid to obtain the assigned code. The 2025 fee is USD 6,900 per code. An annual Coding maintenance fee will be also payable by non-IATA Member airlines every subsequent year.