

55054003 EN ROUTE RADAR ASSOCIATE CONTROLLER TRAINING PART C: ADVANCED CONCEPTS

**Lesson 20: Transfer of Position Responsibility** 

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# **LESSON PLAN DATA SHEET**

Course Name	En Route Radar Associate Controller Training Part C: Advanced Concepts		
Course Number	55054003		
Lesson Title	Transfer of Position Responsibility		
Duration	1 hour 45 minutes (includes lesson, practice exercise, and ELT)		
Version	1.0 2022.08		
Reference(s)	JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control; JO 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration; TI 6110.101, En Route Automation Modernization RA-Position User Manual		
Prerequisites	NONE		
Handout(s)	Part-Task Exercise		
Exercise / Activity	Refer to handout for:		
	<ul> <li>Practice Exercise: Transfer of Position Responsibility</li> </ul>		
Scenario	NONE		
Assessments	● YES - Written (Refer to ELT01_L05 , print prior to class)		
Materials and Equipment	● Pencil and/or pen		
Other Pertinent Information  • Ensure lesson materials are downloaded to the classroom computer			
	⊙ This lesson is based on ERAM EAE410		
	<ul> <li>The lesson has been reviewed and reflects current orders and manuals as of April 2022</li> </ul>		

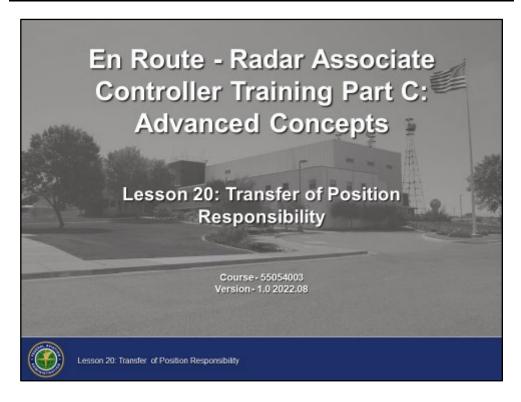
# **LESSON ICON LEGEND**

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#### LESSON INTRODUCTION

#### Overview



Awareness of essential items and procedures for transferring position responsibility from one controller to another will greatly reduce your chances of being involved in a loss of separation or deviation because of incorrect or incomplete information transfer. The methods and practices used for transfer of position responsibility vary. Pertinent information may be forgotten or incompletely covered.

In this lesson, we will cover the responsibilities, terms, processes, and precautions necessary to assume or relinquish control of a position.

# LESSON INTRODUCTION (CONT'D)

#### Lesson Objectives

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**NOTE:** There will be a graded end-of-lesson test upon completion of the lesson. The passing score is 70%. If you do not achieve a score of 70%, you will be provided study time and one retake of an alternate end-of-lesson test.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Transfer of Position Responsibility

JO 7110.65, par. 2-1-24, Appendix A

# Transfer of Position Responsibility

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  - Standard Operating Practice (SOP) for the Transfer of Position Responsibility
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- In all operational facilities, the increase in traffic density and the need for the expeditious movement of traffic without compromising safety have emphasized the importance of the transfer of position responsibility

#### **Terms**

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par.

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#### STATUS INFORMATION AREA (SIA)

- Manual or automatic display of current status of position-related equipment and operational conditions or procedures

#### WRITTEN NOTES

 Manually recorded items of information kept at designated locations on the position of operation. They may be an element of the Status Information Area(s)

#### CHECKLIST

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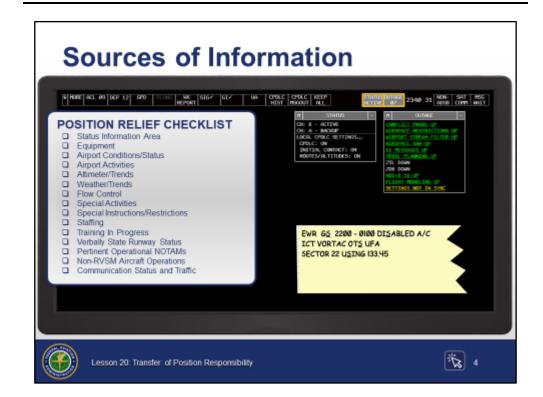
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#### Sources of Information

JO 7110.65, Appendix A

TI 6110.101, secs. 2.2, 4.14, 4.15

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

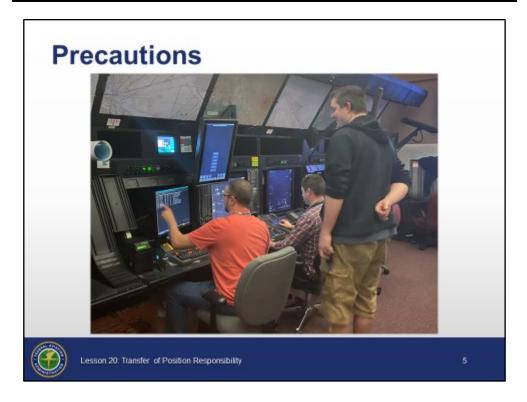


- Checklists
- Status Information Area, such as
  - Written notes
  - Plexiglass boards
- Status View
- Outage View
- Status boards, such as
  - ESIS
  - ERIDS

#### **Precautions**

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par.

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4



- Specialists involved in the position relief process should not rush or be influenced to rush
  - Important information can be omitted and potentially cause a loss of separation or other occurrence
- Take extra care when:
  - More than one specialist relieves or is being relieved from a position(s) at the same time
  - Combining or decombining positions
- Controllers involved in the position relief process must be aware of any distractions that could lead to omission of important operational information
- ⊙ A large amount of information must be evaluated during the briefing
  - Make a deliberate effort to go through the position relief briefing thoughtfully and carefully
- To the maximum extent possible, position relief briefings must be recorded

#### Specialist Being Relieved

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par. 5

# **Specialist Being Relieved**

- Must be responsible for ensuring that any pertinent status information of which they are aware is relayed to the relieving specialist and is either:
  - Accurately displayed in the Status Information Area(s) for which they have responsibility, or
  - Relayed to the position having responsibility for accurately displaying the status information



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#### Relieving Specialist

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par. 5

# Relieving Specialist

- Responsible for ensuring that, prior to accepting responsibility for the position, any unresolved questions pertaining to the operation of the position are resolved
- Relieving specialist and the specialist being relieved must share equal responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of the position relief briefing



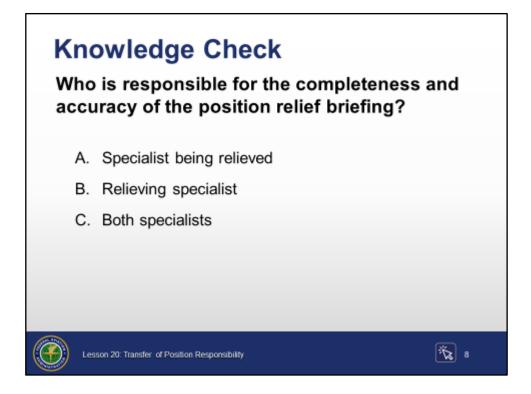
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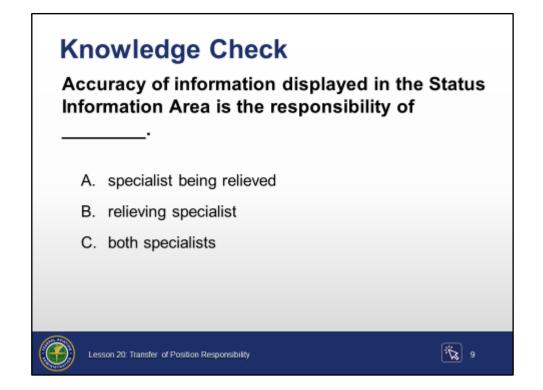
**NOTE:** The sharing of this responsibility means that the specialist being relieved is obligated to provide a complete, accurate briefing and the relieving specialist is obligated to ensure that a briefing takes place and is to their total satisfaction.

Knowledge Check



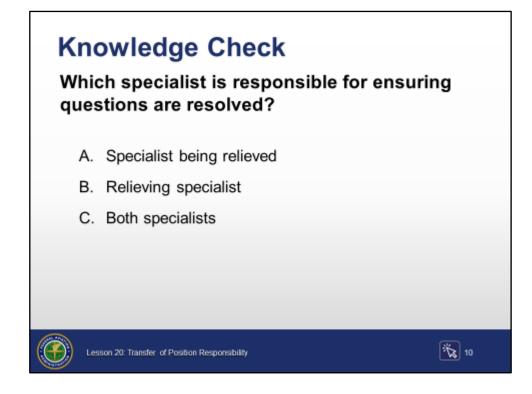
**Question:** Who is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the position relief briefing?

Knowledge Check



**Question:** Accuracy of information displayed in the Status Information Area is the responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Knowledge Check



**Question:** Which specialist is responsible for ensuring questions are resolved?

#### POSITION RELIEF BRIEFING CHECKLIST

#### Status Information Area

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, pars. 2, 4

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

#### **Status Information Area**

#### · During position operation:

- Record status information which is or may be an operational factor
- Record Information as soon as it is operationally feasible so that it will not be forgotten or incorrectly recorded

#### Status Information Area begins the selfbriefing

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- During position operation:
  - · Record status information which is or may be an operational factor
  - Record information as soon as it is operationally feasible so that it will not be forgotten or incorrectly recorded
  - Major problems occur whenever there is a heavy reliance upon memory
  - Status Information Area(s) must be the first item listed on the position checklist
- Status Information Area begins the self-briefing
  - The relieving specialist obtains needed status information by reading from the Status Information Area(s)

#### Equipment

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

# **Equipment**

- · Brief the following:
  - Status View
  - Outage View
  - NAVAIDs
  - Radar(s)
  - Radios
  - Automated Weather Observing Systems
  - Any other equipment deemed necessary



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- The status of equipment can have an effect on how a sector operates
- Brief the following:
  - Status View
  - Outage View
  - NAVAIDs
    - Out of service (OTS)
    - Released for maintenance
    - A portion of a NAVAID OTS

**Examples:** DME on the localizer OTS Glide Slope OTS

- Radar(s)
  - Radar sites OTS may reduce coverage

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# Equipment (Cont'd)

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

- Radio(s)
  - Your sector or other sectors using non-standard communication frequencies and/or radio sites
- Automated Weather Observing Systems (AWOS)
  - AWOS at the airport may be OTS
  - Pilots will not have the most current METAR
- Any other equipment deemed necessary (e.g., ADS-B sites, CPDLC services)

#### Airport Conditions, Status, and Activities

JO 7110.65, par. 2-6-2

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

# Airport Conditions, Status, and Activities

- Include airport conditions, status, and activities, such as:
  - Airport closure
  - Prior permission may be needed to land
  - Runway status
  - Vehicles on runway
  - Any other conditions/activities deemed necessary



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- O Include airport conditions, status, and activities, such as:
  - Airport closure
  - Prior permission may be needed to land
  - Runway status
    - Runway in use
    - Snow removal
    - Braking action reports forwarded by pilots or solicited by you
  - Vehicles on runway
    - A particular runway may be closed
  - Any other conditions and/or activities deemed necessary

# Altimeter and Weather Trends

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

#### **Altimeter and Weather Trends**

- · Include any altimeter and/or weather trends
  - Altimeters
    - ➤ Rapidly changing
    - ➤ Below 29.92
      - o Some flight levels may become unusable
    - ➤ Above 31.00
      - EAS will not display the correct Mode C altitude
  - Weather
    - Convective activity and pilot's requests to avoid
    - Freezing level and forecast icing
    - > Chop and/or turbulence reports



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    - Chop and/or turbulence reports
      - Include smooth altitudes if known

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#### Altimeter and Weather Trends (Cont'd)

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

- If you conduct approach control services, include airport weather information:
  - Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC)
  - Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC)
    - Base and tops reports
    - o Expect pilots to fly a full instrument approach
- Any other pertinent weather information deemed necessary

#### Other Checklist Items

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

#### Other Checklist Items

- Flow control
- Special activities
- Special instructions and/or restrictions
- Staffing
- Training in progress



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- Flow control
  - Traffic Management Initiatives
- Special activities
  - Include any pertinent information deemed necessary

**Examples:** Restricted and/or warning areas in use, airshows, flight checks, new procedures

- Special instructions and/or restrictions
  - Include any pertinent information deemed necessary

**Examples:** Adjacent position training, nonstandard staffing, and/or configuration

- Staffing
- Training in progress

Other Checklist Items (Cont'd)

JO 7210.3, par. 2-2-4

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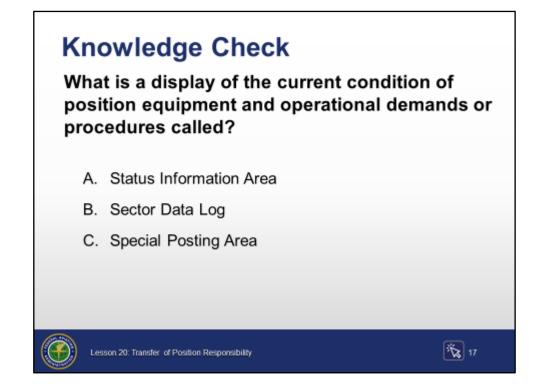
- · Verbally state runway status
  - Unavailable, closed, occupied
- Pertinent operational NOTAMs
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- Non-RVSM aircraft operations
- Communication status and traffic



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Knowledge Check



**Question:** What is a display of the current condition of position equipment and operational demands or procedures called?

#### TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY PROCESS

#### Relieving Specialist Previews the Position

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par. 6

# Relieving Specialist Previews the Position

- Follow the checklist
- Review the Status Information Area(s)
- Observe:
  - Position equipment
  - Operational situation
  - Work environment
- Listen to voice communications
- Observe current and pending aircraft and correlate with flight information



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  - Indicate to the specialist being relieved that the position has been previewed and that the verbal briefing may begin

#### Verbal Briefing

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par. 6

# Verbal Briefing

- Specialist being relieved verbally briefs the relieving specialist on:
  - Abnormal status of items not listed on the SIAs
    - Include any items of special interest calling for verbal explanation or additional discussion
  - Reported weather and other weather related information
  - Traffic, if applicable
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    - Except for ERAM facilities using Voice Communication Indicator (VCI)
- Relieving specialist should ask questions necessary to ensure a complete understanding of the operational situation
  - Specialist being relieved must completely answer any questions asked

Assume Position Responsibility

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par.

# **Assume Position Responsibility**

- · Relieving specialist:
  - Make a statement or otherwise indicate to the specialist being relieved that position responsibility has been assumed
- Specialist being relieved:
  - Release the position to the relieving specialist



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- Assume position responsibility
  - The relieving specialist makes a statement or otherwise indicates to the specialist being relieved that position responsibility has been assumed
  - The specialist being relieved releases the position to the relieving specialist

# Review the Position

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par. 6

#### **Review the Position**

- Relieving specialist:
  - Checks, verifies, and updates the information obtained during the preview and verbal briefing
  - Checks position equipment in accordance with existing directives



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- When reviewing the position, the relieving specialist:
  - Checks, verifies, and updates the information obtained during the preview and verbal briefing
  - Checks position equipment in accordance with existing directives

# Review the Position (Cont'd)

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par. 6

# Review the Position (Cont'd)

- When reviewing the position, the specialist being relieved:
  - Reviews
    - ➤ Checklist
    - Status Information Area(s)
    - Written notes
    - Other prescribed sources of information
  - Advises the relieving specialist of
    - > Known omissions
    - ➤ Updates
    - > Inaccuracies



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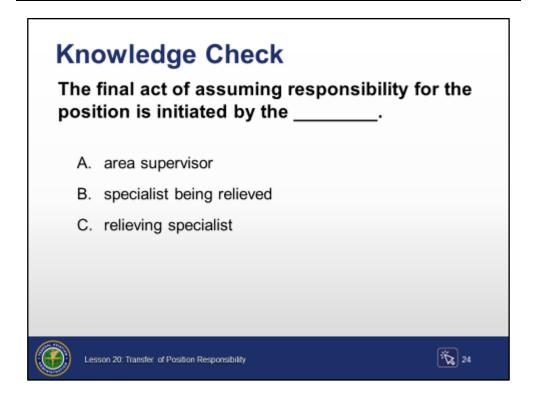
# Review the Position (Cont'd)

JO 7110.65, Appendix A, par. 6

- Observes overall position operation to determine if assistance is needed
  - If assistance is needed, provides or summons it as appropriate
- Advises the appropriate position regarding known Status Information Area(s) omissions, updates, or inaccuracies
- Indicates that the relief process is complete
- The specialists sign-on/sign-off

**NOTE:** Signing on to a position will automatically sign out the previous specialist.

Knowledge Check



**Question:** The final act of assuming responsibility for the position is initiated by the \_\_\_\_\_.

Knowledge Check

# **Knowledge Check**

After the relieving specialist has assumed responsibility for the sector, the relieved specialist \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. immediately leaves the area
- B. reviews all information for omissions, updates, or inaccuracies
- c. signs off the position and remains at the sector for 10 minutes



**Question:** After the relieving specialist has assumed responsibility for the sector, the relieved specialist .

Knowledge Check

# Knowledge Check Before receiving a verbal briefing from the specialist being relieved, you must \_\_\_\_\_. A. indicate that you have assumed position responsibility B. sign yourself on the position C. preview the position

**Question:** Before receiving a verbal briefing from the specialist being relieved, you must \_\_\_\_\_.

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Knowledge Check

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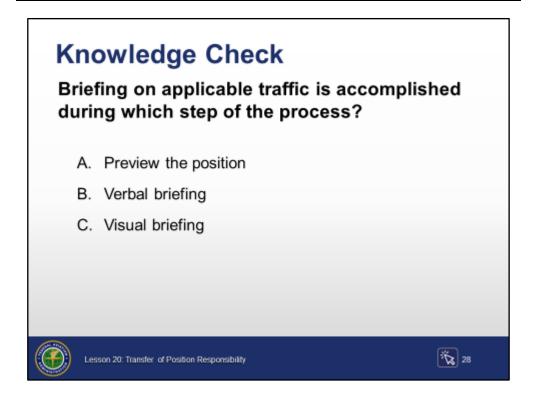
If the specialist being relieved recognizes an inaccuracy immediately after relinquishing position responsibility, who should be notified?

- A. Traffic Management Unit
- B. Operations manager
- C. Relieving specialist and any appropriate position

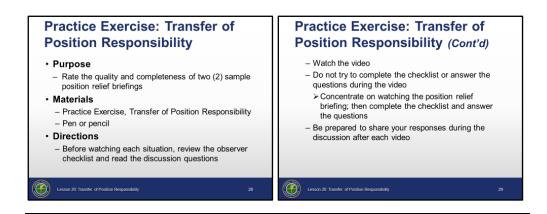


**Question:** If the specialist being relieved recognizes an inaccuracy immediately after relinquishing position responsibility, who should be notified?

Knowledge Check



**Question:** Briefing on applicable traffic is accomplished during which step of the process?



**Purpose** 

In this exercise you will rate the quality and completeness of two (2) sample position relief briefings.

#### Materials



- Practice Exercise, Transfer of Position Responsibility
- Pen or pencil

#### **Directions**

This exercise takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

- Before watching each situation, review the observer checklist and read the discussion questions
- Watch the video
- Do not try to complete the checklist or answer the questions during the video
  - Concentrate on watching the position relief briefing; then complete the checklist and answer the questions
- Be prepared to share your responses during the discussion after each video

 pecialist Being Relieved	Re	lieving Specialist
Gives thorough and accurate verbal briefing  Briefs from position checklist  Briefs on:  Abnormal status items, as needed  Applicable traffic  Completely answers questions  Does not rush  Does not permit self to be rushed  Releases position  Reviews position  Reviews checklist, SIA, written notes, other sources of information  Advises of any known omissions, updates, inaccuracies  Observes overall position operation for needed assistance  Signs on relieving controller  Signs off		Previews position  □ Does self-briefing and review of SIA, and receives authorized pre-position briefing  □ Observes:  - Position equipment  - Operational situation  - Work environment  - Traffic (current and pending)  - Other operational actions  □ Listens to voice communications and correlates with flight information  □ Familiarizes self with:  - Relevant weather  - Pertinent NOTAMs  - Special Use Airspace  - Special Activity Airspace  □ Indicates readiness for briefing  □ During briefing, ensures complete understanding  □ Asks any necessary questions  □ Listens/observes attentively  □ Does not rush  □ Does not permit self to be rushed  Indicates responsibility assumed Reviews position:  □ Signs on  □ Checks position equipment  □ Verifies and updates information

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Situation	1
Discussion	n
Question	S

	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent
2.	What did t	he specialist do		·
3.	What did t	he specialist do	poorly?	
ELIE	EVING SPEC	CIALIST		
	How would		erformance of the reli and 6 below.	eving specialist?
	How would	d you rate the pe in questions 5 a		
	How would your rating	d you rate the pe in questions 5 a Good	and 6 below.	Excellent
4.	How would your rating Poor	d you rate the pe in questions 5 a Good	and 6 below.  Very Good	Excellent

6. What did the specialist do poorly?

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Situation	2
Discussion	on
Question	S

#### **SPECIALIST BEING RELIEVED**

<ol> <li>How would you rate the performance of the specialist b rating in questions 2 and 3 below.</li> </ol>				ialist being relieved? Explain your
	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent

- 2. What did the specialist do well?
- 3. What did the specialist do poorly?

#### **RELIEVING SPECIALIST**

4. How would you rate the performance of the relieving specialist? Explain your rating in questions 5 and 6 below.

Poor Good Very Good Excellent

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- 5. What did the specialist do well?
- 6. What did the specialist do poorly?

#### Lesson Summary

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- Responsibilities for each specialist
  - Terms
  - Sources of information
  - Precautions
  - · Specialist being relieved
  - Relieving specialist
- Items on the position relief briefing checklist
  - · Status information area
  - Equipment
  - · Airport conditions, status, and activities
  - · Altimeter and weather trends
  - · Other checklist items

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# CONCLUSION (CONT'D)

#### Lesson Summary (Cont'd)

- ⊙ Steps to transfer responsibility
  - Relieving specialists previews the position
  - Verbal briefing
  - Assume position responsibility
  - · Review the position