

Requirements For En Route Alternates

All operators must have a sufficient set of en route alternate airports

Key Airport Provisions

- Must be certificated under FAR Part 139, or meet equivalent criteria if outside FAA jurisdiction
- Must be suitable to safely operate the aircraft, i.e., runway of sufficient length, width and strength (ref FAR Part 121)
- Must have minimum of ARFF Index A (FAA) or Category 4 (ICAO) response capability within 30 minutes
- Must have field reporting conditions (NOTAMS), Hourly weather reporting (METARS) and an instrument approach other than GPS
- Airport must be available but does not need to be continuously open (plan in place to reopen key airport services in case of aircraft emergency)
- **Each airline makes its own airport assessment based on their operational needs, aircraft type, flight planning requirements, and other factors.**