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Bureau of Meteorology

TAF Review

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the TAF Review?

The Bureau of Meteorology regularly reviews Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) services funded through the Meteorological Service Charge (MSC). This helps make sure TAF services remain aligned with aviation industry needs, operational demand and cost-recovery arrangements.

The TAF Review 2026 assesses TAF services funded through the Meteorological Service Charge (MSC). The review was conducted with Airservices Australia, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts.

What is the MSC?

The Meteorological Service Charge (MSC) funds many of the bureau's aviation weather services, including most TAF services. Further information on the MSC can be found on this website.

The TAF Review 2026 only considers TAF services funded through the MSC. Some TAF services are provided through separate arrangements and are not part of this review.

What is a TAF?

A TAF is an aviation specific forecast of expected weather conditions within 8 kilometres of an aerodrome.

TAFs are an important aviation weather service. They help pilots and operators make safe and informed decisions, support flight planning and help operators meet aviation requirements.

TAFs are one of many aviation weather services used by pilots and operators.

What changes to TAF services are being considered?

The TAF Review 2026 proposes that most TAF services remain unchanged.

The proposed outcomes include:

- 191 TAF services remain unchanged
- 2 new TAF services
- 8 changes to existing TAF services
- 12 MSC-funded TAF services cease.

The bureau is seeking feedback on these proposed changes.

Detailed information about the assessment and proposed changes at each aerodrome can be found on this website.

Have decisions already been made?

No.

The Consultation Report outlines proposed changes only and does not represent final decisions.

The bureau is seeking feedback on the proposed changes. Following consultation, the bureau, Airservices Australia, CASA and DITRDCSA will review feedback before making final recommendations. Once the bureau publishes the final report, we will advise aerodrome owners, operators and other stakeholders about changes to services.

Why has my aerodrome been proposed for change?

The review considers a range of factors, including aviation activity, passenger numbers, operational requirements, network considerations, aerodrome infrastructure and observational capability.

No single factor determines whether a TAF service is provided. The review considers all relevant factors across the national network.

Detailed information about individual aerodromes can be found in the Consultation Report [link].

Why is Sydney/Nancy-Bird Walton Airport included in the TAF Review 2026 if its TAF service has already commenced?

The TAF service at Sydney/Nancy-Bird Walton Airport has already commenced to support current aviation operations, including freight services, ahead of passenger services commencing in late October 2026.

As the TAF Review 2026 commenced before the new service was introduced, Sydney/Nancy-Bird Walton Airport remains included in the Consultation Report for completeness.

Can a TAF service continue if MSC funding ceases?

Where an aerodrome does not meet the criteria for an MSC-funded TAF service, the bureau may be able to provide a user-funded TAF service.

What happens if an aerodrome does not have a TAF service?

Approximately 400 aerodromes across Australia operate safely without a TAF service.

Pilots and operators can continue to use other aviation weather information, including weather observations, forecasts and warnings, to support their operations.

How can I provide feedback?

The bureau is seeking feedback on the proposed changes.

Email your submission to TAFreview@bom.gov.au.

Include:

- your name
- a contact phone number
- whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation
- your feedback

Submit your feedback by **24 November 2026**

More information

For more information on TAF Review:

- email TAFreview@bom.gov.au
- visit http://www.bom.gov.au/aviation/taf-review/.