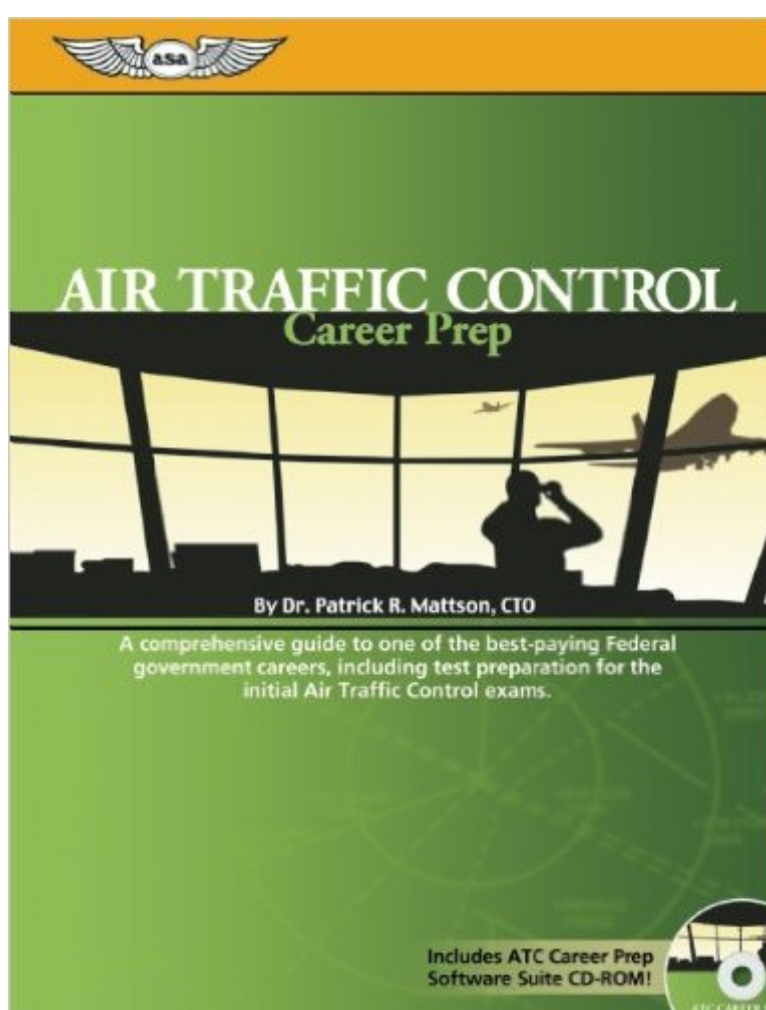


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# Air Traffic Control Career Prep: A Comprehensive Guide To One Of The Best-Paying Federal Government Careers, Including Test Preparation For Exams



## Synopsis

Air traffic controllers can earn high salaries, get great benefits, and are in big demand as much of the current workforce prepares to retire. Industry reports claim that as many as 11,800 NEW air traffic controllers will be needed over the next ten years. Patrick Mattson's Air Traffic Control Career Prep introduces this rewarding career and is designed to help readers improve their chances of earning a high score on the FAA's Air Traffic Selection and Training Aptitude test (known as the "AT-SAT") and therefore become candidates for air traffic control (ATC) positions. With general information on opportunities, working conditions, training and qualification requirements, available roles and positions, pay and benefits, and contact phone numbers to get started, this book and companion software includes more career guidance, and employment and training information than any other available guide – the only one of its kind. This book discusses in detail the specific education and experience requirements for becoming an air traffic controller, as well as the AT-SAT (the first of several tests involved in the ATC employment process). Includes ATC Career Prep Software Suite (Download Code) to help readers become familiar with and practice the 8 tests in the AT-SAT exam. The software includes AT-SAT test simulation exercises, as well as sample questions and answers to help readers grasp the topics covered, including: Analogies Scan abilities Angles Applied math Dial reading ATC scenarios Letter Factory Personality Air Traffic Control Career Prep is a comprehensive guide to one of the best-paying Federal government careers, with test preparation for the initial ATC exams. Includes references for further study as well as a full chapter of general ATC knowledge questions, for which answers with explanations and resource references are given in the Appendix. Both the FAA and Transport Canada use tests of this type to select applicants. Appendix features answer keys and the Pilot/Controller Glossary.

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So...as the 25 year old son of an Air Traffic Controller, I applied in July 2007 via the open applications (as a non-CTI applicant) on the FAA's website (which I was notified of by my father). It took until December to find out that I was selected to take the AT-SAT test...my test date was Jan. 24th. I freaked and this was the only book that I could locate that seemed to have the updated tests and everything. Bought the book via Amazon and started reading. I found the first part interesting (regarding the history of the FAA, a lot of general info) but not important as to taking the AT-SAT test. I found the "journal/diary" of a trainee that had gone to the class in Oklahoma City to be extremely interesting and informative...I will definitely re-read that if I get selected for the class. The test prep for the AT-SAT is the part I was most interested in. I was never one to study for a test but I like knowing what to expect. This book did that wonderfully in explaining the format and sections of the test. I was not so much concerned with the Angles, Dials, Analogies, or Applied Math portions of the test...it showed what the problems would be like but those problems really rely on abilities you should already have (reading angles, reading dials, figuring out analogies, and doing math in your head). I was most concerned with the sections of the test that were computer programs and I wanted to know what to expect. When using the software that comes with the book, keep these things in mind....ANGLES, DIALS, & APPLIED MATH - FAA software is much easier to use (point and click with the mouse).

I'm currently preparing for the AT-SAT as a non-CTI applicant and purchased this book to aid in my preparation for the exam. While this book provides the only, and therefore best, resources for preparing for this exam, so much could have been done better, particularly when it comes down to the software. This book serves well as an informational resource. It will answer many questions for those early on in the application process, especially for those that did not complete a CTI program. Of particular interest to anyone that picks up the book would be the daily account of a former trainee as he went through his paces at the FAA Training Academy in Oklahoma City. Also provided is an account of the facility training process at a station in the Atlanta, GA area. While this provides some

useful information on what facility training can be like, it won't be applicable to all who get up to facility training as each facility trains their new controllers differently. The exam information provided in the book is decent at best. The in-book practice examples for the angles, dials, and math problems are very useful, but keep an eye out as there are a few typos, including an incorrect answer on one of the last dial problems in the book (says the VSI is set for climb when clearly it's set for descend). As for the rest of the sections on the exam, only a brief explanation of the test is provided. In most cases, you won't see how long you have for each test or how many questions are on each test (the help guide on the CD has some, but not all that information). As for the software, you'll find on the multiple choice questions that while the questions on the exam will probably be harder, the parameters on each test on the software is actually harder.

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