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Purpose

This document provides guidance on frequently asked questions pertaining to NextGen Flight Planning.

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NextGen Flight Planning Basics

1. What is NextGen Flight Planning?

NextGen Flight Planning is a new product from ARINCDirect to allow for not only a cleaner, up-to-date look and feel, but also a platform to reveal new and cutting-edge features available from our flight planning engine.

2. Why are these features beneficial to ARINCDirect customers?

NextGen Flight Planning provides a simpler and more modern user interface with a prominent map and a sophisticated engine. As continuous features are released, capabilities not possible with the legacy flight planning tool will be brought forward.

3. What functionality does NextGen have/will have that current, legacy ARINCDirect flight planning does not?

The first iteration of the NextGen Flight Planning application will be focused on improved workflows with a few enhanced features that are inherent to the flight planning engine. In addition, we are introducing a new Leg-based Concept that will bring additional value as our product suite advances. The new features specific to flight planning include: Plan by ETA and/or Zulu or Local Time, New mapping features such as METAR layer and Echo Tops layer, advanced features to assist in smarter flight planning and improved guidance to include in the future.

4. I am not seeing all the features and functionality that I am accustomed to in the legacy ARINCDirect flight planning tool, what gives?

The development of the NextGen flight planning solution will be an ongoing process, the first iteration is focused on providing basic flight planning which will enable the ability to compute a flight plan and store it in the system. We are working hard to bring additional features forward as fast as possible, with the next feature being the ability to file. In the meantime, we are tying this experience to the legacy ARINCDirect suite of products, so anything created in NextGen is accessible on the legacy ARINCDirect website. This will allow you to use the new system for planning and use the products that are not currently available in NextGen on the legacy system. Replanning a NextGen Flight Plan in the Legacy system will convert the flight plan to a Legacy flight plan which means that in NextGen the flight plan becomes view only.

5. Does NextGen Flight Planning replace the ARINCDirect iPad application?

No, the ARINCDirect iPad application, featuring filing flight plans and the plotting chart are not going to be replaced with the NextGen Flight Planning. Eventually, NextGen Flight Planning will be replacing the current ARINCDirect website flight planning functionality. For some time, the NextGen Flight Planning Application and the Legacy flight planning website will both be available side by side until features within NextGen Flight Planning are expanded.

6. Will NextGen Flight Planning work on mobile and tablet devices?

The vision for NextGen Flight Planning is to be simple and functional. With that in mind, all the capabilities from desktop version of the application are also available on tablet and mobile phone devices making it easier for you to plan on the go. Supported devices and browsers will be included in the release notes.

Accessing NextGen Flight Planning

7. Who will be able to view these new features?

Current ARINCDirect flight planning subscribers have access to NextGen Flight Planning through Izon.

8. How is Flight Planning accessed?

ARINCDirect flight planning subscribers must first create an Izon account if one is not already set up. From there, Flight Planning is an available application in the Izon store. Izon enables single sign-on for all applications, so once the account is set up, access to the Flight Planning application is as easy as clicking on the Flight Planning tile.

9. Is NextGen Flight planning available to only ARINCDirect flight planning subscribers?

At first release, the NextGen Flight Planning application is only available to current ARINCDirect flight planning subscribers.

10. How much does it cost?

The NextGen Flight Planning application is included as part of an existing ARINCDirect Flight Planning subscription.

11. Do the users have to do anything special for NextGen Flight Planning to work?

ARINCDirect flight planning subscribers must first create an Izon account if one is not already set up ([Izon FAQ](#) and [Setup Guide](#)). Users must link their current ARINCDirect account in the Izon account setup process. Once this is complete, existing Flight Planning subscribers will see the Flight Planning tile added to their application toolbar. Single sign-on will allow the user to access Flight Planning with one click. Non-flight planning subscribers can learn more about the Flight Planning application from the Izon store.

NextGen Flight Planning Vision

12. Will NextGen Flight planning include all the functionality of current, legacy ARINCDirect flight planning?

The first releases of NextGen Flight Planning are foundational and will not include all features found in ARINCDirect Flight Planning. As continuous releases are delivered, expanded functionality along with a more modern approach to many of the legacy features will be included.

13. Why is the application considered a BETA release?

The first few releases include basic functionality of creating a NextGen flight plan, storing the flight plan and filing the flight plan. While it does not include operationally required features such as ETP/ETOPs, it is important to share this progress with you to provide opportunity for your feedback on current development and feature enhancements for the future. Until we reach a more mature flight planning tool, the application will be labeled as BETA.

14. What are the next set of features on the roadmap?

Features and Capabilities we are delivering in the next few releases include:

- ETP & ETOP
- Custom Route
- Airport Suitability
- Weight and Balance

In addition, we will be expanding upon the features already available in NextGen Flight planning and gathering feedback to determine prioritization of future enhancements.

NextGen Flight Planning Features

15. How does Replan work in NextGen Flight Planning?

Replan in NextGen Flight Planning will only overwrite the existing recall number if the flight plan is saved. Replan prohibits the change of departure airport or destination airport. If the departure airport or destination airport need to be altered, a new plan should be created and saved which will generate a new recall number. Replan of a Legacy Flight Plan is not permitted within the NextGen Flight Planning application.

16. Why can't I modify the route on the filing page?

Editing flight plan parameters from the filing page will be limited to prevent flight plan and flight plan filing mismatch as much as possible. Best practice, if the route must be changed, is to create a new plan with the adjusted route. If this new route is to be filed, then any previous filing of a different route for the same tail, city pair and ETD must first be cancelled. At this time, the Legacy flight planning tool allows for the modification of the route upon filing.

17. How do I update Equipment Codes for filing a flight plan?

For the first release of filing a NextGen flight plan, the equipment codes shown are “view only” on the filing page. In a future enhancement, equipment codes will be modifiable not only on the filing page but also from the flight planning workflow. At this time, to modify the equipment codes, see the Tail profile. Or the use of the Legacy tool to file a flight plan still allows this for a NextGen flight plan at this time.

18. How do I update or cancel a filed NextGen flight plan?

Updating and/or cancelling a filed NextGen flight plan within the NextGen Flight Planning application is planned for a future release. To accomplish this now, using the Legacy tool is required.

NextGen Flight Planning Support

19. How can I provide feedback or ask questions?

Within the application, there is a feedback icon on the bottom of the left-hand menu.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 1-866-321-6060 (International: +1 410-266-2266) or email flightops@arinc.com.