

Commercial Airport – General Aviation Air Operations Area Badge Requirements

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requires all individuals who have unescorted access to the Air Operations Area to undergo a TSA Security Threat Assessment as well as have in their possession a new General Aviation Air Operations Area identification badge. The TSA has defined the Air Operations Area (AOA) as any area inside the perimeter fence. *This is a TSA requirement for all airports that have commercial air carrier service.*

Due to the longer processing time involved with the TSA Security Threat Assessment, the assessment must be conducted and approved prior to any identification badge being issued. This means the identification badge cannot be issued on a same day basis.

Who needs the General Aviation AOA ID Badge?

Anyone that requires unescorted access to the Air Operations Area, including but not limited to: hangar owners, pilots with aircraft in the tie-down areas, instructors, contractors, FBO personnel who don't already have S.I.D.A. access.

How to apply for the General Aviation AOA ID Badge?

Forms can be obtained at the Tri-Cities Airport main office (3601 N. 20th, Pasco), Bergstrom Aircraft (3902 Stearman Ave., Pasco), Tri-City Aviation (3514 Stearman Ave., Pasco). If you would prefer to obtain the form via email or FAX contact the Tri-Cities Airport office at 509-547-6352. A link has also been provided on the Port of Pasco website if you would prefer to print the form.

Return the completed application to the Tri-Cities Airport Badging Office with acceptable forms of identification (a list of acceptable forms of identification are included with the application form). Prior to bringing your application to the airport, please call and make an appointment, 509-547-6352. Your documents will be verified and copied at that time.

The Badging Office will submit your information to the TSA and it may be 3 - 5 business days until you are cleared and a badge can be issued. However, in certain circumstances, the time frame can be significantly longer.

You will be notified by the Airport of your application status and upon approval of the Security Threat Assessment, the badge will then be issued.

Cost:

\$20.00 must be paid to the Port of Pasco prior to issuing your badge. An additional charge of \$20.00 will be assessed to replace your badge if it is lost or stolen. Each badge will be good for 2 years, upon expiration a new badge will be issued for continued access to the AOA for an additional 2 year period