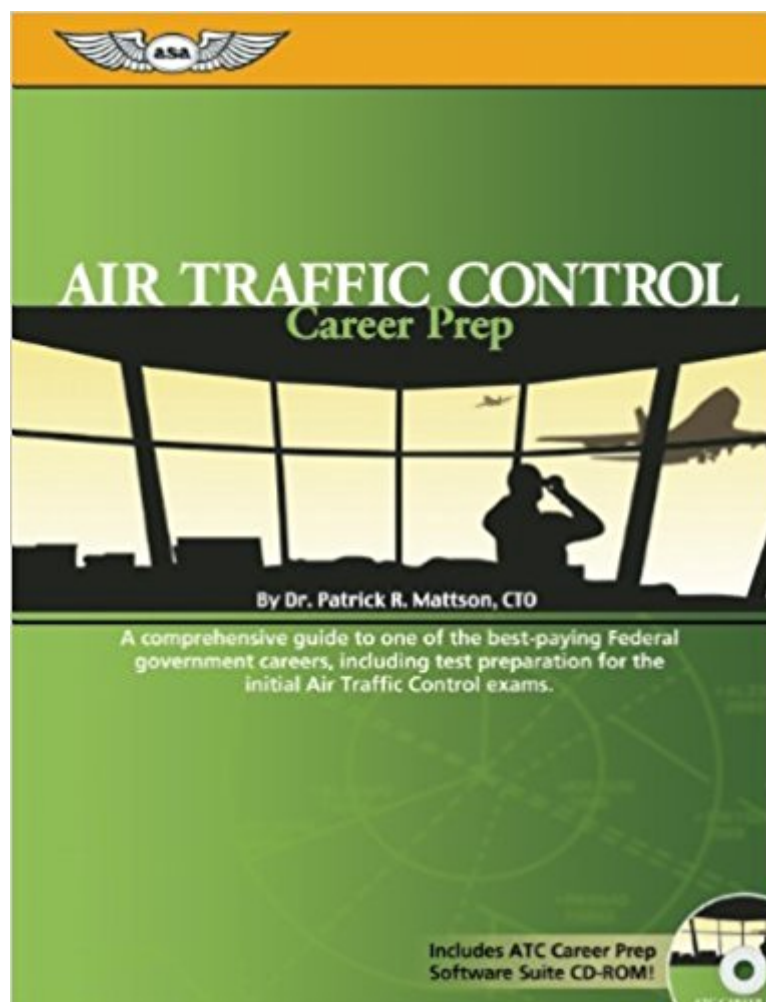


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# Air Traffic Control Career Prep: A Comprehensive Guide To One Of The Best-Paying Federal Government Careers, Including Test Preparation For The Initial ATC Exams





## 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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## Customer Reviews

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Don't buy it. No software that is supposedly included, the first 20 pages are only information about an ATC career and the hiring process - all info that can be found online. The next 20 pages are a diary about someone's ATC Academy experience. Then there's a practice test with an answer key and a glossary. What is there to study??? I learned nothing about ATC and don't see how this is test prep. Buy an ATC textbook or something else instead to learn more.

Some good info.. Problem is a lot of the test material is useless now because the test changed to the ATSA from the ATSAT..... COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.... Also some of the prep study questions have incorrect answers...

The book was great for getting an idea into the process of becoming an Air Traffic Controller, but the test has recently been changed for this go around and is nothing like the software you get with this book.

This book and interactive study guide helped me quite a bit. The PC program more so than the book. The program is like a game, and very accurate to the actual test. Some minor differences: in the "landing the planes" game, when you set a new heading, the planes arch to that new heading, appropriately to approximate physics. However, in the actual test, the planes do immediate 90° angle turns. This messed me up a bit when taking the test, because, part of your grade is determined by how few course corrections you make. Also, it caused me to miss judge my very first

course correction, and I crashed a plane. Bummer. But I still did get a 90.6 on the entire test. The book is good for... well not much. It actually has a lot of errors in the answer key, but if you don't realize those errors, you probably shouldn't be an air traffic controller anyways. I highly recommend that you just play that game over and over again. Keep playing it until you have mastered all of the sections, and then play it some more. Play that thing up until the morning before your test. I cannot stress enough how beneficial this game is to your overall grade. It will boost by a factor of 'amazing' your quickness of thought, your committal under stress, and your confidence in knowing that you are right. Man, that letter factory game will eat your lunch if you are not prepared for it. And all of these games in this program are designed somewhat harder than the actual test. Get This Game. Play it over and over. and study some of the other things. It WILL give you a substantial advantage.

The whole point of this book is to try to raise your score on the ATSAT test and this book MIGHT help. Like an IQ test, you can't really study for the ATSAT. Using this book and the accompanying CD only helps you become familiar with what you are going to see on the test. That alone can certainly help you improve your score since you won't be so overwhelmed when the test starts. Be very careful though because the actual test and instructions are different than what you'll see in the book and CD. Read and follow the real test instructions carefully. There are many flaws in the book and practice CD software including design flaws as well as outright incorrect answers. While the author has done a pretty good job of verifying the content of the book the publishers have thrown in some pretty crappy software. The book spends a lot of time teaching you Air Traffic Control which does NOTHING to help you prepare for the test. In other words, there are NO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL questions on the ATSAT. For this reason the other often purchased ATSAT prep book, Peterson's, is even more worthless because it doesn't even come with a marginal practice CD or written test examples. With all that said though I still believe this book is a worthwhile investment toward the chance of an outstanding career. If you have been selected to take the ATSAT you might as well spend a few bucks to gain any advantage possible. Most everybody feels that the actual test is easier than the practice CD. Good luck and happy vectoring!

I've been working as a controller for over a year now, and bought this book in preparation for taking the AT-SAT over two years ago. It does have some nice to know information on the hiring and training process, but the AT-SAT itself is supposed to be an aptitude test so I'm not really sure if studying for the test is really needed. I believe only advantage I felt that I got from reviewing this

book is I knew (generally) what I was going to see on the actual test. That said, the letter factory and ATC simulation on the CD included with the book are very different from the actual test. While the basic layout of each is the same, the actual test is much easier than the CD. An individual has created a web site that has a much more accurate representation of the actual test elements. In short, if you can get this book used at a price that would allow you to sell it to someone else close to what you paid for it, go ahead and get it. I would pass on this if I was paying full price.

This book is totally outdated. As of 2017 FAA has started a new format. Not a single word in this book will help you. I took the test, and believe me you will only waste your time and money if you decide to buy this like I did. Nothing can prepare you for the new exam.

Informative but not for the test that they are distributing today.

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