

Australia ADS-B requirements: 2017 onwards

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Last year Australia switched off most of its nav aids, meaning that RNP became a requirement.

This year, they're asking all aircraft flying in Australian airspace to be ADS-B equipped after **February 2nd, 2017**. ADS-B means that controllers can use your uplinked GPS position, instead of mammoth SSR Radar Units all over the country.

There are two exemptions:

- Small Australian-registered GA aircraft
- **Foreign-registered aircraft** with the restriction that you must fly below FL290 in continental airspace, and stick "**RMK/NIL ADSB AUTH**" into Field 18 of the Flight Plan.

You don't need to apply for special authorisation, just show up.

References:

- Air Services Australia (ATC) mandate list
- Australian CAA (CASA) ADS-B information
- CASA Authorisation summary