

# Departing Traffic

We ask all pilots to also read the [General section](#) with **information relevant to all pilots**.

## Preparation

A thorough preparation is important for any flight. We ask you to **conduct a thorough briefing to avoid delays and keep it fun for everyone**.

### Route planning

You can find valid routes for many destinations in the [AeroNav Global Route Database](#).

When planning a route via SimBrief, please use routes with the Eurocontrol icon, as those will generally be valid.

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When filing an invalid flight plan, you will usually have to **file a completely new flight plan** before ATC can issue your enroute clearance.

### SID assignment

If there is no SID leading to the first waypoint of your flight plan, **please check which AIRAC you are using** - if your AIRAC cycle is too outdated, it might take some time until the controllers can coordinate a solution for you. There are no restrictions on the usability of the different SIDs.

## Enroute Clearance

Clearance requests in Germany are very short. Please **avoid unnecessarily long clearance requests** to reduce frequency congestion.

“ **Pilot:** Lahr Tower, Avanti Air 130H, request enroute clearance.

As Lahr has no ATIS, ATC will give you some basic weather information together with your enroute clearance. If you require a full weather report, it has to be specifically requested.

“ **Pilot:** Lahr Tower, Avanti Air 130H, request enroute clearance and weather information.

## Datalink Clearance (DCL)

Lahr also offers electronic datalink clearances (also known as PDC or Pre-Departure Clearance) on VATSIM using the [Hoppie ACARS system](#). The station code is **EDTL**. If your aircraft does not have a direct integration of the Hoppie system, you can also use [easyCPDLC](#).

Requesting clearance electronically is **preferred over voice clearances** as it reduces frequency congestion thus avoiding delays. Because of this, we ask all pilots able to use the Hoppie ACARS system to do so.

## Startup

Startup approval is the "go" from the controller's side to start your engines. It is also an **assurance that you will be cleared to start moving within the next 20 minutes**. It can be requested and approved together with pushback.

## Pushback

Pushback is not required as **all stands at Lahr are taxi-out positions**.

## Taxi

While Lahr's layout is relatively simple, it is still important to conduct a **thorough briefing of expected taxi routes** as well as **correct taxiing**. To avoid delays for yourself and other users, **start taxiing as soon as possible after receiving your taxi clearance**.

If you are unsure about your taxi instructions, **hold position and inform ATC immediately**.

## Takeoff

Lahr has only one runway which needs to be used for both departures and arrivals. While there is usually not too much other traffic, it is still important to **begin your takeoff roll as soon as you receive your clearance** and be prepared for immediate takeoff clearances. If you take too long, **ATC might have to cancel your takeoff clearance** and issue a go around for an arriving aircraft.

## Auto-handoff

Lahr utilizes an auto-handoff procedure for IFR departures where **Tower will not hand off outbounds to the approach controller**. The current airborne frequency will always be given by the Tower controller.

Contact the airborne frequency **immediately when airborne** unless explicitly told to remain on Tower frequency.

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