

The JATCC contains two main elements – Radar and Aerodrome Control.

Radar: 22 weeks of theory and practical simulator sessions. Students will learn to control aircraft in four positions (Talk Down, Approach, Zone and Director), providing air traffic control services to aircraft departing and approaching the airfield, as well as aircraft transiting through your airspace. This phase culminates with the radar exam in week 22.

Aerodrome Control: Students are taught to control all aircraft entering the visual pattern around the airfield, aircraft taxiing on the operating surfaces including providing clearance to take-off, plus all vehicles authorised to drive on the airfield.

First Tour: A first tour will usually last 3-5 years. JATCC graduates are required to gain their local operating endorsements in the positions learnt on JATCC within 18 months.