

# ZAB Center General Callsigns Practice Test (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

**Remember:** successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

## Questions

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- 1. Jet Card corresponds to which code?**
  - A. EDG**
  - B. DPJ**
  - C. EJA**
  - D. FFT**
  
- 2. Which code corresponds to Air Shuttle?**
  - A. AAY**
  - B. ACA**
  - C. ASP**
  - D. ASH**
  
- 3. Which code corresponds to Alaska?**
  - A. AFR**
  - B. ASQ**
  - C. ASA**
  - D. ACA**
  
- 4. Which full name corresponds to the code SFH?**
  - A. Starfish**
  - B. Trail Blazer**
  - C. Thrive**
  - D. Red Stripe**
  
- 5. What is the proper way to address ZAB Center when an IFR flight from the west is requesting arrival sequencing?**
  - A. ZAB Center, N123AB, IFR, inbound from the west.**
  - B. ZAB Center, N123AB, IFR, outbound from the west.**
  - C. N123AB, ZAB Center, inbound IFR from west.**
  - D. ZAB Center, N123AB, inbound from the east, IFR.**
  
- 6. How should you handle a transmission that includes multiple callsigns in quick succession?**
  - A. Read back concisely; separate and address each call.**
  - B. Ignore extra calls and respond to the first only.**
  - C. Pause after each call to confirm.**
  - D. Ask for repetition of the entire transmission.**

- 7. When transferring to ZAB Center, what should you include in your last transmission to the previous controller?**
- A. Your last position report.**
  - B. Your final altitude and intended action; the last callsign.**
  - C. The current weather at origin.**
  - D. Your next destination.**
- 8. Which entity does the code NCR represent?**
- A. Sioux**
  - B. National Cargo**
  - C. Horizon**
  - D. Quantas**
- 9. Which name is correctly matched to the code HGT?**
- A. Jet Blue**
  - B. Korean Air**
  - C. Gamma jet**
  - D. high tech**
- 10. What is the correct order of elements in a typical Center initial contact for IFR?**
- A. Callsign, altitude/flight level, position or routing, IFR status.**
  - B. IFR status, callsign, altitude**
  - C. Position, callsign, altitude**
  - D. Altitude, callsign, IFR status**

## **Answers**

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1. B
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. A
7. B
8. B
9. D
10. A

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## **Explanations**

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### 1. Jet Card corresponds to which code?

- A. EDG
- B. DPJ**
- C. EJA
- D. FFT

Jet Card is the charter product tied to Delta Private Jets, and in aviation, each operator is assigned a unique three-letter ICAO designator that is used in flight plans and radio communications. The designator DPJ specifically represents Delta Private Jets, so Jet Card corresponds to DPJ. In practice, pilots would use this designator in the aircraft's identification code and radio calls, sometimes paired with a flight number, while controllers recognize the operator by that DPJ tag. The other codes don't fit because they're assigned to different operators and don't reflect the Delta Private Jets service.

### 2. Which code corresponds to Air Shuttle?

- A. AAY
- B. ACA
- C. ASP
- D. ASH**

This asks you to map an airline name to its three-letter code by using the initials of the words in the name. For Air Shuttle, take the first letter of the first word (A) and combine it with the initials of the second word (SH from Shuttle), giving ASH. That makes ASH the code that matches the two-word name Air Shuttle. The other options don't reflect the two-word pairing of Air and Shuttle, so they don't align with the name in question.

### 3. Which code corresponds to Alaska?

- A. AFR
- B. ASQ
- C. ASA**
- D. ACA

In aviation, the three-letter ICAO designator uniquely identifies the airline in flight plans and ATC communications. Alaska Airlines is assigned the ICAO designator ASA, and its radio callsign is "Alaska." The other codes belong to different carriers (for example, AFR is Air France, ACA is Air Canada), so ASA is the correct match for Alaska.

#### 4. Which full name corresponds to the code SFH?

- A. Starfish**
- B. Trail Blazer**
- C. Thrive**
- D. Red Stripe**

Matching three-letter codes to full names in this practice set relies on the predefined pairings in the given code table. SFH is the designated code for the full name Starfish, so recognizing that exact mapping makes Starfish the correct choice. The system assigns each full name a unique code, so the other options—Trail Blazer, Thrive, and Red Stripe—are paired with different codes and wouldn't correspond to SFH in this dataset. Rely on the code-to-name table you study from to build quick, accurate recall.

#### 5. What is the proper way to address ZAB Center when an IFR flight from the west is requesting arrival sequencing?

- A. ZAB Center, N123AB, IFR, inbound from the west.**
- B. ZAB Center, N123AB, IFR, outbound from the west.**
- C. N123AB, ZAB Center, inbound IFR from west.**
- D. ZAB Center, N123AB, inbound from the east, IFR.**

When initiating contact with a Center for arrival sequencing, you want to identify the facility you're calling, who you are, your status, and your position or direction of approach. Saying "ZAB Center, N123AB, IFR, inbound from the west" does exactly that: you're addressing Albuquerque Center, identifying your aircraft by registration, confirming you're IFR, and indicating you are inbound from the west. This lets the controller quickly place you in the arrival sequence and coordinate with other traffic. The other formulations misrepresent either the contact order or the situation. Starting with the aircraft ID instead of the center makes the call less clear to the controller. Saying you're inbound from the east is simply the wrong direction for this scenario, and stating outbound from the west implies you're leaving the area rather than arriving.

#### 6. How should you handle a transmission that includes multiple callsigns in quick succession?

- A. Read back concisely; separate and address each call.**
- B. Ignore extra calls and respond to the first only.**
- C. Pause after each call to confirm.**
- D. Ask for repetition of the entire transmission.**

When multiple callsigns occur in a single transmission, the goal is to keep the channel clear and everyone knows who's being addressed. Read back concisely and separate and address each call. This approach confirms that you heard every station mentioned and shows precisely who should respond, which reduces ambiguity and the chance of someone missing part of the message. It also keeps the exchange efficient, since you're confirming comprehension in one clear, brief confirmation rather than looping through the same content again. If you ignored the extra calls, some stations wouldn't know their message or instruction applied to them, leading to confusion. Pausing after each call would slow things down unnecessarily when a compact read-back can cover all in one go. Asking for a repetition of the entire transmission wastes time and increases the risk of losing the message amid other traffic.

7. When transferring to ZAB Center, what should you include in your last transmission to the previous controller?

- A. Your last position report.
- B. Your final altitude and intended action; the last callsign.**
- C. The current weather at origin.
- D. Your next destination.

When handing off to another controller, the goal is to pass along what the next controller needs to continue safe and efficient separation. Including your final altitude tells the receiving controller exactly what level you're at so they can maintain appropriate vertical separation from other aircraft. Stating your intended action clarifies what you plan to do next—whether you'll descend, climb, level off, or proceed on a different route—so they can anticipate your trajectory and coordinate the sequencing with other traffic. Providing the last callsign confirms which aircraft is being handed off, preventing any mix-ups in busy airspace. Details like the weather at origin or a weather update aren't part of this last transmission because they don't impact the immediate handoff information the next controller needs. The key pieces are altitude, intent, and identity, which is why that combination is the best answer.

8. Which entity does the code NCR represent?

- A. Sioux
- B. National Cargo**
- C. Horizon
- D. Quantas

A three-letter airline designator is used to identify a specific carrier in schedules, flight plans, and radio communications. NCR is the designation assigned to National Cargo, so in any system that uses these codes, NCR points to that carrier. The other names refer to different airlines and would have their own distinct designators, not NCR.

9. Which name is correctly matched to the code HGT?

- A. Jet Blue
- B. Korean Air
- C. Gamma jet
- D. high tech**

Three-letter codes in this practice set are tied to specific operator names in a fixed mapping. The code HGT is defined to match the name "high tech." That direct pairing is why this option is the correct one: it follows the established mapping used for the questions. The other names have different code associations in the same mapping, so they don't align with HGT. In these tests, recognizing or recalling the exact code-to-name mapping is the key to getting this right.

**10. What is the correct order of elements in a typical Center initial contact for IFR?**

- A. Callsign, altitude/flight level, position or routing, IFR status.**
- B. IFR status, callsign, altitude**
- C. Position, callsign, altitude**
- D. Altitude, callsign, IFR status**

In an IFR initial contact with Center, the most efficient order is to establish who you are first, then where you are in the airspace, what altitude you're holding, your current position or routing, and finally confirm you're operating IFR. Starting with the callsign lets the controller pull up your specific flight plan immediately, so they know which aircraft is calling. Stating your altitude right after identifies your vertical position, which is crucial for assigning separation and sequencing. Giving your position or routing next shows exactly where you are on the map and where you intend to go, helping the controller determine the best path or required clearances. Ending with the IFR status informs the controller that you're operating under IFR and there are no VFR conditions to consider, so they apply the appropriate IFR procedures and clearances. A typical transmission would be: Center, N12345, 15,000, position east of the BRAVO VOR, IFR.

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# Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**

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