

Minimum Connecting 1 (MCTs) Explained

# WHAT ARE MCTs?

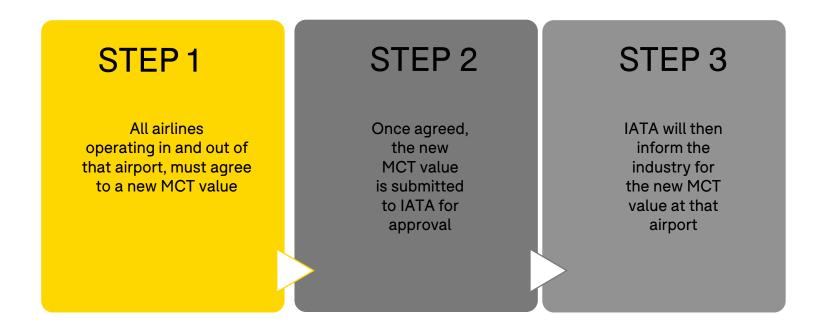
MCTs are Minimum Connection
Times and represent the time
allowed between the arrival of one
scheduled flight and the departure
of a connecting flight.

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#### DETERMINING INDUSTRY-STANDARD MCTS



- All new Airport standard MCTs must be approved by IATA.
- Once the new airport or "station standard" MCT is established, this becomes the default value for that airport and is used by the entire industry.



### GENERAL STATUS EXCEPTIONS



If no other MCTs are set at an individual airport, IATA specifies default MCT times for all airports:

Domestic to Domestic

30 minutes

Passenger arrives on a domestic flight and departs on another domestic flight Domestic to International

60 mins

Passenger arrives on a domestic flight and departs on an international flight International to Domestic

90 mins

Passenger arrives on an international flight and departs on a domestic flight International to International

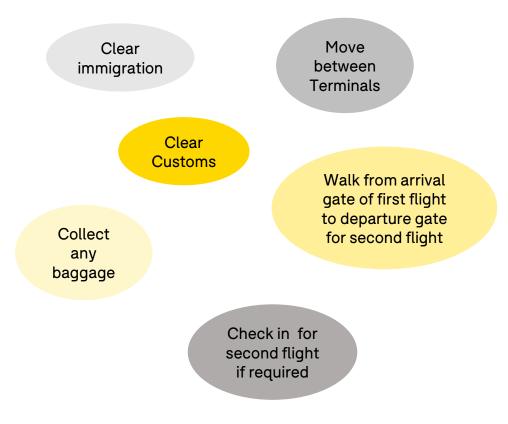
90 mins

Passenger arrives on an international flight and departs on another international flight

### AIRPORT AND AIRLINE MCT EXCEPTIONS



Airport: There are exceptions to these defaults, which could be for the following reasons



Airline: A powerful marketing tool that influences positioning on GDS displays, OTAs and metasearch engines

A proactive influence against competitors

The shorter the connection time, the faster the journey, which moves the carrier up the page

Airline MCT
Co-ordinators
agree exceptions
to the Airport
standard MCT

## MCT INDUSTRY FORMAT



- The distribution format is determined by IATA and is described in SSIM Chapter 8
- OAG was instrumental in the evolvement of the current format and subsequent hierarchy working with airlines and industry partners to develop new IATA distribution standards for Minimum Connect Times



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