

Brothers and Sisters,

Today, the FAA advised NATCA that it will continue external hiring for certain positions, including the issuance of tentative and firm offer letters, and the posting of vacancy announcements.

The positions include:

- 2152 series Air Traffic Control Specialists whose primary and core duties include providing control and separation, preflight briefing and assistance, and advisory services to pilots during flight.
- “Pipeline” 2152s hired directly into facilities as well as into the FAA Academy. They are also excluded from the federal civilian hiring freeze as are 08xx series Engineers (excluding 0802 and 0856).
- 1801 series employees whose primary and core day-to-day duties involve leading, or performing inspection, investigation, enforcement, or compliance work.
- 1825 series employees whose primary and core day-to-day duties involve developing, administering, or enforcing regulations and standards concerning civil aviation safety, including (1) the airworthiness of aircraft and aircraft systems, (2) the competence of pilots, mechanics, and other airmen, and (3) safety aspects of aviation facilities, equipment, and procedures.
- 2101 series employees whose primary and core day-to-day duties involve installing, evaluating, maintaining, modifying and certifying facilities, systems, services and equipment that support the National Airspace System (NAS).

These hiring freeze exceptions are in addition to the previous exceptions for internal transfers.

We will continue to update you as we learn more.

In Solidarity,

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