The Evolution of the Slot Guidelines
The evolution of slot guidelines in the last 20 years

**Early 2000s**
- Sunsetting the Scheduling Procedures Guide (SPG) from 1990's
- Introduction of the new Worldwide Scheduling Guidelines (WSG) in March 2000

**2007-2008**
- **Two Slot Process Reviews** launched in 2007-2008 and 2011-2014
- Major re-write of the slot guidelines and publishing of the new Worldwide Slot Guidelines (WSG) in August 2011
- Process evaluation, data analysis resulted in clarifications to policy and general improvements.

**2011-2014**
- The WSG is translated in Arabic, Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish
- **Strategic Review** of the WSG launched with airports, airlines & coordinators – collaboration across ACI, IATA and WWACG
- Major changes published in WSG 9th and 10th editions
- Culmination of changes in the new Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines (WASG) in 2020
Continuous improvement of the WSG to the WASG

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<td>Detailed clarification of the <strong>roles of Airports and Coordinators in the airport capacity analyses and capacity declaration</strong>&lt;br&gt;Establishment of <strong>Slot Return Deadline (SRD)</strong> of 15 Jan and 15 Aug to facilitate a more vigorous slot reallocation exercise by coordinators&lt;br&gt;Introduction of <strong>Minimum System Requirements</strong> for the conduct of slot allocation and management by Coordinators and Airlines&lt;br&gt;<strong>Voluntary secondary trading of slots</strong>&lt;br&gt;The <strong>Slot Conference dates</strong> moved 5 days later to allow more time for preparatory work by airlines&lt;br&gt;<strong>SAL distribution</strong> to all to improve transparency of initial allocation</td>
<td><strong>Principles of schedule facilitation</strong> – introduction of detailed process providing clarification and detail about the Schedule Facilitation process&lt;br&gt;<strong>SRD</strong> - Education Campaign launched to promote series return and reallocation&lt;br&gt;<strong>Review of the Airport Levels Concept</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Review of Post SAL/Pre Slot-Conference Activity</strong> to make it more efficient&lt;br&gt;Sunsetting the old ‘Type B’ slot messages and transition to XML standard</td>
<td><strong>New Entrant definition</strong> (change from &lt; 5 to &lt; 7 slots) – improves access and growth of new airlines at congested airports&lt;br&gt;<strong>Priority for allocation from the slot pool</strong> – equal distribution (50/50) of newly available slots to new and incumbent airlines&lt;br&gt;<strong>Additional criteria for slot allocation</strong> – clarified and enhanced criteria for coordinators to base their allocation decisions on when there are more requests than can be met&lt;br&gt;<strong>Slot Performance Monitoring</strong> – introduction of comprehensive process and tools for coordinators to monitor how slots are used and to minimize slot misuse&lt;br&gt;<strong>Trials and simulations</strong> – trial of earlier SRD and the new Enhanced level 2 Airport concept undertaken for assessment of validity of need for change</td>
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More details on all the changes to the WSG > WASG are detailed [here](#).
Worldwide Airport Slot Board (WASB)

- Established in 2019 by ACI, IATA and WWACG the WASB is the new governing body in charge of setting the global slot policies, processes and procedures.

- The WASB launch the new Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines (WASG) in 2020 with a refreshed set of objectives for the global slot process.

- The WASB continually evaluates the slot policies and process to identify areas for improvement and enhancement.