

# AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR 019/2025

## ILS SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION (SA) CAT II APPROACHES

### Background

Instrument Landing System Special Authorization Category II (ILS SA CAT II) are approaches that under certain conditions can safely permit a decision height as low as 100 feet and Runway Visual Range (RVR) values as low as 1200 feet. A major difference between an SA CAT II and a conventional CAT II instrument approach is that the SA CAT II approach may only have approach and/or runway lighting systems intended for CAT I approaches. Aircraft operators that obtain authority from Transport Canada to fly these approaches may benefit from increased airport accessibility during poor weather conditions.

### Publication of the first Canadian ILS SA CAT II

The first Canadian ILS SA CAT II approach will be published in the Canada Air Pilot on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, to runway 07 at OTTAWA/MACDONALD-CARTIER INTL (CYOW).

### Obtaining special authorization

Canadian air operators holding an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) issued under Subparts 704 and 705 of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CAR), a Private Operator Registration Document (PORD) issued under Subpart 604 of the CAR, or foreign air operators holding a Canadian Foreign Air Operator Certificate (FAOC) issued under Subpart 701 of the CAR can refer to Transport Canada Advisory Circular (AC) No. 700-053 for details on obtaining authorization to fly ILS SA CAT II approaches in Canada here:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/reference-centre/advisory-circulars/advisory-circular-ac-no-700-053>

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