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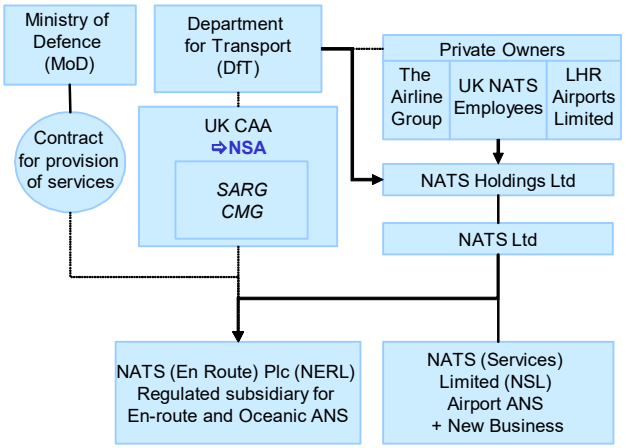
Institutional arrangements and links (2026)



Status (2026)

- Public Private Partnership as of 2001
  - 49% State-owned (Govt retains a Golden Share)
  - 51% private-owned (42% by the Airline Group, 4% by LHR Airports Limited and 5% by UK NATS employees)
- The Airline Group comprises 5 airlines (BA, Virgin Atlantic, Lufthansa, EasyJet, TUI Airways) and 2 pension funds (Pension Protection Fund and USS Sherwood Limited, which owns 49.9% of the Airline Group).

National Supervisory Authority (NSA):

UK CAA

Body responsible for:

Safety Regulation

UK CAA, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group (SARG)

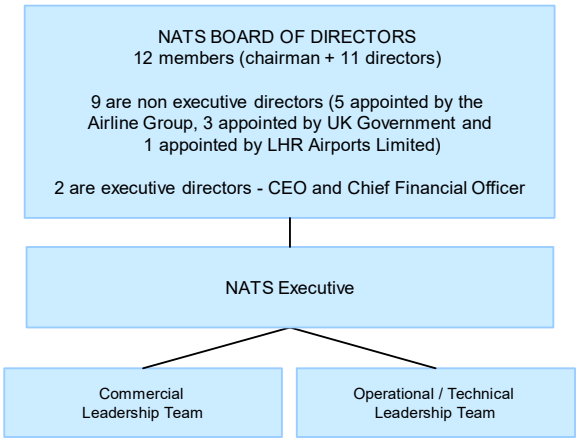
Airspace Regulation

UK CAA, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group (SARG)

Economic Regulation

UK CAA, Consumer and Markets Group (CMG).

Corporate governance structure (2026)



NATS (2026)

CHAIRMAN OF THE NATS BOARD:

Warren East

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) of NATS:

Martin Rolfe

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) of NATS:

Gary Franklin

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER:

Kathryn Leahy

ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR, NATS Services:

Richard Churchill-Coleman

Scope of services (2024)

☑ GAT	☑ Upper Airspace	☑ Oceanic ANS
☐ OAT	☑ Lower Airspace	☐ MET

Operational ATS units (2024)

1 OAC (Shanwick)
3 ACCs (Swanwick AC, London TC, Prestwick AC)
16 APPs
16 TWRs (including Gibraltar TWR)
2 AFISs

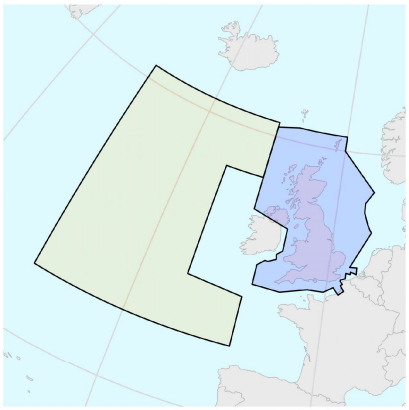
Key financial and operational figures (ACE 2024)

Gate-to-gate total revenues (M€)	1 294
Gate-to-gate total costs (M€)	862
Gate-to-gate ATM/CNS provision costs (M€)	855
Gate-to-gate total ATM/CNS assets(M€)	1 114
Gate-to-gate ANS total capex (M€)	115
ATCOs in OPS (FTEs)	1 231
Gate-to-gate total staff (incl. MET staff*)	4 062
Total IFR flight-hours controlled by ANSP ('000)	1 465
IFR airport movements controlled by ANSP ('000)	1 660
En-route sectors open at maximum configuration	69
Minutes of ATFM delays (post-OPS adjusted, '000)	1 826

** if applicable*

Size (2024)

Size of controlled airspace: 878 000 km²



Continental: 878 000 km² - Oceanic: 2 120 000 km²