

ZAU PDC GUIDE

Pre-departure clearances (PDCs) are used at three ZAU Airports (MDW, MKE, ORD). The benefit to using PDCs is to avoid valuable frequency time reading clearances and assures pilots have the correct information conveyed to them. All PDCs from MDW and ORD are assigned via the ORDx or MDWx Departure giving the appropriate 250 knots until advised. This guide will describe when to use each format. Anything in parenthesis must be filled in by the controller after the dot command.

KORD

.pdcord2 (Departure Freq)

This alias gives a clearance via the ORDx departure and gives the aircraft the departure frequency. This PDC aligns more with real world operations as the departure runway is not typically assigned in the PDC at ORD and is assigned on contact with ground.

.pdcord (Departure Freq) (Departure Runway)

This alias gives a clearance via the ORDx departure and gives the aircraft the departure frequency and runway.

.pdcordc (Departure Freq) (Departure Runway)

This alias gives a clearance via the ORDx departure and new route assigned. This also gives the aircraft the departure frequency and runway.

NOTE – you must change the aircraft's flight plan before using this PDC.

KMDW

.pdcmdw2 (Departure Freq)

This alias gives a clearance via the MDWx departure and gives the aircraft the departure frequency. This PDC aligns more with real world operations as the departure runway is not typically assigned in the PDC at MDW and is assigned on contact with ground.

.pdcmdw (Departure Freq) (Departure Runway)

This alias gives a clearance via the MDWx departure and gives the aircraft the departure frequency and runway.

.pdcmdwc (Departure Freq) (Departure Runway)

This alias gives a clearance via the MDWx departure and new route assigned. This also gives the aircraft the departure frequency and runway.

NOTE – you must change the aircraft's flight plan before using this PDC.

KMKE

.pdcmk2 (Departure Freq) (Departure Runway)

This alias must be used when an aircraft is either filed with no SID or the MITCHELLx DEP as it does not have the speed restriction respective to the aforementioned SID/procedure. This also gives the aircraft the departure frequency and runway.

.pdcmk (Departure Freq) (Departure Runway)

This alias must be used when an aircraft is filed via the ACCRAx RNAV or UECKERx RNAV Departure as it gives proper speed commands respective to the aforementioned SIDs. This also gives the aircraft the departure frequency and runway.