1. PURPOSE:
This policy establishes initial altitude assignments for towered facilities.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
The Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for this Policy is the ZLA Facility Staff. This Policy was originally drafted by Mike Cassel, ZLA Air Traffic Manager, on October 14, 2014. It was last updated by Nick Christopher, ATM, and Matthew Kramer, DATM, on September 18, 2023. This Policy shall be maintained, revised, updated or canceled by the ZLA Facility Staff. Any suggestions for modification/amendment to this Policy should be sent to the ZLA Facility Staff.

3. DISTRIBUTION:
This quick reference guide is intended for use by controllers staffing any position that provides clearance delivery services to aircraft.

4. REQUIREMENTS:
The following altitudes shall be assigned by the clearance delivery controller to IFR departures unless otherwise coordinated. If an aircraft's filed cruise altitude is lower than the altitude specified here, assign the lower altitude. In case of conflict with airport SOP, refer to the airport SOP.

All aircraft should be told to expect their filed cruise altitude 5 minutes after departure unless their cruise altitude is also their initial altitude.

KEY

- M xxxx: “Maintain (altitude)”
    - Example: M4000 = “Maintain 4000.”
- CVS: “Climb via SID.”
- CVX xxxx: “Climb via SID except maintain (altitude)”
    - Example: CVX 5000 = “Climb via SID except maintain 5000.”

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SoCal TRACON (SCT)

SCT Area 1 - Burbank

Airport	Route	Initial Altitude
Burbank Airport (BUR)	ELMOO and RWY 8 IFR	M 5000
	All other	M 4000
Van Nuys Airport (VNY)	HAYEZ SID (VNY N)	M 6000
	All Other	M 4000
Whiteman Airport (WHP)	All	M 5000

SCT Area 2 - Los Angeles

N/A

SCT Area 3 - Empire

Airport	Route	Initial Altitude
Bermuda Dunes (UDD)	All	M 4000
Brackett Field (POC)	All	M 4000
Cable Airport (CCB)	All	M 4000
Chino Airport (CNO)	All	M 4000
Corona Airport (AJO)	All	M 4000
El Monte Airport (EMT)	All	M 3000
Flabob (RIR)	All	M 4000
French Valley (F70)	All	M 6000
Hemet (HMT)	All	M 6000
Ontario Airport (ONT)	POM, SNSHN SIDs	CVX 14000 CVX 9000 (LAX E) CVX 5000 (ONT E)
	NIKKL, RAJEE SIDs	CVX 7000 CVX 5000 (ONT E)
	All other	M 4000

Palm Springs Airport (PSP)	HWRRD, JEEON, YUCCA SIDS	CVX 8000
	All other	M 8000
Riverside Municipal Airport (RAL)	All	M 4000
Redlands Municipal (REI)	All	M 6000
San Bernardino Airport (SBD)	RWY 24	M 4300
	RWY 06	M 6000
	JADKO RWY 06	CVX 7000
Thermal (TRM)	All	M 4000

SCT Area 4 - Coast

Airport	**Route**	**Initial Altitude**
Fullerton Airport (FUL)	All	M 2000
John Wayne Airport (SNA)	ELB, CHANL, MUSEL	M 5000
	ANAHM, HAWWC	M 2000
	PIGGN/STAYY	CVS
	All other SIDs	M 5000
	No SID	M 2000
	H355 (SNA E)	M 5000
Long Beach Airport (LGB)	FRITR, ZOOOM SIDs	M 3000
	TOPMM SID	CVX 3000
	All other	M 2000

SCT Area 5 - San Diego

Airport	**Route**	**Initial Altitude**
Palomar Airport (CRQ)	All	M 3000
Fallbrook (L18)	All	M 5000

Montgomery Airport (MYF)	All	M 4000
Oceanside (Bob Maxwell) (OKB)	All	M 3000
Ramona Airport (RNM)	All	M 5000
Lindbergh Airport (SAN)	CWARD SID	CVX (cruise alt.)
	CLSSY,ECHHO, PADRZ, SAYOW, ZZOOO SIDs	CVS
	BRDR SID	M 8000
	FALCC, MMOTO SIDs	CVX 8000
	PEBLE SID (J Class) PEBLE SID (M Class)	CVX 15000 CVX 14000
	All other	M 5000
Brown Airport (SDM)	All	M 4000
Gillespie Airport (SEE)	All	M 4000

SCT Area 6 - Del Rey

Airport	**Route**	**Initial Altitude**
Hawthorne Airport (HHR)	All	M 2000
Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)	West Traffic	CVX 5000
	East Traffic	CVX 3000
	No SID East & West	M 3000
Santa Monica Airport (SMO)	All	M 3000

Las Vegas TRACON (L30)

Airport	Route	Initial Altitude
Las Vegas International Airport (LAS)	RNAV SIDs	CVS
	All other	M 7000
North Las Vegas Airport (VGT)	NOTWN SID	CVS
	All other	M 7000
All other L30 airports	SID	CVX 7000
	No SID	M 7000

Santa Barbara TRACON (SBA)

Airport	Route	Initial Altitude
Santa Barbara Airport (SBA)	All	M 3000
All other SBA TRACON airports	All	M 5000

Bakersfield TRACON (BFL)
All BFL TRACON Airports: M 3000

Point Mugu RAPCON (NTD)
All NTD RAPCON Airports: M 4000

Joshua Control Facility (JCF)
PMD, VCV, WJF: M 7000
All other JCF Airports: M 8000

Yuma RAPCON (NYL)
All NYL RAPCON Airports: M 5000

Other / No TRACON
All other airports not served by a TRACON: M 10000