

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in the Pacific

Location	Type	Years	Details
Canton Island	WBAS	1947-1967	Operations of the weather station on Canton Island in the South Pacific were transferred from the Air Force to the Weather Bureau in January 1947, with surface and upper-air observations taken. The station was expanded to 24-hour operations in July 1956. The station was closed in September 1967.
Chuuk	WBAS WBO WSO	1951-present	The Navy ceded operations at Moen Airport on Truk Atoll to the Weather Bureau in 1951. Surface and upper-air observations were taken. The name of the station changed from "Truk" to "Chuuk" in 1990, after ratification of the constitution of the State of Chuuk.
Eniwetok	WBAS	1960-1967	The Weather Bureau established a station on Eniwetok Atoll for surface and upper-air observations in October 1960, after the Air Force closed its weather station, operating it as part of the Pacific Missile Range Facility. The station was closed in 1967, and later reopened by the Coast Guard.
Guam	WBO WSMO WSO WSMO WFO HC	1956-present	The Guam Weather Bureau Office was established in September 1956 in Taguac, with surface and upper-air observations. The office was relocated to the A.B. Won Pat International Airport in Tiyan in 1995, and upgraded to a forecast office during the NWS modernization. The office also issues tropical storm and typhoon watches and warnings for Palau, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and the Marianas.
Koror	WBO WSO	1951-present	The Koror Weather Bureau Office was established in July 1951, taking over operations from the U.S. Navy. Upper air observations were established in 1956.
Kwajalein	WBAS WBFO WSFO	1960-1975?	The Weather Bureau took over the station at the Kwajalein Missile Range from the Navy in July 1960, taking surface and upper air observations. An FPS-41 radar (military equivalent of the WSR-57) was commissioned 11/1/1962, and later replaced with a WSR-74S. Forecast operations were conducted for the missile range, under agreement with the military.
Majuro	WBAS WBFO WSO	1955-present	A Weather Bureau Airways Station was established in 1955 to replace the existing second order station. Upper-air observations were initially taken once a day, then were taken 4 times a day from 3/22/1958 to 8/9/1958 for support of testing at Eniwetok Atoll. They were discontinued completely in 1960, but resumed in October 1961. The office was relocated to a new location about 6 miles west-southwest of Majuro in January 2009.
Marcus Island	WBAS	1963-1968	The Weather Bureau began its operations on the island in July 1963, taking surface and upper-air observations, which had previously been conducted by the Japan Meteorological Administration. The office was closed in June 1968, with the JMA taking over again.
Johnston Island	WBAS WBO WSO	1958-1984	The Weather Bureau took over weather operations from the Air Force on Johnston Island in October 1958, taking surface and upper air observations. The station was temporarily closed for 8 months in 1962. The office was relocated in in 1961 and 1970. The station was reduced to part-time operations in June 1984, and was unstaffed by the end of the year due to financial limitations.

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<u>Pago Pago</u>	WBAS WBO WSO	1956-present	The Weather Bureau established a part-time station at Tafuna Airport (current Pago Pago International Airport) in April 1956. Upper air observations began in April 1966, and the station began full-time operations. By 2002, a new facility was opened about 200 feet away and upgrades to the upper air facilities were made. The office is currently the only NWS office in the Southern Hemisphere.
Pohnpei	WBO WSO	1951-present	The Weather Bureau assumed operations of the Pohnpei station from the U.S. Navy in July 1951. Upper air observations were temporarily taken by the Air Force in the fall of 1952, before being resumed by the Weather Bureau. Upper-air observations were taken 4 times a day from 1956-1958. Station operations were reduced to 17 hours a day in April 1973, at which point upper observations were only done once a day. 24-hour operations resumed in 1979, along with twice-daily launches.
Wake Island	WBO WBAS WBFO WSFO WSO	1948-1996	The Weather Bureau took over the weather station from the Navy in January 1948, with upper-air observations beginning in early 1949. Some forecasting operations took place in the late 1960's and early 1970's. The station was closed in 1996.
Yap	WBO WBAS WSO	1951-present	The Weather Bureau assumed operations from the U.S. Navy in June 1951, taking surface and upper-air observations. The station was relocated to the airport in 1968.