

For a private pilot flight planned for six or more hours in the future, an **outlook briefing** is the appropriate type of weather briefing. This briefing provides available forecast data for the planned departure time, aiding in flight planning but is not a substitute for a standard briefing closer to the flight. [🔗](#)

Here's a breakdown of the different briefing types:

Outlook Briefing:

This is specifically for planning purposes when the departure time is six or more hours away. It gives you an overview of the potential weather conditions to help you decide if you should proceed with further planning. [🔗](#)

Standard Briefing:

This is the most comprehensive briefing and is suitable when the departure time is within six hours. It includes current conditions, forecasts, and potential hazards. [🔗](#)

Abbreviated Briefing:

This is used to update a previous briefing or get information on specific aspects of the weather. [🔗](#)

Therefore, when planning a flight with a departure time six or more hours away, start with an outlook briefing to assess the overall weather picture. [🔗](#)