

ENR 1.2 VISUAL FLIGHT RULES

1. Except when operating as a special VFR flight, VFR flights shall be conducted so that the aircraft is flown in conditions of visibility and distance from clouds equal to or greater than those specified in Table 1.
2. Except when a clearance is obtained from an air traffic control unit, VFR flights shall not take off or land at an aerodrome within a control zone, or enter the aerodrome traffic zone or traffic pattern:
 - a. when the ceiling is less than 1500ft (450m) and/or
 - b. when the ground visibility is less than 8 km.
3. VFR flights between sunset and sunrise, or such other period between sunset and sunrise as may be prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority, shall be operated in accordance with the conditions prescribed by such authority.
4. Unless authorized by the appropriate ATS authority, VFR flights shall not be operated:
 - a. Above FL150
 - b. at transonic and supersonic speeds
5. Except when necessary for take-off or landing, or except by permission from the appropriate authority, a VFR flight shall not be flown:
 - a. over the congested areas of cities, towns or settlements or over an open-air assembly of persons at a height less than 1000ft (300m) above the highest obstacle within a radius of 8Km (4.32NM) from the aircraft.
 - b. elsewhere than as specified in 5 (a), at a height not less than 1000ft above the ground or water

Table 1* (see para 1 above)

AIRSPACE CLASS	C	G	
		ABOVE 900 M (3000 FT) AMSL or above 300 M (1000 FT) above terrain, whichever is the higher.	At and below 900 M (3000 FT) AMSL or 300 M (1000 FT) above terrain, whichever is the higher.
DISTANCE FROM CLOUD	1500 M horizontally 300 M (1000 FT) vertically		Clear of cloud and in sight of ground or water
FLIGHT VISIBILITY	8 KM at above 3050 M (10 000 FT) AMSL 5 KM below 3 050 M (10 000 FT) AMSL		5 KM*
<p>* When the height of the transition altitude is lower than 3 050 M (10 000 FT) AMSL, FL 100 should be used in lieu of 10000 FT.</p> <p>** When so prescribed by the appropriate ATS authority:</p> <p>a. lower flight visibilities to 1 500 M may be permitted for flights operating:</p> <p>1. at speeds that, in the prevailing visibility, will give adequate opportunity to observe other traffic or any obstacles in time to avoid collision; or</p> <p>2. in circumstances in which the probability of encounters with other traffic would normally be low, eg. in areas of low volume traffic and aerial work at low levels.</p> <p>b. HELICOPTERS may be permitted to operate in less than 1 500 M flight visibility, if manoeuvred at a speed that will give adequate opportunity to observe other traffic or any obstacles in time to avoid collision.</p>			

6. Except where otherwise indicated in air traffic control clearances or specified by the appropriate ATS authority, VFR flights in level cruising flight when operated above 3 000 ft from the ground or water, or a higher datum as specified by the appropriate ATS authority, shall be conducted at a flight level appropriate to the track as specified in the tables of cruising levels.
7. VFR flights shall comply with the provisions of 3.6 of ICAO Annex 2.
 - a. when operated within Classes C and G airspace;
 - b. When forming part of aerodrome traffic at controlled aerodromes; or
 - c. when operated as special VFR flights.
8. An aircraft operated in accordance with the visual flight rules which wishes to change to compliance with the instrument flight rules shall:

- a. if a flight plan was submitted, communicate the necessary changes to be effected to its current flight plan, or
- b. when so required by 3.3 of ICAO Annex 2, submit a flight plan to the appropriate air traffic services unit and obtain a clearance prior to proceeding under IFR when in controlled airspace.