

Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) – take-off, en route, and landing AIP ENR 1.2

VMC – controlled airspace – Class C

Aeroplanes, helicopters and balloons

At or above 10 000 ft AMSL

Height	Flight VIS	Distance from cloud
8 km		1500 m horizontal 1000 ft vertical

Below 10 000 ft AMSL

5000 m		1500 m horizontal 1000 ft vertical
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ATC may permit operations in weather conditions that do not meet this criteria (special VFR)

Source: AIP ENR 1.2

VMC – controlled airspace – Class D

Aeroplanes, helicopters and balloons Within Class D

Height	Flight VIS	Distance from cloud
5000 m	600 m horizontal	1000 ft vertically above cloud; or 500 ft vertically below cloud

ATC may permit operations in weather conditions that do not meet this criteria (special VFR)

VMC – controlled airspace – Class E

Aeroplanes, helicopters and balloons

Height	Flight VIS	Distance from cloud
At or above 10,000 ft AMSL	8 km	1500 m horizontal 1000 ft vertical
Below 10,000 ft AMSL	5000 m	1500 m horizontal 1000 ft vertical

VMC – non-controlled airspace – Class G

Aeroplanes, helicopters and balloons[key]

	Height	Flight VIS	Distance from cloud
1	At or above 10,000 ft AMSL	8 km	1000 ft vertical 1500 m horizontal
2	Below 10,000 ft AMSL	5000 m	1000 ft vertical 1500 m horizontal

	Height	Flight VIS	Distance from cloud
3	At or below (whichever is the higher) of: (a) 3000 ft AMSL; (b) 1000 ft AGL	5000 m	Clear of cloud and in sight of ground or water. Radio must be carried and used on the appropriate frequency

Balloons

Below 1500 ft above ground or water	5000 m	Clear of cloud No vertical clearance from cloud below the balloon is required provided:
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(a) the top of the cloud is at or below 500 ft above ground or water; and

(b) the balloon is at least 10 nm from an aerodrome with an approved instrument approach procedure

Below 500 ft

above ground or water 100 m Not applicable Day operation only and the balloon is at least 10 nm from an aerodrome with an approved instrument approach procedureSource:

**REMEMBER
FLIGHT INTO
IMC IF NOT
INSTRUMENT
RATED WILL
ALWAYS BE
FATAL**