

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 visual meteorological conditions visibility and distance from cloud minima given below-

Airspace Class	Class D & E	Class F & G	
Minimum Altitude/height		Above 900 M AMSL (3000 Ft AMSL) or Above 300 M AGL (1000 Ft AGL) whichever is higher	At and below 900 M AMSL (3000 Ft AMSL) or Above 300 M AGL (1000 Ft AGL) whichever is higher
Distance from cloud	1500M horizontally and 300M (1000 Ft vertically)		Clear of cloud and in sight of the surface
Flight visibility	8KM - at and above 3050M AMSL (10000 Ft AMSL) 5KM - below 3050M AMSL (10000 Ft AMSL)		5KM**
<p>* When the height of the transition altitude is lower than 3050M AMSL (10000 Ft AMSL), FL100 should be used in lieu of 10000 Ft.</p> <p>** Helicopters may be permitted to operate in 1500M flight visibility, or higher, if maneuvered at a speed that will give adequate opportunity to observe other traffic or any obstacle in time to avoid collision.</p>			

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-
- 2.1. when the ceiling is less than 450M (1550 Ft); or
 - 2.2. when the ground visibility is less than 5 KM
3. VFR flights shall not be operated between sunset and sunrise, except when exempted by air traffic control for local flights* and such training flights of flying club aircraft as may be cleared by air traffic control.
- *Local flight is a flight wholly conducted in the immediate vicinity of an aerodrome (Aircraft Manual (India), Volume I, page 113, Schedule IV, Rules of the air)
4. VFR flights shall not be operated-
- 4.1. Above FL50
 - 4.2. At transonic and supersonic speeds
 - 4.3. more than 100NM seaward from the shoreline within controlled airspace
5. Except when necessary for take-off or landing or except by permission from appropriate authority, a VFR flight shall not be flown-
- 5.1. Over congested areas of city, town or settlements or over an open-air assembly of persons at a height less than 300M (1000 Ft) above the highest obstacle within a radius of 600M from the aircraft
 - 5.2. Elsewhere than as specified in para 5 a), at a height less than 150M (500 Ft) above the ground or water.
6. VFR flights shall comply with the provisions of para 3.6 of Annex 2
- 6.1. when operated within Class D airspace
 - 6.2. when operated as special VFR flights
7. An aircraft operated in accordance with the visual flight rules which wishes to change to compliance with the instrument flight rules shall-
- 7.1. Communicate the necessary changes to be effected to its current flight plan; or

7.2. Submit a flight plan to the appropriate air traffic services unit and obtain a clearance prior to proceeding IFR when in controlled airspace.
