

ICAO ANNEX 2 — RULES OF THE AIR

Table 3-1: Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) Visibility and Distance from Cloud Minima

Altitude Band	Airspace Class	Flight Visibility	Distance from Cloud
At and above 3 050 m (10 000 ft) AMSL	A*** B C D E F G	8 km	• 1 500 m horizontally • 300 m (1 000 ft) vertically
Below 3 050 m (10 000 ft) AMSL and above 900 m (3 000 ft) AMSL <i>(or above 300 m (1 000 ft) above terrain, whichever is higher)</i>	A*** B C D E F G	5 km	• 1 500 m horizontally • 300 m (1 000 ft) vertically
At and below 900 m (3 000 ft) AMSL <i>(or below 300 m (1 000 ft) above terrain, whichever is higher)</i>	A*** B C D E	5 km	• 1 500 m horizontally • 300 m (1 000 ft) vertically
	F G	5 km **	Clear of cloud and in sight of the surface

Important Explanatory Notes:

(***) Class A airspace is included for reference. VFR flights are normally **not permitted** in Class A.

(**) Local aviation authorities may permit a lower flight visibility of **1.5 km** in Classes F and G under special conditions:

- Flight speeds are low enough (140 knots or less) to see and avoid other traffic.
- Air traffic density is low.
- For **helicopters**, visibility can be lower than 1.5 km but usually not less than **800 m**.