



# AIR LAW

VFR OTT and Special VFR

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An aircraft may be operated in VFR OTT flight during the cruise portion of the flight during the day if

- a. the aircraft is operated at a vertical distance from cloud of at least 1,000 feet
- b. the vertical distance between cloud layers is at least 5,000 feet
- c. flight visibility at the cruising altitude of the aircraft is at least five miles; and
- d. from one hour before to two hours after the ETA, the weather at the destination is forecast to have no broken, overcast or obscured layer lower than 3,000 feet above the planned flight altitude and the ground visibility is forecast to be five miles or greater with no thunderstorms or precipitation.

# Special VFR - Airplane

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## Requirements

An aircraft may be operated in special VFR flight within a control zone if

- a. flight visibility is not less than one mile
- b. the aircraft is operated clear of cloud and with visual reference to the surface at all times; and
- c. authorization to do so has been requested and obtained from the appropriate air traffic control unit.

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## Additional Information

Where aerodrome traffic permits, an air traffic control unit shall authorize a pilot-in-command to operate an aircraft in special VFR flight within a control zone if

- a. the pilot-in-command requests authorization to operate the aircraft in special VFR flight;
- b. the aircraft is equipped with radiocommunication equipment capable of maintaining communication with the appropriate air traffic control unit; and
- c. if operating during the night, SVFR is for the purpose of allowing the aircraft to land at the destination aerodrome.