

**ENR 1.2 VISUAL FLIGHT RULES**

1. 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 450 m (1 500 ft); or
  - b) when the ground visibility is less than 5 km.
3. VFR flights are not permitted between sunset and sunrise. (Ref. AD2 for Local sunrise and sunset time restriction) ←
4. 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 300 m (1 000 ft) above the highest obstacle within a radius of 600 m from the aircraft;
  - b) elsewhere than as specified in a), at a height less than 150 m (500 ft) above the ground or water.
5. VFR flights shall comply with the provisions of 3.6 of ICAO Annex 2:
- 5.1 when operating within Paro traffic zone forming part of aerodrome traffic and elsewhere within Bhutan Airspace.
6. An aircraft operated in accordance with 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 Paro Air Traffic Services unit and obtain a clearance prior to departure.

**Table 1**

(see para. 1 above on page 1.2.1)

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Airspace class	B	C D E	F	G
			ABOVE 900 M (3 000 FT) AMSL or above 300 M (1 000 FT) above terrain, whichever is the higher	At and below 900 M (3 000 FT) AMSL or 300 M (1 000 FT) above terrain, whichever is the higher
Distance from cloud	Clear of cloud	1 500 M horizontally 300 M (1 000 FT) vertically		Clear of cloud and in sight of the surface
Flight visibility	8 KM at and above 3 050 (10 000 FT) AMSL 5 KM below 3 050 M (10 000 FT) AMSL			5 KM**

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