



## **Classes of Airspace and VMC requirements in Australia**

### **Class A**

Controlled airspace above flight level FL 180 for IFR (instrument flight rules) aircraft only. This airspace covers most of the upper RPT (regular public transport) traffic within Australia

#### **VFR requirements:**

VFR aircraft not allowed

### **Class C**

Controlled airspace which surrounds major airports such as Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. It also involves low-level controlled airspace within the vicinity of these aerodromes. Class C is radar operated and is available for IFR and VFR aircraft. Aircraft separation provided and clearance required.

#### **Class C VFR Requirements:**

8km visibility above 10000 feet and 5km visibility below 10,000 feet. 1500 meters and 1,000 feet vertically from clouds.

### **Class D**

Controlled airspace that surrounds secondary General aviation and RPT airports such as Bankstown, Moorrabin and Archerfield. Class D is not radar controlled and is available for both IFR and VFR aircraft. Aircraft separation provided and clearance required.

**Class D VFR requirements:**

5,000 metres visibility. 600 metres horizontally, 1,000 feet above and 500 feet below cloud.

**Class E**

Controlled airspace that is situated between class C, D or G and extends to class A. Base starts usually at 8,500 feet.

Clearance required and traffic, weather information given on request.

Available for both IFR and VFR aircraft.

Separation given to IFR aircraft.

**Class E VFR requirements**

8km visibility above 10,000 ft and 5km visibility below 10,000 feet.

**Class G**

No controlled airspace, and clearance not required.

**Class G VFR requirements**

8km visibility above 10,000 ft and 5km visibility below 10,000 ft.

Above 3,000 feet AMSL 1500 metres horizontally from cloud and 1,000 feet above or below cloud. At or below 3,000 feet AMS or 1,000 Feet AGL.

Clear of cloud and in sight of ground and water.