

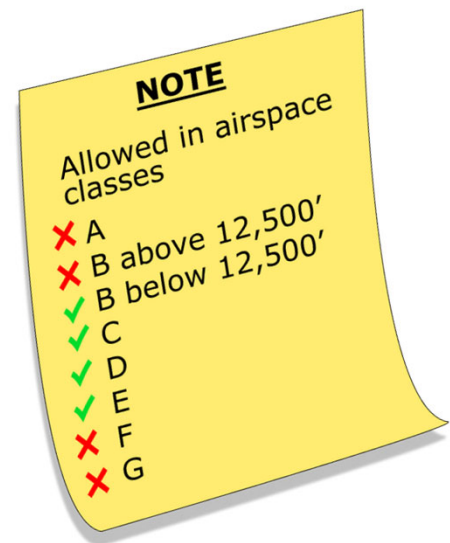
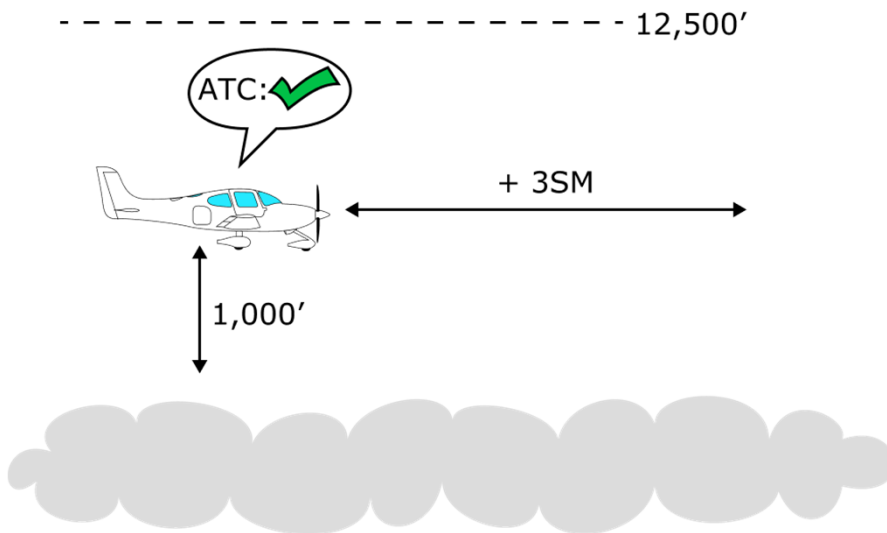
1,000ft-on-top IFR Flight

1,000ft-on-top IFR Flight enables one to operate under IFR with relaxed separation restrictions when in flight visibility is at least 3 SM and when one is at least 1,000' above clouds (full criteria listed below).

An aeroplane cleared to operate 1,000ft-on-top IFR provides its own separation from other IFR traffic with exceptions as noted below.

The flexibility of 1,000ft-on-top IFR can be very useful when multiple aeroplanes are either transitioning to or from the enroute flight phase.

Detailed requirements:



1. Remain at least 1,000' above cloud/haze/smoke
2. The cloud layer has a well defined top
3. Visibility is 3 SM or more
4. The altitude is appropriate for the heading
5. ATC has authorized this
6. You remain in Class B airspace below 12,500', or classes C, D, E

Advantages to flying 1,000ft-on-top

- Continuing on an IFR flight plan
- Having an expected arrival time in case of radio failures
- No required separation from ATC. ATC will still give separation from holding aircraft at night, and from aircraft with altitude reservations