

Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
AFTN	Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network. This transmits observations and weather forecasts by the Bureau of Meteorology to neighbouring countries
AIP	Aeronautical Information Package
AIPA	Australian and International Pilots Association
Alternate Minima	A set of cloud base and visibility conditions which are published for each airfield that has a published instrument approach procedure. They are higher than the landing minima.
AOC	Air Operator's Certificate
ARP	Aerodrome Reference Point
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATSB	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
AWIS	Aerodrome Weather Information Service
AWS	Automatic Weather Station
BASI	Former Bureau of Air Safety Investigation
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology
CAA	UK Civil Aviation Authority
CAR	Civil Aviation Regulations (note: CARs are gradually being replaced by Civil Aviation Safety Regulations)
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CASR	Civil Aviation Safety Regulations
CAO	Civil Aviation Order
CVR	Cockpit Voice Recorder
DIP	Directly Involved Party

EMS	Emergency Medical Services
ERSA	En Route Supplement Australia. A document published by Airservices Australia which contains information for flight planning and for the pilot in flight. Information includes aerodrome physical characteristics, hours of operation, visual ground aids, air traffic services, nav aids, lighting etc.
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
FAA	US Federal Aviation Administration
FAID	Fatigue assessment tool
FDR	Flight Data Recorder
FIR	Flight Information Region
FOI	Flying Operations Inspector
FRMS	Fatigue Risk Management System
HF	High Frequency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
Landing minima	Minimum conditions for landing
METARs	For many aerodromes, sets of meteorological observations called Meteorological Aerodrome Reports (METARs) are issued regularly, usually every 30 minutes
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NOTAM	An abbreviation of a 'Notice to Airmen'. It is distributed by means of telecommunication and contains information concerning the establishment, condition or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure, or hazard.
NTSB	US National Transport Safety Board
PIC	Pilot-in-command
RCA	Request for Corrective Action
RPT	Regular Public Transport

RVSM airspace	Reduced Vertical Separation Minima is a range of airspace that lets appropriately equipped aircraft operate there and operate closer to each other than they would otherwise be able to do
SMS	Safety Management Systems
SPECI	A special report of meteorological conditions, issued when one or more weather elements meet specified criteria significant to aviation and in particular when cloud or visibility drops below the specified alternate minima conditions
TAF	Aerodrome forecast
TSI Act	<i>Transport Safety Investigations Act 2003</i>
Unicom	Non-Air Traffic Service communications service at a non-towered aerodrome that is provided to enhance the value of the information normally available about that aerodrome
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time. Local time at Norfolk Island was UTC + 11:30.
VHF	Very High Frequency

