

A	
AC	Alto cumulus
AD	Aerodrome
AGL	Above ground level
AMD	Amend or amended
AMSL	Above mean sea level
APR	April
AS	Altostratus
ASR	Altimeter setting region
AUG	August
AUTO	Automated METAR (produced with CAA approval outside normal operational hours)
B	
BASE	Cloud base
BCFG	Fog patches
BECMG	Becoming
BKN	Broken (5 to 7 oktas)
BL	Blowing
BLW	Below
BR	Mist
BTN	Between
C	
C	Degrees Celsius
CAT	Clear Air Turbulence
CAVOK	Ceiling and visibility OK
CB	Cumulonimbus
CC	Cirrocumulus
CI	Cirrus
CIT	Near or over large towns
CLD	Cloud
CNL	TAF is cancelled
COR	Correction
COT	At the coast
CS	Cirrostratus
CU	Cumulus
D	
D	Downward (tendency in RVR in Civil observations)
DEC	December
DEG	Degrees
DP	Dew point temperature
DR	Low drifting (followed by DU, SA or SN)
DS	Duststorm
DU	Dust (in suspension)
DUC	Dense upper cloud
DZ	Drizzle
E	
E	East or easterly
ENE	East-north-east or east-north-easterly
ESE	East-south-east or east-south-easterly
EMBD	Embedded
ETA	Estimated time of arrival
ETD	Estimated time of departure
F	
FC	Funnel cloud
FCST	Forecast
FEB	February
FEW	Few (1 or 2 oktas)
FG	Fog
FL	Flight level
FM...	From (followed by time weather change is to begin)
FPM	Feet per minute
FRQ	Frequent
FT	Feet
FU	Smoke
FZ	Freezing (followed by DZ, FG or RA)
G	
G	Gust
GEN	Generally
GND	Ground
GR	Hail (5 mm or more in diameter)
GS	Small hail or snow pellets
H	
H	High pressure centre
HPA	Hectopascals
HVY	Heavy

HZ	Haze
I	
IC	Ice crystals (diamond dust)
ICE	Icing
INS	Inches (on F2309)
INTSF	Intensifying
IRVR	Instrumented RVR
ISOL	Isolated
J	
JAN	January
JTST	Jet stream
JUL	July
JUN	Jun
K	
KM	Kilometres
KMH	Kilometres per hour
KT	Knots
L	
L	Low pressure centre
LAN	Inland (or over land)
LOC	Locally
LSQ	Line squall
LV	Light & variable (relating to wind)
LYR	Layer(s), layered
M	
M	Less than 0 °C (temperature)
M	Less than the lowest reportable value (RVR)
M	Metres
MAR	March
MAX	Maximum
METAR	Aviation routine weather report
MI	Shallow (followed by FG)
MNM	Minimum
MOD	Moderate
MON	Above or covering mountains
MPS	Metres per second
MS	Minus
MSA	Minimum sector altitude
MSL	Mean sea level
MTW	Mountain waves
N	
N	North or northerly
NAT	North Atlantic
NCD	No Cloud Detected (on AUTO METARs only)
NDV	No Directional Variation (on AUTO METARs only)
NE	North-east or north-easterly
NIL	None
NM	Nautical miles
NNE	North-north-east or north-north-easterly
NNW	North-north-west or north-north-westerly
NOSIG	No significant change expected
NOTAM	Notice containing important aeronautical information to all personnel concerned with flight operations
NOV	November
NS	Nimbostratus
NSC	No significant cloud
NSW	No significant weather
NW	North-west or north-westerly
O	
OCNL	Occasional, occasionally
OCT	October
OVC	Overcast (8 oktas)
P	
P	Greater than the highest reportable value (RVR)
PL	Ice pellets
PO	Dust devils
PRFG	Fog banks
PROB	Probability
PS	Plus
PSYS	Pressure System(s)
Q	
QFE	Atmospheric pressure at specified datum
QNE	Aerodrome height expressed in pressure altitude
QNH	Altimeter sub-scale setting to obtain elevation when on the ground
R	

RA	Rain
REUP	Recent unidentified precipitation. (On AUTO METARS only)
RMK	Remarks
RVR	Runway visual range
RWY	Runway
S	
S	South or southerly
SA	Sand (in suspension)
SC	Stratocumulus
SCT	Scattered (3 or 4 oktas)
SE	South-east or south-easterly
SEA	At sea
SEP	September
SEV	Severe
SFC	Surface
SG	Snow grains
SH...	Shower (followed by RA, SN, PL, GR, GS or combinations thereof)
SIG	Significant
SKC	Sky clear
SN	Snow (flakes)
SPECI	Aviation special weather report
SQ	Squall
SS	Sandstorm
SSE	South-south-east or south-south-easterly
SSW	South-south-west or south-south-westerly
ST	Stratus
STNR	Stationary
SW	South-west or south-westerly
T	
T	Temperature
TAF	Terminal aerodrome forecast
TCU	Towering cumulus
TEMPO	Temporary, temporarily
TL	Until
TOP	Cloud top
TROP	Tropopause
TS	Thunderstorm (may also be followed by RA, SN, PL, GR, GS or combinations thereof)
TURB	Turbulence
U	
U	Upward (tendency in RVR)
UP	Unidentified Precipitation (on AUTO METARS only)
UTC	Co-ordinated Universal Time
V	
VA	Volcanic ash
VAL	In valleys
VC...	In vicinity of aerodrome (followed by FG, FC, SH, PO, BLDU, BLSA, BLSN)
VIS	Visibility
VRB	Variable
VSP	Vertical speed
W	
W	West or westerly
WAFC	World Area Forecast Centre
WDSPR	Widespread
WNW	West-north-west or west-north-westerly
WRNG	Warning
WS	Wind shear
WSPD	Wind speed
WSW	West-south-west or west-south-westerly
WX	Weather
Z	
Z	Co-ordinated Universal Time
Symbols	
//////	A failure of the measuring equipment or processing system for cloud. (On AUTO METARS only)
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