

What is included in this guide?

The VFRG has been designed to provide the relevant information and guidance for pilots who undertake VFR flights.

This guide contains general operating and flight rules and relevant regulations under Part 91 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR), as well as associated MOS provisions. The guide also includes requirements under the following CASR Parts:

- › Part 61 – Flight crew licensing
- › Part 67 – Medical
- › Part 99 – Drug and alcohol management plans and testing
- › Part 103 – Sport and recreation aircraft
- › Part 131 – Balloons and hot air airships
- › Part 137 – Aerial application operations, other than rotorcraft
- › Part 138 – Aerial work operations
- › Part 141 – Recreational, private and commercial pilot flight training other than integrated
- › Part 142 – Integrated and multi-crew pilot training and contracted recurrent training and checking
- › Parts 133, 135, and 121Z – air transport regulations for rotorcraft and smaller aircraft.

Material relating to commercial or military operations has been omitted unless it would assist the VFR pilot understand a particular topic.

With the implementation of the CASR, a small number of Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 (CAR) or Civil Aviation Orders (CAO) have not been carried forward either in total or in part into the new rules. Some have been combined into the new regulations. This is because they may have been out of date or simply corrected. As a result of the continuous improvement to regulations, you may find what you understood to be valid in the past, may no longer apply.

Introduction

A section is included for helicopter pilots that explains certain differences between aeroplanes and rotary wing aircraft operations. The regulations always use the defined term rotary wing; however, for the VFRG we have retained the term helicopter as is appropriate for the audience using the VFRG.

A night visual flight rules (NVFR) section is also included for appropriately rated pilots.

In this guide, certain words have been defined to avoid repetition and the following terminology table has been created to improve readability:

Term	Meaning
MOS	refers to the Part 91 MOS unless otherwise specified
must	indicates an obligation or necessity (i.e. a mandatory requirement)
Part	unless otherwise specified refers to a part of the CASR
person	refers to a third person who is not a pilot or crew member (i.e. a passenger, or support person)
a pilot	refers to any flight crew member (not necessarily the pilot in command)
the pilot	refers only to the pilot in command
the regulation/ regulations	in general, this refers to Australian civil aviation legislation
you	refers only to the pilot in command unless it is used in another context