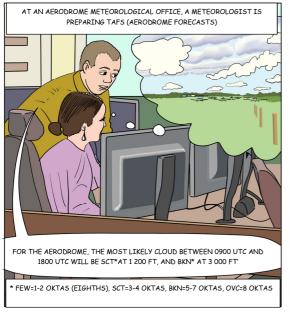
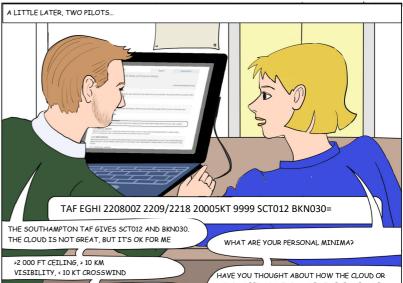


Sunny Swift

"TAF, what it means in practice"





I'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN SURE ABOUT HOW THEY WORK

CLOUD

WIND SPEED MIGHT CHANGE? THERE ARE RULES
FOR INDICATING CHANGES IN TAFS

WELL, THERE ARE SOME KEY POINTS. TAFS ARE **PRIMARILY FOR IFR** FLIGHTS, AND THEY FORECAST THE **MOST LIKELY**CONDITIONS. ANY CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS ARE BASED ON THRESHOLDS FOR WIND, VISIBILITY, CLOUDS AND
WEATHER. CHECK YOUR AIP, OR ASK THE MET SERVICE PROVIDER FOR DETAILS

FOR EXAMPLE, SEE THIS ROW ABOUT THE CLOUD BASE, FROM THE TAF AMENDMENT THRESHOLDS TABLE

SO THE CLOUD BASE FORECAST MAY HAVE DESCENDED FROM 3 000 FT TO 1 500 FT, WITHOUT THE TAF BEING AMENDED THAT'S RIGHT. IT WOULD BRING YOU BELOW YOUR MINIMUM.

IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE CLOSE TO HAND - CONSULT THE AIP AND TABULATE THE TAF CHANGE CRITERIA**

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()	or cast height above aerodrome evel) 1 500 ft (Note:2) and above; or 'no significant cloud' (NSC)	BKN015 or OVC015 and higher;' or NSC	For example: BKN030, or 'NSC' in a TAN means that the actual cloud base may be BKN at 1 500 ft or higher or OVC at 1 500 ft or higher For example: BKN012 in a TAF means that
ı	1 000 ft to 1 400 ft	BKN010 or OVC010	the actual clouds
			Forecast Weather below 10000

** *SEE LINKS TO TAF AMENDMENT THRESHOLDS IN THE RELATED CONTENTS SECTION

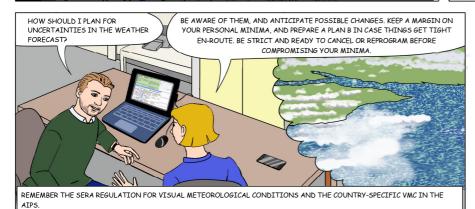
ALSO, TAFS ONLY INCLUDE CHANGES IF THE PROBABILITY OF THE CHANGES IS 30 % OR MORE

...SO IF THE PROBABILITY OF THE CLOUD BASE BECOMING BKN014 OR LOWER WERE LESS THAN 30 %, THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE TO THE TAF?

CORRECT, 30 % IS A PROBABILITY. SO THINK OF 30 % AS MEANING THAT ON 3 OUT OF 10 OCCASIONS, THE CHANGE WILL OCCUR



READ THE TAF IN COMBINATION WITH THE AREA FORECASTS FOR LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AND THE METAR. IF THEY SUGGEST WORSE WEATHER CONDITIONS THAN THE TAF, YOU CAN ALWAYS CONTACT THE METEOROLOGIST



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