

METAR & F215 CODES



Abbreviation		Meaning	
SLOW		Front movement of less than 5 knots	
N, NE, E, ENE		Compass points for directions or zone parts	
DZ	Drizzle	BR	Mist
GR	Hail	SN	Snow
RA	Rain	FZ	Freezing
SH	Showers	TS	Thunderstorm
FG	Fog	GR	Hail
HZ	Haze	GS	Small hail
Prefix (Eg. +TSRA)		"-" = Slight precipitation None = moderate precipitation "+" = Heavy precipitation	
FEW	1 – 2 Octas	BKN	5 – 7 Octas
SCT	3 -4 Octas	OVC	8 Octas
XXX		Cloud tops higher than 10,000 Ft AMSL	
		MOD / SEV icing	
		MOD / SEV TURB (Turbulence)	
25 KM NIL		25 Km visibility weather expected to be fine	

ISOL	Isolated (<25% of area)	OCNL	Occasional (25-50% of area)
LCA	Local (<25% of area)	FRQ	Convective types (>50% of area)
GEN	>75% of area	WDSPR	Many places (>50% of area)
FM 13 Z		'From' 1300 hours Zulu	
MTW	Mountain waves	MAX	Maximum
WKN	Weakening	FPM	Feet per minute
VSP	Vertical speed	Hill FG	Hill fog (<200m)
FRONTS	Near fronts	/	Or
COT	Coasts	SEA	Over the sea
AC	Alto cumulus	CU	Cumulus
CB	Cumulonimbus	SC	Stratocumulus
ST	Stratus	AS	Altostratus
CC	Cirrocumulus	CI	Cirrus
080 / XXX		Cloud base and cloud tops (8.000')	
/		Or	
(...)		Cloud becoming	

