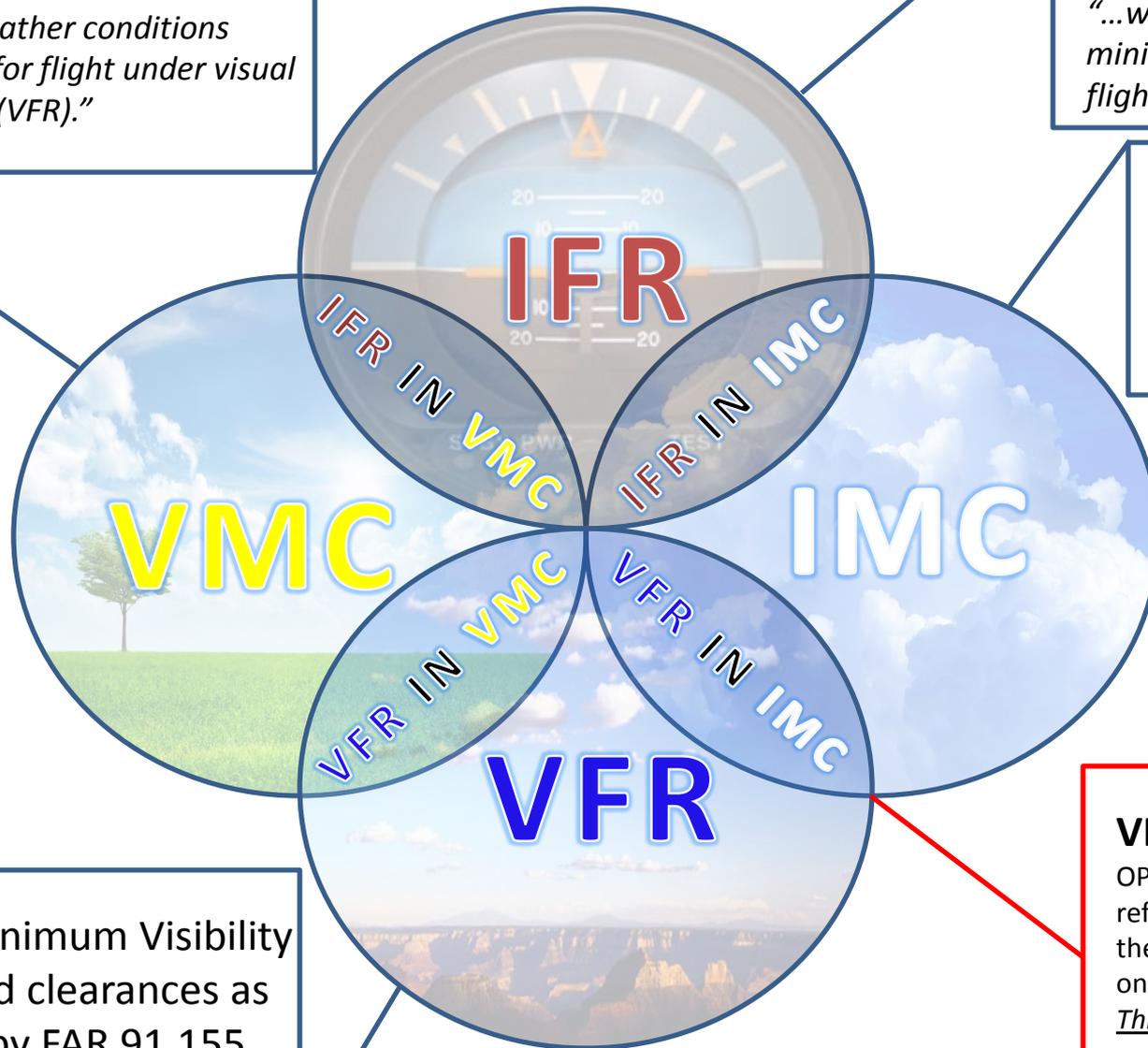


VMC – Defined by OPNAVINST 3710.7U:
“...Basic weather conditions prescribed for flight under visual flight rules (VFR).”

IFR Conditions – DEFINED BY FAR/AIM:
“...weather conditions below the minimum for flight under visual flight rules.”

IMC – Defined by OPNAVINST 3710.7U:
“...IMC conditions exist anytime a visible horizon is not distinguishable.”



VFR – Minimum Visibility and cloud clearances as defined by FAR 91.155

VFR in IMC???

OPNAV defines IMC based on reference to a visible horizon and the FAR/AIM defines VFR based on cloud clearances and visibility. This situation is very common and completely legal but is it safe and what are the risks? Unaided at night, for example...