

NW	Northwest
O	
OBSC	Obscured
OM	Outer Marker
OPR	Operate
ORIG	Original
P	
PAPI	Precision Approach Path Indicator
PARL	Parallel
PAX	Passenger/s
PCL	Pilot Controlled Lighting
PERM	Permanent
PJE	Parachute Jumping Activities
PLA	Practice Low Approach
PN	Prior Notice Required
PPR	Prior Permission Required
PT	Procedure Turn
R	
RAI	Runway Alignment Indicator
RCL	Runway Centerline
RCLL	Runway Centerline Light
REC	Receive/Receiver
RLLS	Runway Lead-in Light System
RNAV	Area Navigation
RVR	Runway Visual Range
RVRM	RVR Midpoint
RVRR	RVR Rollout
RVRT	RVR Touchdown
RWY	Runway
S	
S	South
SAA	Special Activity Airspace
SE	Southeast
SFC	Surface
SKED	Scheduled
SN	Snow
SR	Sunrise
SS	Sunset
SSALF	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System with Sequenced Flashers
SSALR	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights
SSALS	Simplified Short Approach Lighting System
STAR	Standard Terminal Arrival
STD	Standard
SW	Southwest
T	
TACAN	Tactical Air Navigational Aid
TDZ	Touchdown Zone
TEMPO	Temporary
TFC	Traffic
TFR	Temporary Flight Restriction
TGL	Touch and Go Landings
THR	Threshold
TKOF	Takeoff

TODA	Take-off Distance Available
TORA	Take-off Run Available
TWR	Aerodrome Control Tower
TWY	Taxiway
U	
UNL	Unlimited
UNREL	Unreliable
V	
VASI	Visual Approach Slope Indicator
VFR	Visual Flight Rules
VHF	Very High Frequency
VIS	Visibility
VMC	Visual Meteorological Conditions
VOLMET	Meteorological Information for Aircraft in Flight
VOR	VHF Omni-Directional Radio Range
VORTAC	VOR and TACAN (collocated)
VOT	VOR Test Facility
W	
W	West
WAAS	Wide Area Augmentation System
WDI	Wind Direction Indicator
WPT	Waypoint
WX	Weather

5-1-4. Flight Plan – VFR Flights

a. Except for operations in or penetrating an ADIZ, a flight plan is not required for VFR flight.

REFERENCE-

AIM, Chapter 5, Section 6, National Security and Interception Procedures

b. It is strongly recommended that a flight plan (for a VFR flight) be filed with an FAA FSS. This will ensure that you receive VFR Search and Rescue Protection.

REFERENCE-

AIM, Paragraph 6-2-6, Search and Rescue, gives the proper method of filing a VFR flight plan.

c. To obtain maximum benefits from the flight plan program, flight plans should be filed directly with the nearest FSS. For your convenience, FSSs provide aeronautical and meteorological briefings while accepting flight plans. Radio may be used to file if no other means are available.

NOTE-

Some states operate aeronautical communications facilities which will accept and forward flight plans to the FSS for further handling.

d. When a “stopover” flight is anticipated, it is recommended that a separate flight plan be filed for each “leg” when the stop is expected to be more than 1 hour duration.