



INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL AVIATION ORGANISATION
UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND SPECIAL OPERATIONS
DEPARTMENT

MILITARY AIRFIELD COLOUR CODES

Military airfield's within the UK use a colour at the end of the airfield METAR. This is to allow pilots to be able to assess the weather conditions at an airfield quickly without a requirement to read full METAR. The colour is assigned given two pieces of information, the cloud base and the visibility. In the case that the visibility and the cloud base are in different colours the lower one is used.

Colour code	Minimum base of lowest cloud (SCT or more) above aerodrome level	Minimum reported visibility
Blue	2500FT	8Km
White	1500FT	5Km
Green	700FT	3700m
Yellow	300FT	1600m
Amber	200FT	800m
Red	< 200FT	< 800m
Black	Aerodrome unavailable for reasons other than cloud or visibility	