



## Operational air traffic recommendations

These recommendations are particularly aimed at pilots of all types of ultralights, gliders, private light aircraft, sports aircraft, paragliders and drones.

**Objective:** to avoid situations that diminish safety and prevent risky situations that could lead to close calls with other aircraft or to accidents.

- Strictly adhere to the published procedures for approaching an aerodrome, and in particular to those pertaining to traffic patterns.
- Pay attention to instructions given by air traffic control (ATC) personnel in aerodrome control towers or, where appropriate, act in accordance with the information provided by aerodrome flight information services (AFIS).
- Avoid entering airspace where ATC clearance is required if you don't have said clearance or if you haven't established contact with the AFIS beforehand, when required to do so.
- Have ready on board all the ATS frequencies you might have to use along your planned route. Have ready also the frequencies for both the destination and alternate aerodromes and ATC stations that you may have to contact if you have to divert from your planned route.



- Adhere to established procedures and to instructions or clearances received from ATC or AFIS personnel at all times. If unable to comply with them, report this as soon as possible to receive new instructions.
- Have updated information on the hours of operation of ATC stations at aerodrome towers or AFIS when these hours differ from the hours of operation of the airport or aerodrome they serve.
- Check for possible schedule changes that may have been reported via NOTAM so as not to enter a control zone (CTR), aerodrome traffic zone (ATZ) or flight information zone (FIZ), as appropriate, when not allowed if you don't have the proper clearance or haven't made contact as required.

- Make sure that you communicate with the ATC or AFIS station on the correct frequency. If unable to do so, use the emergency frequencies.



- If you can't establish contact, follow the communications failure procedure, if specified. If not, unless absolutely necessary, you must avoid entering zones that require clearance from ATC services or where you are required to report your intentions to the AFIS.
- Strictly observe the use of standard phraseology and read back fully instructions received over the radio from ATC or AFIS personnel.
- Request read back from ATC or AFIS when not received.