

METAR/TAF Abbreviations

Note: Includes North American and International Abbreviations, some of which may not be used in UK or European sourced METAR/TAF.

Abbreviations	
AO1	Automated Observation without precipitation discriminator (rain/snow)
AO2	Automated Observation with precipitation discriminator (rain/snow)
AMD	Amended Forecast (TAF)
APRNT	Apparent
BECMG	Becoming (expected between 2 digit beginning hour and 2 digit ending hour)
BKN	Broken
CAVOK	Ceiling And Visibility OK, indicating no cloud below 5,000 ft (1,500 m) or the highest minimum sector altitude and no cumulonimbus or towering cumulus at any level, a visibility of 10 km (6 mi) or more and no significant weather change.
CLR	Clear at or below 12,000 feet (AWOS/ASOS report)
COR	Correction to the observation
DSNT	Weather phenomena beyond 10sm of the observation point
FEW	1 or 2 octas (eighths) cloud coverage
FM	From (4 digit beginning time in hours and minutes)
LDG	Landing
M	In temperature field means "minus" or below zero
M	In RVR listing indicates visibility less than lowest reportable sensor value (e.g. M600)
M	In visibility, this indicates "less than"
MOV	Moving
NO	Not available (e.g. SLPNO, RVRNO)
NSW	No Significant Weather
OVC	Overcast
P	in RVR indicates visibility greater than highest reportable sensor value (e.g. P6000FT)
P6SM	Visibility greater than 6 SM (TAF only)
PK WND	Peak Wind
PRESFR	Pressure falling rapidly
PRESRR	Pressure rising rapidly
PROB40	Probability 40 percent
R	Runway (used in RVR measurement)
RMK	Remark
RY/RWY	Runway
SCT	Scattered
SKC	Sky Clear
SLP	Sea Level Pressure (e.g., 1013 reported as 013)
SM	Statute mile(s)
SPECI	Special Report
TEMPO	Temporary changes expected (between 2 digit beginning hour and 2 digit ending hour)
TKOF	Takeoff
V	Varies (wind direction and RVR)
VC	Vicinity
VRB	Variable wind direction when speed is less than or equal to 6 knots
VV	Vertical Visibility (Indefinite Ceiling)
WS	Wind shear (In TAFs, low level and not associated with convective activity)
Descriptors	
BC	Patches
BL	Blowing

DR	Low Drifting
FZ	Supercooled/freezing
MI	Shallow
PR	Partial
SH	Showers
TS	Thunderstorm
Weather Phenomena	
BLPY	Blowing spray
BR	Mist
DS	Dust Storm
DU	Widespread Dust
DZ	Drizzle
FC	Funnel Cloud
+FC	Tornado/Water Spout
FG	Fog
FU	Smoke
GR	Hail
GS	Small Hail/Snow Pellets
HZ	Haze
IC	Ice Crystals
PL	Ice Pellets
PO	Dust/Sand Whirls
RA	Rain
SA	Sand
SG	Snow Grains
SN	Snow
SNINCR	Snow increasing rapidly
SQ	Squall
SS	Sandstorm
UP	Unknown Precipitation (Automated Observations)
VA	Volcanic Ash
Cloud Types	
ACSL	Altostratus or Lenticular
CB	Cumulonimbus
CCSL	Cirrocumulus
SCSL	Stratocumulus
TCU	Towering Cumulus