

### Terminal Radar Service Areas (TRSA)

- There are two TRSA in Texas. TRSA are general controlled airspace, class E. VFR, you need not contact TRACON *prior to entry* or while in any TRSA, however it is *recommended* you do so. There are no specific equipment requirements to operate VFR in a TRSA.
- If you ask for and receive radar services from TRACON, you must comply with heading and altitudes assigned or cancel the service.

### Special VFR Operations (FAR 91.157)

- An ATC clearance to operate within the lateral boundaries of surface based controlled air space up to 10,000 feet MSL when the weather is below VFR minimums.
- Fixed wing special VFR is **NOT** permitted at the following airports: Dallas Fort Worth (DFW), Dallas Love (DAL), and Houston Intercontinental (IAH).
- You must be at least a private pilot to request and receive special VFR. You may receive a special VFR clearance immediately before entering or immediately before taking off from surface based controlled air space. ATC will not offer special VFR, you must ask for it. ATC will not issue a specific altitude but may require you to remain below or above a given altitude. You are responsible for terrain clearance per FAR 91.119.

Example: *"Cessna 1234ME is cleared through the class C air space. Maintain special VFR. Maintain at or below 4000 until clear of the class C airspace."*

- Special VFR flights to or from non towered airports that have ASOS or AWOS weather reporting should advise the controlling ATC agency they have "one minute weather" and state their intentions prior to operations in controlled airspace. The above applies to all aircraft except helicopters. Helicopters must remain clear of clouds, with no visibility requirements. Notice that special VFR may only be used in controlled air space that is surface based. You may not operate special VFR in any controlled airspace that does not start at the surface. You must exit the surface based controlled air space into class G airspace and have 1 SM visibility and clear of clouds (fixed wing) or request and receive an IFR clearance, or meet the weather minimums for controlled airspace aloft. Also note that you may operate special VFR within the lateral boundaries of surfaced based controlled air space up to 10,000' MSL, even if the upper limit of the surface based air space stops below 10,000' MSL.
- **Day, Fixed Wing:** 1 SM visibility (reported ground visibility, if available, otherwise, flight visibility) and clear of clouds. **Day, Helicopter:** clear of clouds, no visibility limit.
- **Night, Fixed Wing:** 1 SM visibility and clear of clouds. The PIC must be instrument rated and current; the aircraft must be instrument capable and current. **Night, Helicopter:** clear of clouds, no visibility limit. The PIC must be instrument rated and current; the aircraft must be instrument capable and current.



