

Parachuting Through Cloud

New Zealand Civil Aviation Rules

CAR 105.25 Clearance from cloud

- a) Except as provided in paragraph b), a person making a parachute descent shall remain clear of cloud.
- b) A person may decent through cloud in airspace designated under Part 71 as controlled airspace, and classified as class C or D, if they have ATC clearance to do so.

Descents that may result in a parachutist passing through cloud:

- Ensure any cloud is within controlled airspace C or D
- Ensure the pilot informs ATC that a parachute drop through cloud is requested
- Ensure clearance for descent through cloud is approved by ATC

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OP.01.11

METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

- a) ...
- b) Except as provided in OP.01.11 (c) below a person making a parachute descent shall remain clear of cloud.
- c) A person may descend through cloud in airspace designated as controlled airspace, and classified as Class C or D, if they have an ATC clearance to do so.
- d) **PROVISO:** Where a descent is made through controlled airspace into uncontrolled airspace, the cloud base must be at least 500 feet above the upper limit of the uncontrolled airspace.
- e) ...

WARNING!!!

Any free fall collision between a skydiver, and any other skydiver, aircraft or parachute will inevitably result in serious injury or death

The following conditions may increase the possibility of injury or death due to a collision

- Descending through controlled airspace into uncontrolled airspace
- Premature parachute deployment
- Multiple aircraft or drop runs
- Non Transponder Mandatory Airspace
- No Mandatory Broadcast Zones
- Metrological conditions
- More than one parachutist in cloud at any time
- Lack of experience
- Different opening heights
- Spotting procedures or equipment

It remains the responsibility of both Operators and individuals to ensure you comply with all rules and take all practical steps to reduce the chance of any injury.



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