

Cloud Categories

<u>Genus</u>	<u>Level</u>	Height of cloud base		
		<u>Polar</u>	<u>Midlatitude</u>	<u>Tropics</u>
Cumulus	Low	< 2 km	< 2 km	< 2 km
Cumulonimbus	Low	< 2 km	< 2 km	< 2 km
Stratus	Low	< 2 km	< 2 km	< 2 km
Stratocumulus	Low	< 2 km	< 2 km	< 2 km
Nimbostratus	Low	< 2 km	< 2 km	< 2 km
Altostratus	Middle	2–4 km	2–7 km	2–8 km
Alto cumulus	Middle	2–4 km	2–7 km	2–8 km
Cirrostratus	High	2–4 km	2–7 km	2–8 km
Cirrocumulus	High	3–8 km	5–13 km	6–18 km

Fog: No cloud base, but categorized as low cloud. Reported as an obstruction to visibility.

Orographic clouds: Middle clouds, but can occur at all levels.