

When Must I File an Alternate?

Apply the One - Two - Three Rule

One hour before through one hour after ETA

Two thousand foot ceiling

Three miles visibility

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Required Weather Minimums to Qualify as a Suitable Alternate Airport

If alternate has a precision approach

600' ceiling and two miles visibility

If alternate has only a non-precision approach:

800' ceiling and two miles visibility

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