14 CFR Part 135 Departure Flowchart

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Start here: 14 CFR 135.225(f)(g)(h)
Does the METAR at departure airport show minimum visibility for takeoff?

No → **Flight cannot depart: delay/cancel**

Yes

14 CFR 135.217
Does the METAR at departure airport show weather below required landing mins at departure airport at ETD?

Yes → **14 CFR 135.217**
Choose a takeoff alternate that's within 1 hour flying time, still air, one engine inoperative

Then

No

14 CFR 135.219
Do weather reports or forecasts (or combo of them) show weather will be at or above minimums at ETA at destination?

No → **Flight cannot depart: delay/cancel**

Yes

14 CFR 135.223(b)
Does destination have an IAP?

Yes

No

14 CFR 135.223(b)(1)(2)(3)
Is METAR/TAF at least 1500' above circling MDA or 1500' above MDA (if no circling authorized) or 2000 ft ceiling **and** 3 sm visibility or 2 sm over lowest visibility minimums for planned IAP +/- 1 hour of ETA at destination?

No → Choose a legal alternate and file it (use appropriate ops spec to find minimums)

Then → **14 CFR 135.223(a)**
Check fuel to alternate plus at least 45 minutes reserve normal cruise speed / 30 minutes if helicopter

Then → **Depart on Flight!**

14 CFR 135.223(a)(3)
Check at least 45 minutes reserve fuel / 30 minutes if helicopter (no alternate required)

Then → **Depart on Flight!**

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