

Fox Todd

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After the flight departed VFR from Chadron airport, the pilot requested to pick up an IFR [clearance]. The radar controller issued the pilot a discreet code.

According to the FAA JO 7110.65, par 4-2-8. IFR-VFR AND VFR-IFR FLIGHTS

NOTE-Pilots of pop-up aircraft are responsible for terrain and obstacle clearance until reaching minimum instrument altitude (MIA) or minimum en route altitude (MEA). Pilot compliance with an approved FAA procedure or an ATC instruction transfers that responsibility to the FAA; therefore, do not assign (or imply) specific course guidance that will (or could) be in effect below the MIA or MEA.

The MEA for that area was 7,000. The controller attempted to radar contact the flight, but the pilot did not respond. Altitude on the radar display indicated 4,200. After a second attempt to contact the pilot, the radar target was lost. The controller did not radar contact the flight, and the controller had not issued control instructions to the pilot. ATC was in compliance with procedures.

An onsite investigation was not conducted. There was a qualified controller on the position with a developmental controller conducting on-the-job training at the time.

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