UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Civil Air Regulations Amendment 20-1
Effective: December 21, 1956
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PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

CLARIFICATION OF AGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR ISSUANCE OF PILOT CERTIFICATES

Currently effective provisions of Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations specify a minimum age for applicants for student, private, and commercial pilot certificates.

As written, these minimum age provisions could be construed to mean that a person must reach the specified minimum age before he can apply for a particular pilot certificate, although the intent of the Board in adopting these provisions was to require only that the applicant reach the minimum age specified before being issued a certificate.

Since the present minimum age provisions may be construed to prevent a person from applying for a pilot certificate before reaching the prescribed minimum age, the wording of these provisions is being modified to make it clear that the minimum age requirements apply only to the actual issuance of the certificates. This modification in language will not adversely affect safety since the minimum age for the issuance of the various pilot certificates is not reduced and the privileges associated with such certificates remain unchanged.

Since this amendment is minor in nature and imposes no additional burden on any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary and it may be made effective without prior notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby amends Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 20, as amended) effective December 21, 1956:

1. By deleting the first sentence of § 20.20 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "16 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a student pilot certificate."

2. By amending § 20.30 to read as follows:

20.30 Age. 17 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a private pilot certificate.

3. By amending § 20.40 to read as follows:

20.40 Age. 18 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a commercial pilot certificate.

4. By deleting the first sentence of § 20.50 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "16 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a student pilot certificate."

5. By amending § 20.60 to read as follows:

20.60 Age. 17 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a private pilot certificate.

6. By amending § 20.70 to read as follows:

20.70 Age. 18 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a commercial pilot certificate.

7. By deleting the first sentence of § 20.80 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "14 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a student pilot certificate."

8. By amending § 20.90 to read as follows:

20.90 Age. 16 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a private pilot certificate.

9. By amending § 20.100 to read as follows:

20.100 Age. 18 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a commercial pilot certificate.

(Sec. 205 (a), 52 Stat. 984; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a). Interpret or apply secs. 601, 602, 52 Stat. 1007, 1008, as amended; 49 U.S.C. 551, 552)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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