UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

ISSUANCE OF U. S. PILOT CERTIFICATES
TO HOLDERS OF FOREIGN PILOT CERTIFICATES

Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations establishes, among other things, the requirements for the issuance of student, private, and commercial pilot certificates. Section 20.112 (a) provides that an applicant for a U. S. pilot certificate who holds a currently effective pilot certificate issued by a foreign government, may receive credit for his flight experience and for those examinations and tests completed in securing his foreign pilot certificate which the Administrator finds to be at least the equivalent of those required in the Civil Air Regulations for the issuance of a comparable United States pilot certificate.

The Administrator has advised that he has been unable to establish practical procedures for the recognition of the written and flight tests of those countries for which credit has been requested under § 20.112 (a). As a result of the difficulties already experienced with this section, the Administrator foresees that an evaluation of the various tests of the many countries for which requests can reasonably be expected would be an administrative impracticability. An example of the difficulties connected with administering this section is the fact that the pilot requirements in most countries are subject to change so that the Administrator would be required to make continued evaluations. In addition, the Administrator would have to determine that each applicant had in fact taken such a test and passed it.

Inasmuch as § 20.112 (a) imposes an undue administrative burden on the Administrator and its deletion would not adversely affect safety, the Board is of the opinion that this section should be rescinded. It should be noted, however, that any person may qualify for a U. S. pilot certificate under normal certification procedures.

In addition to the foregoing, § 20.112 (b) of Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations provides that a pilot certificate for a specific purpose may be issued for not more than 90 days to a citizen of a foreign country who holds a currently effective pilot certificate issued by his government, upon submitting to the Administrator reliable evidence of his aeronautical experience and by passing an examination on the air traffic rules contained in Part 60 of the Civil Air Regulations. The Administrator's experience with the operation of this provision indicates that holders of certificates thereunder have not caused any difficulty and that such limited certificates have served a useful purpose. However, where the maximum period for which the Administrator may issue such a certificate does not meet the applicant's needs, the latter must requalify at least every 90 days. Thus, the qualifying procedures must be repeated, although not necessarily dictated by safety factors. It is the Board's view that, inasmuch as the 90-day limitation, in such instances, is burdensome on the CAA and since the CAA's experience in the administration of this section indicates that an extension of the maximum duration to 12 months would not adversely affect safety, § 20.112 (b) should be so amended.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment (23 F.R. 1764), and due consideration has been given to all relevant matter presented.

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 September 18, 1958.

By amending § 20.112 by deleting paragraph (a) and by amending the last sentence of paragraph (b) by deleting the phrase "90 days" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "12 months".

(Section 205 (a), 52 Stat. 984; 49 U.S.C. 425(a). Interpret or apply sections 601, 602, and 610, 52 Stat. 1007, 1008, 1012; 49 U.S.C. 551, 552, 560)

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