UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

VALIDITY AND EXCHANGE OF FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATINGS AND CERTIFICATES

On August 23, 1956, the Board adopted a revision of Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations which, among other things, changed the existing flight instructor rating to a flight instructor certificate and provided for the issuance of a limited flight instructor certificate. Section 20.138 of revised Part 20 provided for the exchange of existing flight instructor ratings for the new flight instructor certificates without further showing of competence, and for the continued exercise of the privileges of the existing flight instructor ratings, until July 1, 1958. Thereafter, holders of expired flight instructor ratings would be required to demonstrate continued competence to give flight instruction in order to secure the new flight instructor certificates.

This exchange provision had been the subject of a notice of proposed rule making circulated to the aviation industry in 1955, and was again called to the attention of interested persons on August 23, 1956. In view of this notice, and the two years' time in which to accomplish the exchange, the Board considered that ample time was allowed for compliance with the exchange provision.

Despite the wide circulation given this regulation, it appears that many persons have failed to exchange their ratings for the new certificates by reason of an actual lack of knowledge of the exchange provision, or because of misunderstanding or misinformation on the procedures to be used in securing the new certificates. Several such persons have appealed to the Board, requesting an extension of time in which to accomplish the exchange.

In considering these requests, the Board notes that the exchange provision was primarily for administrative purposes, since a new certificate form had been devised which replaced the previously existing rating endorsed upon the pilot certificate. The skill and knowledge requirements have not been changed. Safety, therefore, will not be adversely affected if the exchange privilege is extended for a period of 90 days in order to allow those persons affected sufficient time in which to accomplish the exchange.

In view of the foregoing, the Board is extending the termination date for the exchange of flight instructor ratings for flight instructor certificates without further showing of competence until April 1, 1959.

Since this amendment extends the date for compliance and imposes no additional burden on any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and the amendment may be made effective immediately.

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 30, 1958.

By amending § 20.138 by deleting the date "July 1, 1958" wherever it appears, and inserting in lieu thereof the date "April 1, 1959".

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

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