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CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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Civil Air Regulations Amendment 20-9
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ISSUANCE OF PILOT CERTIFICATE AND RATINGS
ON THE BASIS OF MILITARY COMPETENCE

Section 20.56 of the Civil Air Regulations presently provides that a person who has been honorably discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces may apply for a pilot certificate on the basis of military competence, if he applies within 12 calendar months from date of his military service. This regulation may be interpreted to permit a reserve officer after being on active duty with the armed forces for a period of only two weeks to apply for a pilot certificate with a commercial rating even though he had not been on active duty as a rated pilot on solo flying status during that period and had obtained his flight training several years prior to his active duty period.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that a pilot certificate with a private rating may be issued on the basis of military competence, if the applicant is a member of the armed forces or has been honorably discharged or released from such service, provided that he has had at least 10 hours of solo flying in military aircraft within the preceding 12 calendar months. It is further provided that a pilot certificate with a commercial rating may be issued on the basis of military competence (1) when the applicant is a member of the armed forces and has been on active duty as a rated pilot on solo flying status for a period of at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding application or (2) when the applicant, after honorable discharge or release from the armed forces, has served for 6 consecutive months on solo flying status as a rated pilot within the 18 months preceding his application. These amendments are designed to establish standards for the issuance of a pilot certificate on the basis of military competence comparable to those established by the Civil Air Regulations for a regularly issued pilot certificate.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment, 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 June 22, 1948:

1. By amending § 20.56 to read as follows:

20.56 Military competence. Certificates granted on the basis of military competence shall be issued under the following conditions.

2. By rescinding § 20.560.

3. By amending § 20.561 to read as follows:

20.561 Private pilot rating. An applicant for a pilot certificate with a private pilot rating on the basis of military competence shall be deemed to have met the aeronautical knowledge, experience, and skill requirements of the Civil Air Regulations for the issuance of such certificate, if he passes a written examination on Parts 43 and 60 of the Civil Air Regulations and presents reliable documentary evidence showing:

(a) that he is a member of the armed forces of the United States or a civilian employee of the ferry or transport services of such forces, and is on solo flying status as a rated pilot or the equivalent, or

(b) that he has been honorably discharged or released from such forces and has had at least 10 hours of solo flying in military aircraft within the preceding 12 calendar months.

4. By adding §§ 20.562 through 20.564 to read as follows:

20.562 Commercial pilot rating. An applicant for a pilot certificate with a commercial pilot rating on the basis of military competence shall be deemed to have met the aeronautical knowledge, experience, and skill requirements of the Civil Air Regulations for the issuance of such certificate, if he passes a written examination on Parts 43 and 60 of the Civil Air Regulations and presents reliable documentary evidence showing:

(a) that he is a member of the armed forces of the United States or a civilian employee of the ferry or transport services of such forces and that he has been on active duty on solo flying status as a rated pilot or the equivalent for a period of at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding application, or

(b) that he has been honorably discharged or released from such forces and had been on active duty of the type specified in (a) above for a period of at least 6 consecutive months within 18 months immediately preceding application.

20.563 Aircraft type and class rating. Aircraft type and class ratings will be issued with a pilot certificate issued on the basis of military competence, or with an effective pilot certificate, to an applicant who presents reliable documentary evidence showing that within the preceding 12 months he has had at least 10 hours of flying time in military aircraft during which time he was the first pilot or the sole manipulator of the controls of an aircraft of the type and class for which a rating is sought.

20.564 Instrument rating. An instrument rating will be issued to an applicant who holds a currently effective military instrument rating,

if the requirements for the issuance of such a rating and the privileges authorized by it are not less than those of the Civil Air Regulations with respect to such rating.

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

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