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PART 20—PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

Clarification of Private Pilot Experience Requirements for Issuance of an Instrument Rating

Section 20.127(a) sets forth the aeronautical experience which an applicant must meet in order to acquire an instrument rating. As one of the requirements, it is specified that the applicant must hold either a commercial or private pilot certificate and meet the aeronautical experience requirements for the issuance of a commercial pilot certificate. As part of the aeronautical experience for a commercial pilot certificate § 20.44(c) requires the applicant to secure 10 hours of dual instruction in preparation for the commercial flight test. To require such dual instruction to be made applicable to private pilots seeking instrument ratings is unduly burdensome and has no direct bearing on either the preparation or demonstration of proficiency required for an instrument rating.

It further appears that paragraph (d) of § 20.44, which provides for 10 hours of instrument flight experience, is a prerequisite to fulfilling minimum requirements of ICAO for issuance of a commercial pilot certificate. Since this provision is unrelated to the acquisition by a private pilot of an instrument rating, there is no need to include the requirements of this paragraph as a part of the aeronautical experience requirements that must be met by the private pilot to obtain an instrument rating.

Therefore, in order to clarify the intent of § 20.127(a), it is necessary to amend the provisions of that paragraph to provide that an applicant for an instrument rating who is the holder of a private pilot certificate is not required to meet the areonautical experience requirements for a commercial pilot certificate specified in § 20.44 (c) and (d).

Since this amendment imposes no additional burden on any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and it may be made effective in less than 30 days.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 20) is hereby amended as follows:

By amending paragraph (a) of § 20.127 to read:

§ 20.127 Aeronautical experience.

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(a) He shall hold (1) a commercial pilot certificate, or (2) a private pilot certificate and meet the aeronautical experience requirements of § 20.44 (a) and (b); and

This amendment shall become effective upon its publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 602, 608–610, 72 Stat. 754, 775, 776, 779–780; 49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421, 1422, 1428–1430)

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