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## PART 20—PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

### Prerequisites for Issuance of Class or Type Ratings to Private and Commercial Pilots

Section 20.121(b)(1) requires that an applicant for a class or type rating must have made 5 takeoffs and landings as pilot in command and sole manipulator of the controls prior to an appropriate flight test.

The pilot in command portion of this rule imposes a solo flight requirement whenever the aircraft is certificated for operation by a single pilot. Certain pilots have encountered difficulties in obtaining the solo experience required by § 20.121(b)(1) because of the reluctance of aircraft owners to allow their planes to be operated in solo flight by unrated pilots. In the final analysis, the applicant's qualification for the additional rating sought is determined by a demonstration to an FAA Inspector or designated pilot examiner that he can safely fly the aircraft. Consequently, the modification of this technical requirement will not reduce the required level of pilot competency.

This situation can be alleviated by permitting an applicant to satisfy the experience requirements of § 20.121(b)(1) by acquiring the 5 takeoffs and landings as the sole manipulator of the controls, irrespective of whether such is accomplished as the sole occupant of the aircraft or during that period when an appropriately rated pilot is also aboard.

Inasmuch as this amendment will liberalize the experience requirement for a class or type rating and imposes no additional burden on any person, compliance with the notice, procedures, and effective date provisions of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act is unnecessary and not required.

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

1. By amending § 20.121(b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 20.121 **Additional aircraft ratings.**

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(b) *Class or type rating.* * * *

(1) Have made at least 5 takeoffs and landings in solo flight or as sole manipulator of the controls when accompanied by a pilot rated for the aircraft for which the class or type rating is sought.

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

(Sec. 313(a), 601, 602, 608, 609, 610, 72 Stat. 752, 775, 779, 780; 49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421, 1422, 1428, 1429, 1430)

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