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PART 20—PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

Revision of Requirements for Flight Instructor Certificates

Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations prescribes the requirements applicable to the issuance of flight instructor certificates. An applicant for original flight instructing privileges must first obtain a limited flight instructor certificate. After one year he is eligible for the flight instructor certificate, provided he has trained at least five successful candidates for pilot certificates or instrument ratings. These candidates must be flight tested by a Federal Aviation Agency Inspector, who is thus afforded the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the instruction.

Many limited flight instructors qualify five successful candidates in a short period of time, but must wait the full year before applying for their flight instructor certificate. The Federal Aviation Agency considers that the experience gained by a limited flight instructor in qualifying at least five successful candidates plus the demonstration of competence evidenced by the ability of his students to maintain a satisfactory level of flight safety while under his supervision is sufficient to qualify him for a flight instructor certificate. Therefore, no useful purpose is served in requiring a one-year waiting period.

Since this one-year waiting period is not necessary in the interest of safety and deprives the industry of the services of qualified flight instructors, the FAA considers that it should be deleted from the requirements for the issuance of a flight instructor certificate. Accordingly, § 20.135(a) of the Civil Air Regulations is being amended to permit the issuance of a flight instructor certificate to the holders of limited flight instructor certificates at any time after they have qualified at least five successful candidates for pilot certificates or instrument ratings and have demonstrated their competence to serve as flight instructors.

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

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 20) is hereby amended as follows, effective September 23, 1960.

By amending § 20.135(a) to read as follows:

§ 20.135 Flight instructor certificates.

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(a) He holds a limited flight instructor certificate;

(Sec. 313(a), 601, 602; 72 Stat. 752, 775, 776; 49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421, 1422)

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