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TITLE 14 - AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

CHAPTER I - FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

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PART 20 - PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

Elimination of Limited Flight Instructor Certificate

The airman certification requirements of Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 20) provide for two classifications of flight instructors - limited flight instructors and flight instructors.

The limited flight instructor classification was introduced in the revision of Part 20, effective August 23, 1956. As stated in the preamble to that revision, this classification was adopted to enable the Agency to evaluate the competence of an applicant for a permanent flight instructor certificate by checking the proficiency of the students he has instructed as a limited flight instructor. For this reason, students trained by a limited flight instructor are required to obtain their flight tests for a pilot certificate or instrument rating from an FAA inspector. They do not have the privilege of taking these flight tests from a designated pilot examiner which is extended to students trained by the holder of a flight instructor certificate. In other respects, the rules governing the operations of limited flight instructors and flight instructors are similar.

After several years of operating experience with the dual classification of flight instructors and the different privileges afforded them and their students, the Agency finds that there is no need for such dual classification. The examinations and tests given an applicant for a limited flight instructor certificate are based on techniques and procedures developed through years of experience in this field and in the training of pilots. It has been found that they provide adequate standards by which the Agency can determine an applicant's ability to give proper flight instruction, without an evaluation of his students as a requisite for an "unlimited" flight instructor certificate. Moreover, this finding has been confirmed by our past evaluation of the students trained by the limited flight instructors. Accordingly, this amendment is adopted to provide for the following changes in Part 20 and the related manual material:

(1) Elimination of the requirement of successfully training 5 applicants for a pilot certificate or instrument rating before an applicant is eligible for a flight instructor certificate;

(2) Elimination of the classification of a limited flight instructor certificate; and

(3) Elimination of the requirement that students who have received their flight training from a limited flight instructor can obtain a flight test for a pilot certificate or instrument rating only from an FAA inspector.

This amendment also permits the holder of a limited flight instructor certificate to exchange such certificate for a flight instructor certificate with appropriate ratings without a further showing of his competence by the checking of students he has trained. Pending such exchange, and until the expiration of his limited flight instructor certificate, he may exercise the privileges of a flight instructor.

Since this regulatory action relieves a present restriction and imposes no additional burden on any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and good cause exists for making the amendment effective on less than 30 days' notice.

This amendment will be included in the recodification of the provisions of Part 20 under the Agency's Recodification Program announced in Civil Air Regulations Draft Release No. 61-25 (26 F.R. 10698).

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 20) is hereby amended as follows, effective May 24, 1962 :

1. By amending §§ 20.13-1(a)(1), 20.13-1(b), 20.64-1, 20.74-1, 20.94-1, 20.127-1, and 20.127-2 by deleting the words "Limited Flight Instructor or" and "a Limited Flight Instructor or" as they appear in those sections.

2. By amending §§ 20.13-1(a)(2) and 20.13-1(a)(4) by deleting the parenthetical expression "(unlimited)".

3. By amending §§ 20.34-1 and 20.44-1 by deleting the words "Limited Flight Instructor or a".

4. By amending § 20.130 by deleting the word "Limited" in the title and in the first sentence.

5. By amending § 20.130-1 by deleting the word "Limited" in the title.

6. By amending §§ 20.130-1(a) and 20.130-1(b)(1) and (2) by deleting the word "Limited".

7. By amending § 20.130-1(c) by changing the words "Limited Pilot" in the first sentence to "Flight Instructor".

8. By amending § 20.130-2 by deleting the parenthetical expression "(not Limited Flight Instructor)" and the word "Limited".

9. By amending § 20.131 to read as follows:

20.131 Expiration and exchange of limited flight instructor certificates.

(a) A limited flight instructor certificate expires 24 calendar months after date of issuance but, prior to its expiration, may be exchanged for a flight instructor certificate with appropriate ratings without further showing of competence by the holder.

(b) An expired limited flight instructor certificate may be exchanged for a flight instructor certificate with appropriate ratings upon a demonstration of the holder's continued competence to give flight instruction.

10. By deleting §§ 20.131-1, 20.135, 20.135-1, 20.135-2, 20.137, and 20.137-1.

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

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