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PILOT CERTIFICATES

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF COMMERCIAL PILOT CERTIFICATES

Currently effective section 20.31 of Part 20 requires that an applicant for a commercial pilot certificate, who is not a United States citizen or an individual who has been admitted to the United States for permanent residence, must be a citizen of a country whose government grants or has undertaken to grant to citizens of the United States airman privileges and employment rights equivalent to those which such government grants to its own citizens.

The Administrator of Civil Aeronautics has experienced the utmost difficulty in implementing and administering these current citizenship rules. He has found that some of the provisions are in some cases impossible of determination and that in all cases inquiries are required, some of which it is estimated may take as long as two years for completion. Moreover, the Board finds that the current regulations are not serving the best interests of the United States in the manner originally contemplated and that the administrative detail of their implementation has unduly burdened the staff of the Administrator. In view of the foregoing, this amendment changes the citizenship requirements to permit an applicant regardless of citizenship to receive any pilot certificate for which he is otherwise qualified upon passing the required technical examinations.

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. Since this amendment imposes no additional burden on any person, it may be made effective without prior notice.

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 immediately:

By amending § 20.31 to read as follows:

20.31 Citizenship. An applicant for a pilot certificate with a commercial pilot rating may be a citizen of any country or a person without nationality.

(Sec. 205 (a), 52 Stat. 984; 49 U.S.C. 425 (a). Interpret or apply secs. 601, 602, 52 Stat. 1007, 1008; 49 U.S.C. 551, 552)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

/s/M. C. Mulligan

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Secretary

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