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PART 20—PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

Issuance of Limited Flight Instructor Certificates to Civilian Flight Instructors Employed at U.S. Air Force Contract Primary Flight Schools; Special Civil Air Regulation

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 but after one year is eligible for the flight instructor certificate, provided he has trained at least 5 successful candidates for pilot certificates. In order to obtain the limited flight instructor certificate, an applicant is required to demonstrate in each category of aircraft in which he desires to give flight instruction his ability to teach the performance of such maneuvers and procedures as are necessary and appropriate for the safe piloting of that category of aircraft; and he must show that he is familiar with effective flight instruction methods and procedures as set forth in the FAA Flight Instructor's Handbook. These requirements are met by giving the applicant a written examination on (1) "fundamentals of flight instruction" and (2) "performance and analysis of flight training maneuvers," and a practical test consisting of a flight test and an oral examination.

For the past 9 years the U.S. Air Force has used a primary flight training program for its cadets established by contract arrangements with civilian owned and operated flight training schools. Such schools employ civilians as flight instructors who are required to hold at least a commercial pilot certificate. An FAA flight instructor certificate is not a requisite for such instruction.

Before qualifying as a flight instructor, each pilot is given intensive ground and flight training. Also, the instructors and students are under constant surveillance by both civilian and military supervisory flight personnel. These requirements have been found to produce a high degree of proficiency in flight instruction. Each civilian instructor is assigned 4 students of which a minimum of 3 usually complete the 6-month course. During this period each student receives a total of 132 flying hours resulting in each instructor accumulating at least 200 hours of instruction time each 6 months. Most of the instructors have been employed at the schools for several years and have a vast amount of instruction time and experience and are well qualified in this respect.

The 5 civilian schools utilized by the Air Force for giving primary flight training are to be closed by December 1960. Of the approximately 575 pilots employed as flight instructors at the 5 schools, many do not hold an FAA flight instructor certificate. It is anticipated that most of these pilots will apply for the limited flight instructor certificate.

In view of the qualifications of these pilots and the experience gained by instructing in a well supervised flight training program, no useful purpose would be served in requiring them to further demonstrate their ability and show that they are familiar with effective flight instruction methods. Some of them may have little experience with the Civil Air Regulations and procedures applicable to student pilots and should, therefore, show that they are familiar with the responsibilities of an FAA certificated flight instructor in this respect.

Accordingly, this Special Civil Air Regulation is issued to permit such pilots to be certificated as limited flight instructors without compliance with the practical test and written examination required by § 20.130 (b) and (c), provided they pass an FAA written examination on the Civil Air Regulations pertaining to the certification, privileges, limitations, and responsibilities of flight instructors.

Since this special regulation grants relief and imposes no additional burden on any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and good cause exists for making it effective in less than 30 days.

In consideration of the foregoing, the following Special Civil Air Regulation is hereby adopted, to become effective August 15, 1960.

1. Contrary provisions of § 20.130 (b) and (c) of the Civil Air Regulations notwithstanding, an applicant who is, or has been within the preceding 12 months, a civilian flight instructor employed at a U.S. Air Force Contract Primary Flight School and has served in such capacity for a period of at least 6 months shall be deemed to have met the requirements of § 20.230 (b) and (c) for airplane ratings: *Provided*, That the applicant presents satisfactory evidence of such employment and passes an FAA written examination on the Civil Air Regulations pertaining to the certification, privileges, limitations, and responsibilities of flight instructors.

2. This Special Civil Air Regulation shall terminate on August 15, 1961, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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

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