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TITLE 14 - AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

CHAPTER I - FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

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PART 24 - MECHANIC AND REPAIRMAN CERTIFICATES

Qualifying Experience For
Mechanic Inspection Authorization

Part 24 of the Civil Air Regulations presently contains the requirements for issuance of mechanic and repairman certificates, including the issuance of inspection authorizations to certificated mechanics holding both airframe and powerplant ratings and having such other qualifications as the Administrator may deem appropriate. Section 24.43-1(a)(2) specifies, in part, the qualifying experience for issuance of an inspection authorization and requires the applicant for such authorization to have been actively engaged in the inspection, maintenance, and repair of U.S. civil aircraft and engines for at least 2 years immediately preceding the date of application.

Many federal, state, and local government agencies operate aircraft which, by definition, are public aircraft, but many of these agencies have established policies requiring such aircraft to be certificated, maintained, and operated in accordance with the certification and airworthiness requirements of the Civil Air Regulations. In order to maintain these aircraft as required by the regulations, it is necessary for such governmental agencies to have their aircraft inspected periodically by persons holding an inspection authorization. However, under the provisions of present section 24.43-1(a)(2), otherwise qualified certificated mechanic personnel of these government agencies cannot obtain an inspection authorization, since they have not been engaged for the preceding 2 years in the maintenance of "U. S. civil Aircraft."

The experience acquired by certificated mechanics performing inspection, maintenance, and repair operations on public aircraft, certificated and maintained in accordance with the Civil Air Regulations, is equivalent to the experience acquired on "U. S. civil aircraft." It is deemed appropriate that such mechanics, if otherwise qualified, should be considered eligible to apply for an inspection authorization.

Since this amendment relieves certain mechanics of a technical restriction and does not place any additional burden on anyone, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and it may be made effective on less than 30 days' notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, section 24.43-1(a)(2) of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR, Part 24), is hereby amended as follows effective July 15, 1960:

24.43-1 Inspection authorization (FAA rules which apply to section 24.43).

(a) Qualifications. * * *

(2) He has been actively engaged for at least 2 years, immediately preceding the date of application, in the inspection, maintenance, and repair of aircraft certificated and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Air Regulations.

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

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