FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
FLIGHT STANDARDS SERVICE
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CIVIL AIR REGULATIONS DRAFT RELEASE NO. 61-24

SUBJECT: Time Limit for Completion of Mechanic Examinations

The Flight Standards Service of the Federal Aviation Agency has under consideration amendments to Part 24 of the Civil Air Regulations to specify the period of time in which all parts of the mechanic examinations must be completed. The reasons therefor are set forth in the explanatory statement of the attached proposal which is being published in the Federal Register as a notice of proposed rule making.

The Flight Standards Service desires that all persons who will be affected by the requirements of this proposal be fully informed as to its effect upon them and is therefore circulating copies in order to afford interested persons ample opportunity to submit comments as they may desire.

Because of the large number of comments which we anticipate receiving in response to this draft release, we will be unable to acknowledge receipt of each reply. However, you may be assured that all comments will be given careful consideration.

It should be noted that comments must be submitted in duplicate to the Docket Section of the Federal Aviation Agency, and in order to insure consideration must be received on or before January 8, 1962.

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Director
Flight Standards Service

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[14 CFR Part 24]

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Time Limit for Completion of Mechanic Examinations

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator (14 CFR 405.27), notice is hereby given that there is under consideration a proposal to amend Part 24 of the Civil Air Regulations as hereinafter set forth.

Interested persons may participate in the making of the proposed rules by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should be submitted in duplicate to the Docket Section of the Federal Aviation Agency, Room C-226, 1711 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 25, D.C. *All Communications received on or before January 8,* 1962, will be considered by the Administrator before taking action upon the proposed rules. The proposals contained in this notice may be changed in the light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available in the Docket Section for examination by interested persons when the prescribed date for *return of comments has expired.*

Part 24 does not presently provide any specific period of time in which all parts of the prescribed mechanic examinations must be successfully completed by an applicant before he may obtain a mechanic certificate with airframe or powerplant ratings. Consequently, many applicants have taken one or more *parts of the examinations and waited several years* before completing the remainder. Frequently, such applicants have never completed all of the prescribed examinations. In order to determine that the knowledge and skill of an applicant is current, it is necessary to establish a reasonable period of time within which he must successfully complete all parts of the prescribed examinations. Accordingly, the rule proposed herein would require all parts of the prescribed written, oral, and practical examinations to be completed successfully by the applicant within a period of 24 consecutive calendar months before he may obtain a mechanic certificate and appropriate ratings.

To avoid placing an undue burden on any person, *provision is made in this proposal to give an applicant* credit for any part of the prescribed examinations successfully completed by him prior to the effective date of this amendment. This credit would be good for 24 consecutive calendar months after the effective date of the amendment.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend Part 24 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 24) as follows:

1. By amending § 24.1 by adding in proper alphabetical order a new definition to read as follows:

24.1 *Definitions.* * * *

Calendar month. Calendar month means that period of time extending from the first day of any month delineated by the calendar through the last day thereof.

NOTE: For example, a period of 24 consecutive calendar months beginning in July would end on July 31 two years later.

2. By amending § 24.18 to read as follows:

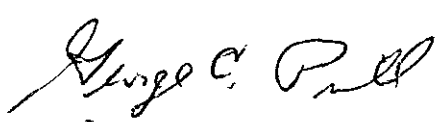
24.18 *Examinations.*

(a) Examinations shall be conducted by an authorized representative of the Administrator at such times and places as the Administrator may designate.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no applicant may obtain a mechanic certificate and rating unless all prescribed examinations have been completed successfully within a period of 24 consecutive calendar months.

(c) An applicant who, prior to (the effective date of this amendment), has completed successfully any part of the prescribed examinations for a mechanic certificate and rating may receive credit for such part for 24 consecutive calendar months after the effective date of this amendment.

These amendments are proposed under the authority of sections 313(a), 601, and 602 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (72 Stat. 752, 775, 776; 49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421, 1422).



Director,
Flight Standards Service

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