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51.1 Ground instructor rating and certificate requirements. A ground instructor rating and certificate with respect to any ground school subject in which a certificated flying school is required to provide instruction will be issued to an applicant who complies with the following requirements:

(a) **Age.** Applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.

(b) **Character.** Applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) **Citizenship.** Applicant shall be:

(1) A citizen of and of unquestionable loyalty to the United States, or

(2) A person who is in sympathy with the objectives of the United States and who is a trustworthy citizen of a friendly foreign government not under the domination of or associated with any government with which the United States is at war.

(d) **Aeronautical knowledge.** Applicant shall have practical and theoretical knowledge of each ground school subject with respect to which he seeks a rating. Such knowledge shall be sufficient to accomplish satisfactorily a written examination thereon.

51.2 Ground instructor certificate.

51.20 Application. Application for a ground instructor certificate shall be made upon the applicable form prescribed and furnished by the Administrator.

51.21 Display. A ground instructor certificate shall be kept readily available to the instructor at all times when he is engaged in giving instruction in any ground school subject with respect to which he is rated, and shall be presented upon the request of any student receiving such instruction, school officer, or authorized representative of the Administrator.

51.22 Duration. A ground instructor certificate shall be of 60 days' duration, and unless the holder is otherwise notified by the Administrator within such period, it shall continue in effect thereafter until otherwise specified by the Board, unless suspended or revoked.

51.23 Recent experience requirements. The holder of a ground instructor certificate shall not exercise the privileges thereunder unless during the preceding twelve calendar months he has:

(1) Served for at least three months as a ground school instructor, or

(2) Demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Administrator that he is able to meet the standards currently prescribed by the Civil Air Regulations for the issuance of the certificate and rating.

51.230 Reports. The holder of a ground instructor certificate shall transmit to the Administrator, annually, during the month of January, a report for the preceding twelve-month period, setting forth the amount and type of his aeronautical experience and such other pertinent data as the Administrator may require.

51.24 Expired certificates: special issuance. The holder of a ground instructor certificate which has expired within the preceding twelve months may obtain a new certificate and the same rating theretofore held immediately prior to its expiration, upon application, by demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Administrator that he is able to meet the standards currently prescribed by the Civil Air Regulations for the issuance of the certificate and rating.

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51.25 Nontransferability. A ground instructor certificate is not transferable.

51.26 Surrender. Upon the suspension, revocation or expiration of a ground instructor certificate, the holder thereof shall, upon request, surrender such certificate to any officer or employee of the Administrator.

51.27 Reexamination. An applicant for a ground instructor rating who has failed to pass any prescribed examination or test therefor shall not apply for reexamination for the same rating until the expiration of 30 days from the date of such failure or after he has received not less than 5 hours' instruction on each subject of the examination failed from a certificated ground instructor rated for such subject and presents a statement from such instructor showing the amount of instruction given and stating that he deems the applicant qualified to pass the required examination in such subject.

51.28 Revocation. No person whose ground instructor certificate has been revoked shall apply for or be issued a ground instructor certificate of any rating for a period of one year after the revocation, except as the order of revocation may otherwise provide.

51.29 Ground instructor identification card. No person shall serve as a ground instructor in connection with ground school subjects after May 15, 1942, unless he has in his possession, in addition to a currently effective ground instructor certificate, an identification card, satisfactory to the Administrator, containing his fingerprints, his picture and his signature.

51.3 Ground Instructor Rating Record. An appropriate Ground Instructor Rating Record, prescribed and issued by the Administrator, shall be attached to each ground instructor certificate issued after May 1, 1940. The ground school subject or subjects for which the holder of such certificate is rated shall be entered on such record.

51.30 Application to amend. When any change is desired in a Ground Instructor Rating Record referred to in § 51.3, the applicant shall file a written request therefor upon the applicable form prescribed and furnished by the Administrator.

51.4 Examinations and tests.

51.40 General. The examinations and tests prescribed in this Part will be conducted by an authorized representative for the Administrator.

51.41 Time and place. All examinations and tests will be held at such times and places as the Administrator may designate.

51.42 Inspection. An applicant for a ground instructor rating shall offer full cooperation with respect to any inspection and examination which may be made of such applicant upon proper request by any authorized representative of the Administrator prior or subsequent to the issuance of a ground instructor certificate.

51.43 Standard of performance. All practical and theoretical examinations and tests shall be accomplished to the satisfaction of the Administrator and passing grade in each subject shall be 70 percent.

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