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CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
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CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GROUND INSTRUCTOR RATING AND CERTIFICATE

Currently effective section 51.1 of Part 51 requires that an applicant for a ground instructor rating and certificate be a citizen of the United States or of a foreign country which grants or has undertaken to grant reciprocal ground instructor privileges to citizens of the United States on equal terms and conditions with citizens of such foreign government.

Recent studies conducted by the Board with respect to the necessity for reciprocity provisions in connection with the issuance of airman certificates indicate that aliens who have immigrated to the United States on a permanent residence visa should, as prospective citizens, be included in the classification of United States citizens for the purpose of obtaining airman certificates. These studies further indicate that it is desirable that a reciprocity requirement be retained for those classes of certificates which qualify the holder to engage in commercial enterprise. However, with regard to these classes of certificates an exception to the reciprocity requirement appears desirable for those certificates involving "ground duties" when the holder uses the certificate outside the United States and renders service thereunder which would be of benefit to the operation of United States aircraft. In addition it is considered desirable that the present reciprocity provisions with respect to the issuance of ground instructor rating and certificate be clarified to indicate that reciprocity consists of not only the privileges of the airman certificate but also the right to engage in gainful employment as a ground instructor.

This amendment permits ground instructor ratings and certificates to be issued to applicants who have been admitted to the United States for permanent residence. Certificates also may be issued to citizens of any country or persons without nationality who are in the employ of a United States air carrier, the employ of a holder of an air agency certificate issued pursuant to the Civil Air Regulations, or who, in the opinion of the Administrator, perform duties under the certificate which will benefit the operation of United States aircraft; subject to the condition that the holder of such a certificate shall not exercise within the United States the privileges conferred by the certificate.

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 51 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR, Part 51, as amended) effective immediately:

By amending paragraph (c) of § 51.1 to read as follows:

51.1 Ground instructor rating and certificate requirements. * * *

(c) Citizenship. An applicant for a ground instructor rating and certificate shall be:

(1) A citizen of the United States or an individual who has been admitted to the United States for permanent residence, or

(2) A citizen of any other country whose government grants or has undertaken to grant to citizens of the United States ground instructor privileges and employment rights equivalent to those which such government grants to its own citizens, or

(3) A citizen of any country or a person without nationality who:

(i) is in the employ of a United States air carrier; or

(ii) is in the employ of a holder of an air agency certificate issued pursuant to the Civil Air Regulations; or

(iii) does not meet the requirements of subdivisions (i) or (ii) but will, in the opinion of the Administrator, perform duties under his certificate which will benefit the operation of United States aircraft.

Provided, That the holder of a certificate issued under the provisions of this subparagraph (3) shall not exercise within the United States the privileges conferred by the certificate.

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

By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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