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FLIGHT STANDARDS SERVICE
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CIVIL AIR REGULATIONS DRAFT RELEASE NO. 62-14

SUBJECT: Issuance of Private and Commercial Pilot Certificates on Basis of Military Competence

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The Flight Standards Service of the Federal Aviation Agency has under consideration an amendment to Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations to revise the provisions under which former military pilots may obtain private and commercial pilot certificates on the basis of military competence. 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 should be submitted, preferably in duplicate, to the Docket Section of the Federal Aviation Agency, and in order to insure consideration must be received on or before June 7, 1962.

ACTING Director,
Flight Standards Service

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[14 CFR Part 20]

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

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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 20 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, preferably 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 June 7, 1962, will be considered by the Administrator before taking action on 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 at any time.

As presently written, section 20.111(a) of the Civil Air Regulations permits a military pilot who is on active duty, or who has been honorably discharged for a period of 12 months or less and was on solo flying status or the equivalent at the time of discharge, to obtain a private or a commercial pilot certificate issued on the basis of military competence by passing an abbreviated written examination on accident reporting rules and those portions of the Civil Air Regulations pertaining to pilot privileges and limitations, general operating and air traffic rules. This section further provides that a former military pilot who has been honorably discharged for a period of more than 12 months must, in addition to taking the same abbreviated written examination, meet the prescribed physical standards and pass the appropriate flight test.

The Agency has received a number of applications for certification on the basis of military competence from applicants who have been discharged from the service for several years. In many cases these applicants have been inactive in aviation since their discharge and are not familiar with the present day flight procedures and operational requirements. The abbreviated written examination which these applicants are required to take is not sufficiently comprehensive to determine whether such applicants possess at least the minimum aeronautical knowledge necessary for safe operation.

Accordingly, it is proposed to revise section 20.111(a) to provide that applicants for private or commercial pilot certificates who are not on active duty at the time of application, and have been discharged for a period of more than 12 months, be required to pass the complete written examination as specified in the aeronautical knowledge requirements appropriate to the certificate sought, as well as meet the prescribed physical standards and pass the appropriate flight test.

Additionally, there is a group of former military pilots who are not considered in the current wording of section 20.111(a). This group is comprised of former military pilots who are presently members of the armed services, but have been removed from solo flying status or the equivalent for reasons other than pilot proficiency, and those who have been discharged, but prior to the date of discharge were removed from solo flying status or the equivalent for reasons other than pilot proficiency.

At the present time no recognition is given for experience gained and training received by these former military pilots. There appears to be no reason why these persons should not be permitted to obtain private or commercial pilot certificates on the basis of military competence in the same manner as other former military pilots.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 20) as follows:

By amending § 20.111(a) by revising the proviso in subparagraph (2), by redesignating subparagraph (2) as subparagraph (3), and adding new subparagraphs (2) and (4) to read as follows:

20.111 *Military competence.*

(a) *Pilot certificates.* * * *

(2) He is a member of the armed forces of the United States, the National Guard, or the Coast Guard, or any reserve component thereof and has been removed from solo flying status as a rated pilot or

the equivalent for reasons other than his lack of flying proficiency: *Provided*, That, if he has not been on solo flying status as a rated pilot or the equivalent within the 12 months preceding the date of application, he shall pass the complete written examination as specified in the aeronautical knowledge requirements appropriate to the certificate sought, meet the required physical standards, and pass the appropriate flight test; or

(3) He has been honorably discharged from the armed forces, the National Guard, or the Coast Guard, or any reserve component thereof within the preceding 12 months, and was at the time of discharge on solo flying status as a rated pilot or the equivalent: *Provided*, That, if he has been honorably discharged for a period longer than 12 months preceding the date of application, he shall pass the complete written examination as specified in the aeronautical knowledge requirements appropriate to the certificate sought, meet the required physical standards, and pass the appropriate flight test; or

(4) He has been honorably discharged from the armed forces, the National Guard, or the Coast Guard, or any reserve component thereof but prior to the time of discharge had been removed from solo flying status or the equivalent for reasons other than his lack of flying proficiency: *Provided*, That, if he has not been on solo flying status the equivalent within the 12 months preceding the date of application, he shall pass the complete written examination as specified in the aeronautical knowledge requirements appropriate to the certificate sought, meet the required physical standards, and pass the appropriate flight test.

This amendment is proposed under the authority of sections 313(a), 601, 602 oft he Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (72 Stat. 752, 775, 776; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, 1422).

Acting Director,
Flight Standards Service.

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