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Civil Aeronautics Manual 26
CONTROL-TOWER OPERATOR CERTIFICATES

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SUBJECT: Deletion of Cross Reference to Part 617.

Section 26.26–1, Exercise of Authority (16 F.R. 3459) and the cross reference to Part 617 of the Regulations of the Administrator in CAR 26 were rendered obsolete by the rescission of Part 617, effective June 3, 1960 (25 F.R. 3852). Part 617 provided a detailed description of procedures to be used by certificated air traffic control tower operators in the performance of their duties. These procedures are also contained in Part 3 of the Army-Navy-Air Force-Federal Aviation Agency Procedures for the Control of Air Traffic (ANC/PCAT) Manual. To provide a single official source of these procedures, it was deemed advisable to rescind Part 617.

The rescission of Part 617 makes any reference thereto in Part 26 no longer applicable.

In consideration of the foregoing, section 26.26–1 and the cross reference following section 26.26(c) were rescinded by Amendment 26–1 effective June 3, 1960, as published in the Federal Register on May 4, 1960 (25 F.R. 3849).

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(4) For 1 year of the 2 years immediately preceding application as:

(i) An operator with a junior rating at an airport other than that at which the rating is sought; or

(ii) An operator at a landing area under military or naval jurisdiction.

(c) *Other requirements.* The applicant must demonstrate his ability to supervise and manage all activities of the airport control tower or airport control station, which shall at least include the preparation of such reports as may be required from time to time by the airport manager or the Administrator.

26.8–1 *Qualifications for control-tower operator certificate—senior rating (FAA rules which apply to sec. 26.8 (a) (4)).*

(a) *Authority.* Section 26.8 (a) specifies certain subjects to be covered in the examination for a senior rating and in paragraph (a) (4) permits additional subjects in which the Administrator may deem an examination necessary.

(b) *Area of examination.* Because of additional facilities provided for the control of air traffic, it is deemed necessary that the rating examination be enlarged to cover the operation of such facilities. In the interest of safety and so that full appraisal of the area of the examination will become matters of public notice, the present written rating examination is changed to a practical examination. The following subjects in outline form will be the area of examination:

(1) *Senior rating.*

(i) *The air traffic control facilities serving the airport.*

The tower.
The center.
The airways.

(ii) *Air navigation facilities.*

Beacons.
Ranges.
Fan markers.
Compass locators.
ILS.[1]
GCA.[1]
Any other.

(iii) *Use of Airman's Guide.*

(iv) *Use of the Flight Information Manual.*

(v) *Holding procedures.*

(vi) *Standard approach procedures—aircraft, tower.*

Approach control.[1]

(vii) *Missed approaches.*

(viii) *Alternate airports.*

(ix) *Search and rescue procedures.*

(x) *A demonstration of ability to control air traffic under IFR conditions.*

(Published in 14 F. R. 6283, Oct. 15, 1949, effective upon publication.)

Examinations

26.12 *General.* The prescribed examinations will be conducted by representatives of the Administrator at a designated time and place.

26.13 *Physical examinations.*

(a) The prescribed physical requirements must be met before any practical or theoretical examination will be given and must be completed within the 12 months immediately preceding application for a certificate.

(b) In lieu of a physical examination conducted by an authorized medical examiner of the Administrator, a form acceptable to the Administrator, signed by a medical officer on duty with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who is authorized to conduct physical examinations for flying stating that the applicant is an active member of his service and has met within the preceding 12 months the physical requirements prescribed by section 26.2.

26.14 *Reexamination after failure.* An applicant who has failed any prescribed written or practical examination or test may not apply for reexamination within a 30-day period unless he presents a statement signed by a certificated air-traffic control-tower operator, a certificated ground instructor, or an equally qualified individual acceptable to the Administrator, which attests that the applicant has received an additional 5 hours of instruction in each of the subjects failed and that the applicant is considered competent for reexamination.

Issuance and Expiration of Certificates

26.18 *Duration.*

(a) An air-traffic control-tower operator cer-

[1] Applicable only where the procedures have been established or facility is installed.

tificate issued to a United States citizen shall remain in effect until surrendered, suspended, revoked, or otherwise terminated by order of the Administrator. A certificate issued to an applicant other than a United States citizen shall remain in effect for a period no longer than 12 months after the date of issuance, but it may be reissued without further demonstration of technical competence.

(b) After revocation, and upon request after suspension, the certificate shall be returned to the Administrator.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny or defeat the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, the Administrator, or the Board to impose any authorized sanction, including revocation of the certificate, for a violation of the Act or of the Civil Air Regulations occurring during the effective period of the certificate.

26.19 *Temporary certificates.* The Administrator or his authorized representative may issue a temporary air-traffic control-tower operator certificate for a period of not to exceed 90 days, subject to the terms and conditions specified therein by the Administrator.

26.20 *Change of address.* Within 30 days after any change in the permanent mailing address of a holder of an air-traffic control-tower operator certificate, the holder shall notify the Administrator in writing of such change. Such notice shall be mailed to the Federal Aviation Agency, attention Aircraft and Airmen Records Branch, 621 North Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma.

Regulations

26.25 *Rating record.* A certificated operator shall not serve as such unless there is attached to his certificate the appropriate rating record prescribed and issued by the Administrator, nor serve otherwise than in accordance with the limitations prescribed by the Administrator in his certificate or rating record.

Note: The rating record is a sheet which will be attached to all certificates when they are issued and will prescribe the airports at which the holder is authorized to serve and the class of rating held.

26.26 *Exercise of authority.* A certificated air-traffic control-tower operator shall control traffic in accordance with the procedures and practices prescribed by the Administrator to provide for the safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of air traffic and in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) When weather conditions are equal to or better than the basic minimums prescribed for VFR flight by Part 60 of this subchapter, air traffic may be controlled by an operator with either a junior or senior rating for the airport involved: *Provided*, That where the Administrator finds the volume or character of the air traffic, the type and equipment of aircraft utilizing the airport, or the airport facilities require that an operator with a junior rating be supervised, he may require all air traffic at such airport to be controlled under the supervision of an operator with a senior rating.

(b) When weather conditions are below the basic minimums prescribed for VFR flight by Part 60 of this subchapter, air traffic shall be controlled by an operator with senior rating, and such operator shall not issue an air traffic clearance for flight without prior authorization from the appropriate air traffic control center.

(c) In an emergency an operator with a senior rating may delegate his authority to an operator with a junior rating.

[Amdt. 26–1 published in 25 F.R. 3849, May 4, 1960, effective June 3, 1960, deleted cross-reference to Part 617, Air Traffic Rules.]

26.27 *Relaying information.* An operator shall not relay information or instructions received from airway traffic control personnel, airway communications or United States Weather Bureau airport stations, otherwise than in the manner approved by the Administrator.

26.28 *Maximum hours.* Except in case of an emergency, a certificated operator shall be relieved of all duty for not less than 24 consecutive hours at least once during each 7 consecutive days, and shall not serve, nor be required to serve as such:

(a) In excess of 10 consecutive hours;

(b) In excess of 10 hours during a period of 24 consecutive hours unless the operator is given a rest period of not less than 8 hours at or before the termination of such 10 hours of duty.

26.29 *Display of certificate.* An operator shall keep his certificate readily available when he is on duty and shall present it for inspection upon request of any officer or employee of the Administrator or Board and of any State or