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# Ground Instructor Rating

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# Ground Instructor Rating

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.* 18 years is the minimum age for the issuance of a ground instructor rating and certificate.

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

(c) *Citizenship.* An applicant for a ground instructor rating and certificate may be a citizen of any country or a person without nationality.

(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.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955, as amended by Amdt. 51–2, 21 F.R. 10372, Dec. 28, 1956, effective Dec. 28, 1956.)

## Ground Instructor Certificate

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

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.3 *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.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.4 *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 Administrator, unless suspended or revoked.

(a) *Temporary certificates.* The Administrator or his authorized representative may issue a temporary ground instructor certificate for a period of not to exceed 90 days, subject to the terms and conditions specified therein by the Administrator.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.5 *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 regulations of this subchapter for the issuance of the certificate and rating.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.7 *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 regulations of this subchapter for the issuance of the certificate and rating.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.8 *Nontransferability.* A ground instructor certificate is not transferable.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.9 *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.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.10 *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.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.11 *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 1 year after the revocation, except as the order of revocation may otherwise provide.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.11a *Change of address.* Within 30 days after any change in the permanent mailing address of a holder of a ground instructor certificate, the holder shall notify the Administrator in writing of such change. Such notice shall be mailed to the Examination and Records Division, Federal Aviation Agency, 621 North Robinson Avenue, Oklahome City 2, Oklahoma.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

## Ground Instructor Rating Record

51.12 *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.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.13 *Application to amend.* When any change is desired in a Ground Instructor Rating Record referred to in section 51.12 the applicant shall file a written request therefor upon the applicable form prescribed and furnished by the Administrator.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

## Examinations and Tests

51.14 *General.* The examinations and tests prescribed in this part will be conducted by an authorized representative of the Administrator.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

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

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

51.16 *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 requests by any authorized representative of the Administrator prior or subsequent to the issuance of a ground instructor certificate.

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

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

(Part 51, 20 F.R. 3844, June 2, 1955, effective June 1, 1955.)

# Addendum

Preambles of Amendments to Civil Air Regulations Part 51

**NOTE**

**Part 51 of the Civil Air Regulations was last revised by the Civil Aeronautics Board with an effective date of June 1, 1955. This was not a general revision of the part, but only a reprint to incorporate outstanding amendments. This revision was published in the Federal Register on June 2, 1955 (20 F.R. 3844).**

## Amendment 51–1

Airman Identification Card

Adopted: Nov. 13, 1956
Effective: Nov. 13, 1956
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(21 F.R. 9011)

The identification card requirement contained in present Part 51 was intended to facilitate the identification of the holder in the event that future security restrictions might so require. However, after 5 years' experience with the issuance of identification cards, it is now evident that they have served no useful purpose in the past, and it appears unlikely that the carriage of such a card by airmen would have any future beneficial effect upon the exercise of security controls. In view of this experience and in view of the fact that the requirement has created a burden for the applicant as well as the Government, for which no safety or security justification exists, it is being deleted by this amendment.

Since this amendment is minor in nature and imposes no additional burden on any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and it may be made effective without prior notice.

Amendment deleted section 51.6.

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## Amendment 51–2

Clarification of Age Requirement for Issuance of Rating and Certificate

Adopted: Dec. 21, 1956
Effective: Dec. 21, 1956
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(21 F.R. 10372)

Currently effective section 51.1(a) of Part 51 of the Civil Air Regulations specifies that an applicant for a ground instructor rating and certificate shall be at least 18 years of age.

This provision could be construed to mean that a person must be 18 years old before he can apply for a ground instructor rating and certificate, although the intent of the Board in adopting the provision was to require only that the applicant reach the minimum age specified before being issued a rating and certificate.

Since the present minimum age provision may be construed to prevent a person from applying for a ground instructor rating and certificate before reaching the prescribed minimum age, the wording of this provision is being modified to make it clear that the minimum age requirement applies only to the actual issuance of the rating and certificate. This modification in language will not adversely affect safety, since the minimum age for the issuance of a ground instructor rating and certificate is not reduced and the privileges associated with such rating and certificate remain unchanged.

Since this amendment is minor in nature and imposes no additional burden on any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary and it may be made effective without prior notice.

Amendment revised paragraph (a) of section 51.1.

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