Oct 21, 1991

Dear Mr. Rubin,

This is in response to your October 7 letter seeking confirmation of information given to you during a telephone conversation with Mr. James Byers of my staff.

During that telephone conversation and in your October 7 letter, you asked whether a certificated flight instructor giving flight instruction for compensation is required to hold a current 2nd class medical certificate or whether a third class medical certificate is acceptable.

Mr. Byers correctly informed you that a 2nd class medical certificate is not a requirement to give the subject flight instruction and that a third class medical certificate would be acceptable even if the instructor was receiving compensation and acting as pilot in command for the instruction flight.

Part 61 Certification Bulletin Number 81-2 discusses the subject concerning the need for a valid airman medical certificate and its relationship to the flight instructor certificate. We have enclosed a copy of this publication for your information and convenience.

We hope this information adequately addresses your questions and wish you success in your aviation endeavors.

Sincerely,

James R. Riddle
Manager, Certification Branch