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# Advisory Circular

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**Subject:** ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANCELLATION: FAA-S-8081-11, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR – LIGHTER-THAN-AIR (BALLOON/AIRSHIP) PRACTICAL TEST STANDARDS  
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**Change:**

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- PURPOSE.** This advisory circular announces the cancellation of FAA-S-8081-11, Flight Instructor – Lighter-Than-Air (Balloon/Airship) Practical Test Standards.
- CANCELLATION.** AC 61-116, Announcement of Availability: FAA-S-8081-11, Flight Instructor – Lighter-Than-Air (Balloon-Airship) Practical Test Standards, dated 3/10/95, is canceled.
- BACKGROUND.** During 1989, a series of open hearings were held throughout the United States seeking input from the public suggesting changes to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 61, 141, and 143. Many comments were received, some of which suggested creating a separate flight instructor certificate for the lighter-than-air category, balloon and airship classes of aircraft. Based upon these positive comments, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) developed the practical test standards in anticipation of the proposal being accepted.
- GENERAL.** In 1996, a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) was published and numerous comments were received opposing the establishment of a separate flight instructor certificate for the lighter-than-air category. As a result of these comments, the FAA withdrew this proposal from the NPRM. Since there will be no requirement for these practical test standards, FAA-S-8081-11, Flight Instructor – Lighter-Than-Air (Balloon/Airship) Practical Test Standards, is canceled.

  
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