PART 20—PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

Special Issuance of Pilot Certificates

Section 20.110(b) of the Civil Air Regulations provides for the issuance of a private or commercial pilot or limited flight instructor certificate or an instrument or aircraft rating without further showing of competence to an applicant who has graduated from an approved course of a certificated flying school within the preceding 90 days if the Administrator finds that the aeronautical knowledge and skill requirements of such course are the equivalent of those prescribed in Part 20. Airman agencies whose courses are found to meet the requirements of this section may be issued examining authority by the Federal Aviation Agency, after which specified pilot certificates and ratings are issued to qualified graduates without additional written or flight tests.

Certificated airman agencies may obtain such examining authority only if their approved courses provide both ground school and flight training which are adequate to insure that graduates meet the certification standards. This requires ground as well as flight training personnel, facilities, and equipment; and a means of developing and maintaining current written examinations which are the equivalent of those prescribed by the FAA for the particular certificates or ratings involved.

Many certificated airman agencies are well qualified to provide flight training and testing to meet the aeronautical skill requirements of Part 20, and others are equally well qualified to provide ground school training and testing to meet the aeronautical knowledge requirements of this part. However, very few are qualified with respect to training and testing for both aeronautical knowledge and skill. We believe that such agencies which are not qualified to provide both services should be permitted to examine their graduates for aeronautical skill only, or for aeronautical knowledge only. depending upon their particular qualifications. Graduates of agencies authorized to conduct examinations for aeronautical skill only, or for aeronautical knowledge only, will be required to pass the prescribed FAA aeronautical knowledge or aeronautical skill examination, respectively, before they may be certificated.

Accordingly, § 20.110(b) of the Civil Air Regulations is being revised to provide for acceptance of the certificate of graduation from an authorized airman

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agency as evidence that the applicant has met the aeronautical knowledge requirements, or the aeronautical skill requirements, or both the aeronautical knowledge and skill requirements of Part 20. This amendment will have no effect upon those agencies which now have examining authority for both aeronautical knowledge and skill, or upon those which may subsequently apply for such authorization.

The heading of \$ 20.110 and the first sentence of paragraph (a) of the section are being changed to conform with the terminology of Part 50 of the Civil Air Regulations.

Since this regulatory action imposes no additional burden upon any person, notice and public procedure hereon are unnecessary, and good cause exists for making the amendment effective on less than 30 days' notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 20 of the Civil Air Regulations (14 CFR Part 20) is hereby amended as follows, effective May 17, 1960:

1. By amending § 20.110 by changing the title to read "Graduates of certificated airman agencies."

2. By amending \$20.110(a) by deleting the words "flying school" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "airman agency with a flying school rating."

3. By amending § 20.110(b) to read as follows:

§ 20.110 Graduates of certificated airman agencies.

(b) An applicant for a certificate or rating issued under the provisions of this part may be deemed to have met both the aeronautical knowledge and skill requirements, or the aeronautical knowledge requirements only, or the aeronautical skill requirements only, for such certificate or rating if he has, within the preceding 90 days, graduated from the appropriate approved course of a certificated airman agency which is authorized by the Federal Aviation Agency to examine such applicants with respect to aeronautical skill or knowledge, or both.

§ 20.110-1 [Deletion]

4. By deleting § 20.110-1.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 602, 72 Stat. 752, 775, 776; 49 U.S.C. 1354, 1421, 1422)

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