



ADVISORY CIRCULAR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: AIDS AUTHORIZED FOR USE BY AIRMAN WRITTEN TEST APPLICANTS

1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular further clarifies FAA policy concerning aids that applicants may use when taking airman written tests.
2. CANCELLATION. Advisory Circular 60-8, dated December 29, 1972, is canceled.
3. REFERENCES. Federal Aviation Regulations 61.37, 63.18, 65.18 and 143.18.
4. EXPLANATION. Increasing numbers of manufacturers are producing navigation computers, plotters, flight planning aids, and other devices containing information not directly related to their operation and use. In many instances, this information pertains to subject matter areas used as the basis for test items in FAA written tests. For this reason, FAA personnel who administer written tests are directed to disallow use of such aids to ensure compliance with the regulations referenced above which permit the use only of material or aids authorized by the Administrator.

So that applicants for airman written tests can achieve more complete utilization of the aids in question, it is now permissible to mask out the objectionable information prior to the test period. If the masking material is not available from the manufacturers of the aid, it is recommended that a good quality pressure-sensitive opaque tape be used for this purpose.

5. GUIDELINES.
 - a. Applicants for airman written tests may use scales, straightedges, protractors, plotters, navigation computers, and electronic or mechanical calculators while taking the written test.
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- b. Permanently inscribed or printed instructions on such aids which pertain only to their operation and use are permissible.
- c. Information not pertinent to the actual operation of the aids mentioned in Item a, such as regulations, signals, cloud data, holding pattern diagrams, frequencies, weight and balance formulas, ATC procedures, etc., must be obscured by suitable tape or masking material.
- d. Applicants are responsible for providing the masking material and masking out the objectionable information. FAA test administration personnel will inspect the aid to ensure that the information in question is completely obscured.



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