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ADVISORY CIRCULAR

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF REVISED FAA WRITTEN TEST GUIDES

1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular provides further information concerning publication schedules for written test guides in selected testing areas and clarifies misunderstandings concerning the availability of the official question books used by FAA in testing airmen. It also reaffirms the usability of the written test guides available at present as listed in AC 00-2, Advisory Circular Checklist.
 2. RELATED FAR'S. Federal Aviation Regulations 61.35, 63.17, 65.17, and 143.15.
 3. CANCELLATION. AC 60-15, Publication of New FAA Written Test Study Guides, dated 12/3/76, is cancelled.
 4. BACKGROUND.
 - a. In November 1974, FAA adopted the question book method of administering written tests to applicants for airman certificates and ratings in several testing areas. These areas are the airline transport pilot-airplane, instrument rating, flight engineer-turbojet, flight instructor-airplane, commercial pilot-airplane, private pilot-airplane, airframe mechanic, powerplant mechanic, and parachute rigger. In using this method, the test monitor provides the applicant with a QUESTION BOOK containing 600 or more questions pertaining to the particular certificate or rating. The monitor also issues each applicant a QUESTION SELECTION SHEET which indicates the specific questions in the question book which will constitute the written test. The new method has been well received by applicants and FAA test administration personnel.
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- b. In December of 1976, FAA published Advisory Circular 60-15 announcing revision of the written test guides in selected testing areas which will include many of the questions contained in the official question books. The advisory circular also announced a proposed schedule for issuing the revised written test guides.

5. REVISED PROCEDURES.

- a. The FAA is now preparing the revised written test guides which will include many of the questions contained in the official written test question books. These written test guides will also be a valuable study tool for the student and a teaching aid for the instructor. In addition, public availability of this material will contribute to the standardization of knowledge and, at the same time, provide maximum assistance to students concerning areas in which they experienced difficulty on written tests.
- b. It must be emphasized that the study of written test guides alone will not provide the knowledge necessary for airman certification nor meet the training requirements of the applicable Federal Aviation Regulations. As in the past, these written test guides will be sold by the Superintendent of Documents, but the OFFICIAL QUESTION BOOKS USED IN TESTING CENTERS WILL NOT BE SOLD.
- c. It should also be noted that study of the currently available written test guides (listed in the Advisory Circular Checklist), coupled with the usual training and instruction procedures, will prepare an applicant to pass any of the FAA certification written tests now being given by the FAA.

6. PUBLICATION DATES. It was originally estimated that the first of the new written test guides would be published early in 1977, but it has not been possible to meet this proposed schedule. Contingent upon printing priorities, it is now estimated that the first of these guides will become available in late summer. At the time each guide is published, its availability and price will be announced, and it will be listed in AC 00-2, Advisory Circular Checklist (available free of charge from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Publication Section, TAD-443.1, Washington, D.C. 20590).


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