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# Advisory Circular

**Subject:** NEW AIRMEN WRITTEN TEST SYSTEM

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**Change:**

1. **PURPOSE.** This advisory circular announces a new airmen written test system.
2. **BACKGROUND.** The Federal Aviation Administration is instituting a new, more efficient, and cost-effective airmen written test system. The new system will enter its initial phase in August 1982 with the publication and sale of the newly developed Airline Transport Pilot-Airplane (FAR 135) Question Book, FAA-T-8080-6. The question book will be sold to the public by the Superintendent of Documents for \$7 a copy. This question book, and those which will be developed in the near future, will serve both as written test guides and as test books. The new Airline Transport Pilot written test, taken from the Airline Transport Pilot (FAR 135) Question Book, gives applicants the option of taking a written test oriented either toward airplanes and operations under FAR Part 135 or those under FAR Part 121. The traditional Airline Transport Pilot written test is based on FAR Part 121. The airline transport pilot certificate issued will not reflect which written test the applicant has successfully completed.
3. **DESCRIPTION.** Major features of the new test system, which should be fully implemented by mid-1984, are the elimination of separate written test guides and the development of 12 new question books that will encompass all present testing areas. The new question books will be provided to Federal Aviation Administration district offices through normal distribution; however, the BOOKS WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE TO WRITTEN TEST EXAMINERS. Examiners must purchase the books through the Superintendent of Documents. The general public may also purchase the books, but applicants will not be allowed to bring personal copies to the test room. Only copies furnished by the test monitor may be used for the official test. The planned revision cycle for all question books is 24 months. Question selection sheets will be developed for all certification and rating areas and will be distributed to Federal Aviation Administration district offices and examiners at the time each new question book is available. Question selection sheets in high-activity test areas will be revised annually.

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4. HOW TO ORDER. The new question book may be ordered from:

Superintendent of Documents  
U.S. Government Printing Office  
Washington, D.C. 20402

or from U.S. Government Printing Office bookstores located in major cities throughout the United States. When ordering, specify:

FAA-T-8080-6  
Airline Transport Pilot - Airplane (FAR 135) Question Book  
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