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**Subject:** TRANSITION PERIOD FOR FAA AIRMEN **Date:** 12/3/84 **AC No:** AC 60-18  
**WRITTEN TESTS AND UNUSED TEST** **Initiated by:** AFO-840/ **Change:**  
**ITEMS** **AVN-130**

1. **PURPOSE.** Announces a transition period during which an applicant may request to take a written test (in certain categories) under either the old or new testing system and lists test questions under the new system which are not used and need not be studied by the applicant.
2. **RELATED PUBLICATIONS.** Advisory Circular 60-17A, New Airman Written Test System and Order 8080.1C, Conduct of Airmen Written Tests.
3. **BACKGROUND.** On March 1, 1984, a new system for administering airmen written tests went into effect. New question books were developed and made available for sale to the public.
4. **DISCUSSION.** The policy established at the time the new testing system went into effect was to allow testing under the old system until September 1, 1984. It has become necessary to extend that date in certain testing areas to allow an applicant the choice of being tested under either the old or new system. However, applicants who desire to be tested under the old system in the categories listed in paragraph 5 may experience a delay since FAA testing centers or designated written test examiners may not have old testing materials immediately available. These materials may have to be special ordered. The written test guides associated with the old tests will not be reprinted and may not be available for study purposes. The subject matter areas of the old and new tests are the same and many of the questions in the new tests are the same as those used in the old tests. An applicant who is tested under the old system will not be provided with the exact test questions answered incorrectly, but will receive a list of subject matter areas in which questions were answered incorrectly.
5. **TESTING UNDER THE OLD SYSTEM.** An applicant may request to be tested under the old system in the following categories until the date listed. After that date, only a test in the new system may be taken.

## Title of Written Test

## Date

Private Pilot-Airplane	September 1, 1986
Private Pilot-Rotorcraft-Helicopter	September 1, 1986
Private Pilot-Rotorcraft-Gyroplane	September 1, 1986
Private Pilot-Glider	September 1, 1986
Private Pilot-Lighter-Than-Air (Airship)	September 1, 1986
Private Pilot-Free Balloon-Gas	September 1, 1986
Private Pilot-Free Balloon-Hot Air	September 1, 1986
Airline Transport Pilot-Airplane (FAR Part 121)	September 1, 1985
Flight Navigator	September 1, 1985
Aircraft Dispatcher	September 1, 1985
<u>ALL other testing areas</u>	September 1, 1984

6. QUESTIONS NOT USED ON TESTS. Certain questions are not used on the FAA written tests for one of several reasons. An applicant need not study these questions when preparing for the test.

a. FAA-T-8080-1, Private Pilot Question Book.

1087, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1120, 1127, 1148, 1194, 1208, 1227, 1231, 1233, 1246, 1253, 1259, 1260, 1261, 1265, 1267, 1268, 1271, 1276, 1325, 1504, 1514, 1516, 1548, 1550, 1571, 1672, 1737, 1752, 1843, 1881, 1885, 1906, 1909.

b. FAA T-8080-2, Commercial Pilot Question Book.

2019, 2021, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2035, 2054, 2058, 2066, 2134, 2158, 2245, 2247, 2254, 2311, 2312, 2315, 2545, 2546, 2590, 2591, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2651, 2684, 2745, 2915, 2927, 2973, 2978, 3059, 3076, 3081, 3266, 3290, 3291, 3292, 3293, 3294, 3295, 3306, 3307, 3310, 3311, 3315, 3320, 3379, 3386, 3402, 3403, 3404, 3405, 3441, 3443, 3467, 3468, 3469, 3482, 3487, 3498, 3501, 3515, 3573.

c. FAA-T-8080-3, Flight Instructor Question Book.

3009, 3010, 3011, 3012, 3013, 3019, 3040, 3060, 3295, 3639, 3685, 3856, 3948, 3951.

d. FAA-T-8080-4, Fundamentals of Instructing and Ground Instructor Basic - Advanced Question Book.

4222, 4366, 4367, 4513.

e. FAA-T-8080-6A, Airline Transport Pilot - Airplane (FAR Part 135) Question Book.

6309, 6314, 6441, 6489, 6621, 6880, 6932, 6964, 6972, 7021, 7042, 7098.

f. FAA-T-8080-7, Instrument Rating Question Book.

7033, 7107, 7159, 7168, 7183, 7184, 7185, 7186, 7187, 7188, 7204, 7207, 7209, 7237, 7238, 7239, 7240, 7241, 7242, 7243, 7244, 7245, 7246, 7247, 7248, 7262, 7263, 7286, 7287, 7288, 7293, 7294, 7295, 7386, 7395, 7512, 7513, 7514, 7515, 7561, 7615, 7631, 7658, 7738, 7741, 7742, 7743, 7744, 7745, 7746, 7778, 7804, 7855, 7899, 7907, 7950, 8088.

g. FAA-T-8080-8, Flight Engineer Question Book.

8103, 8480, 8530, 8563, 10018, 10019, 10020, 10021, 10022, 10023, 10024, 10025.

h. FAA-T-8080-10, Aviation Mechanic - General Question Book.

No questions have been determined to be invalid.

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i. FAA-T-8080-11, Aviation Mechanic - Powerplant Question Book.

3155, 3499.

j. FAA-T-8080-12, Aviation Mechanic - Airframe Question Book.

3241, 3282, 3467, 3732.



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