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Advisory Circular

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Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY:
FAA-S-8081-11, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR –
LIGHTER-THAN-AIR (BALLOON-AIRSHIP)
PRACTICAL TEST STANDARDS

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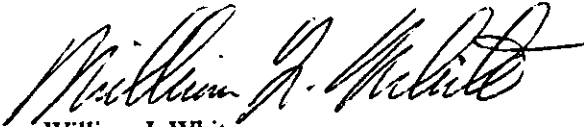
- 1. PURPOSE.** This advisory circular announces the availability of FAA-S-8081-11, Flight Instructor – Lighter-Than-Air (Balloon-Airship) Practical Test Standards, from the Superintendent of Documents.
- 2. BACKGROUND.** During 1989, a series of open hearings were held throughout the United States seeking input from the public suggesting changes to FAR Parts 61, 141, and 143. Many comments were received, some of which suggested establishing a separate flight instructor certificate for the lighter-than-air category, balloon and airship classes of aircraft. Based upon these positive comments, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) developed the practical test standards for this certificate.
- 3. GENERAL.** The Flight Instructor – Lighter-Than-Air Practical Test Standards have been published by the FAA to establish the standards for flight instructor certification for the lighter-than-air category, balloon and airship classes. These standards will become effective only upon a change to FAR Part 61 establishing a separate flight instructor certificate for this category of aircraft. However, in the interest of flight safety and education, the FAA suggests these standards be used for the familiarization and training of applicants considering exercising flight instructor privileges in the lighter-than-air category. These standards may be helpful to FAA inspectors and designated pilot examiners when conducting practical tests for the commercial pilot certificate in the lighter-than-air category, balloon and airship classes. Commercial pilots and commercial pilot applicants should find these standards helpful during training and when preparing for the practical test.
- 4. HOW TO ORDER.** Effective immediately, orders will be accepted for FAA-S-8081-11 which may be obtained from:

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