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SUBJECT : GOLD SEAL FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

1. **PURPOSE.** This circular announces the issuance of Flight Instructor Certificates bearing distinctive gold seals to flight instructors with outstanding qualifications and performance records as instructors.
2. **BACKGROUND.** It is the objective of the Federal Aviation Agency to raise the level of competency of all flight instructors by motivating them to improve their own qualifications voluntarily.
3. **QUALIFICATIONS.** Any flight instructor who meets the requirements which follow may obtain a "Gold Seal" Flight Instructor Certificate upon application at any time. These certificates will automatically be issued at the time of certificate renewal to instructors who, in addition to meeting the regular renewal requirements, have:
 - a. A Flight Instructor Certificate and a Commercial Pilot Certificate with an instrument rating;
 - b. A Ground Instructor Certificate with an advanced ground instructor rating;
 - c. Attended a flight instructor clinic since the last issuance or reissuance of his Flight Instructor Certificate; and
 - d. Within the past 24 months:
 - (1) Trained and recommended for certification at least 10 successful applicants for pilot certificates or ratings, at least 80 percent of whom shall have passed their tests on the first try; or
 - (2) Conducted at least 20 flight tests as a designated pilot examiner, or 20 graduation flight tests as a chief flight instructor for an approved pilot school course; or
 - (3) A combination of these. (Two tests equal one trainee.)

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