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AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

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SUBJECT: VALID FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES

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1. **PURPOSE.** This advisory circular has been prepared to alert student pilots, flight instructors, and pilot school operators to the expiration of many flight instructor certificates.
 2. **BACKGROUND.** Under the provisions of FAR Amendment 61-18, adopted June 21, 1965, all flight instructor certificates which do not bear an expiration date on the face of the certificate have now expired. Also, certificates which bear an expiration date expire on the date shown, unless sooner renewed. **FLIGHT INSTRUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE HOLDER OF A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE WHICH BEARS NO EXPIRATION DATE, OR AFTER THE EXPIRATION DATE SHOWN ON THE HOLDER'S CERTIFICATE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TOWARD THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PILOT CERTIFICATE OR RATING.**
 3. **RECOMMENDATIONS.**
 - a. Each student pilot engaging the services of a flight instructor should assure himself that the instructor's certificate is currently valid. Flight instructors should routinely inform prospective students as to the currency of their instructor certificates.
 - b. Each flight instructor should form the habit of entering the expiration date after his certificate number when endorsing logbooks, applications, and student certificates. All new pilot certification forms will provide spaces for expiration dates.
 - c. Pilot school operators, certificated and other, should post lists of the expiration dates of all instructors employed, to preclude the sale of unacceptable flight instruction to their customers.


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