

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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14 CFR Part 121

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Training and Qualification Requirements for Check Airmen and Flight Instructors: Correction and Editorial Changes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This amendment makes corrections and minor editorial changes to regulations published on June 17, 1996 (61 FR 30734). This amendment will not impose any additional restrictions on persons affected by these regulations. The final rule published on June 17, 1996, established separate requirements for check airmen who check only in flight simulators and flight instructors who instruct only in flight simulators. In addition this rule allows check airmen and flight instructors to obtain all of their flight training in simulators, as opposed to the current scheme in which initial and transition flight training must include an in-flight element.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 28, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 17, 1996, the FAA published a regulation that established separate requirements for check airmen who

check only in flight simulators and flight instructors who instruct only in flight simulators. A reference to § 121.411 in current § 121.409(b)(4) is no longer appropriate. Flight instructor qualification requirements have been moved to new § 121.412. This correction will change the reference in § 121.409(b)(4) to § 121.412.

It was the intent of this rule to have the requirements of § 121.412(e) virtually identical to those in § 121.411(e). Upon further review there appears to be a difference between § 121.411(e) and § 121.412(e) in that § 121.412(e) prohibits a flight instructor who has reached his or her 60th birthday from serving as an instructor. By this correction, the requirements will be identical. Under § 121.413(d), the last word of the paragraph was rendered as "transaction" instead of "transition" as the FAA had specified.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 121

Air carriers, Aircraft, Airmen, Aviation safety, Safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

Accordingly, Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 121 is amended as follows:

PART 121—OPERATING REQUIREMENTS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 121 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 40119, 44101, 44701-44702, and 44705, 44709-44711, 44713, 44716-44717, 44722, 44901, 44901-44904, 44912, 46105.

2. Section 121.409 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(4) (the undesignated paragraph following

paragraph (b)(4) remains unchanged) to read as follows:

§ 121.409 Training courses using airplane simulators and other training devices.

(b) * * *

(4) Is given by an instructor who meets the applicable requirements of § 121.412.

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3. Section 121.412 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 121.412 Qualifications: Flight instructors (airplane) and flight instructors (simulator).

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(e) Flight instructors who have reached their 60th birthday, or who do not hold an appropriate medical certificate, may function as flight instructors, but may not serve as pilot flight crewmembers in operations under this part.

4. Section 121.413 is amended by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 121.413 Initial and transition training and checking requirements: Check airmen (airplane), check airmen (simulator).

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(d) The transition ground training for check airmen must include approved methods, procedures, and limitations for performing the required normal, abnormal, and emergency procedures applicable to the airplane to which the check airman is in transition.

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