

## Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

### Chapter I—Federal Aviation Adminis- tration, Department of Transporta- tion

#### SUBCHAPTER H—SCHOOLS AND OTHER CERTIFICATED AGENCIES

[Docket No. 8235; Amdt. 141-5]

#### PART 141—PILOT SCHOOLS

##### Chief Flight Instructor Experience Requirements

The purpose of this amendment to Part 141 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to establish equivalent but more practical levels of experience for chief flight instructors.

This amendment was proposed by notice of proposed rule making 67-23 published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 27, 1967 (32 F.R. 9102). Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment, and all public comments have been considered. A substantial majority of the comments favored the adoption of the rule as proposed. Therefore, for the reasons set forth in Notice 67-23, the amendment is adopted herein without change.

One adverse comment was registered by a chief flight instructor who felt that the proposal would lower the standards for designation as a chief flight instructor. The FAA does not agree that this amendment lowers the standards. It establishes more practical requirements that will permit the designation of persons who are as well-qualified as those presently eligible but have been precluded by the restrictive provisions of the regulations before this amendment. The other adverse comment was filed by another flight instructor who felt that the regulations should require an instrument rating for the chief flight instructor of a primary flying school, and that effectiveness as an instructor, as shown by the rate of student success, should be considered. However, the limited objectives of the proposed rule do not allow consideration of these matters since they would require substantive changes on which the public has not been given an opportunity to comment.

This amendment provides for the acceptance of additional kinds of flight instruction experience for designation as a chief flight instructor and relieves an undue burden on flying schools and flight instructors. Therefore, I find that good cause exists for making this amendment effective on less than 30 days notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 141 of the Federal Aviation Regulations

is amended as follows, effective November 9, 1967.

1. By amending § 141.59 to read as follows:

§ 141.59 Chief flight instructor requirements.

(a) Each flight course must be under the direct supervision of a chief flight instructor designated by the school. A person may serve as chief flight instructor for each course for which he is qualified. A chief flight instructor must be at least 21 years of age, must have a good record as a pilot and flight instructor, and must meet the applicable requirements of paragraph (b), (c), or (d) of this section. However, a chief flight instructor of a flight course for gliders is only required to have 40 percent of the hours in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) For a primary flying school, a chief flight instructor must have—

(1) At least a commercial pilot certificate and a flight instructor certificate, each with a rating for the category of aircraft used in the course;

(2) At least 1,000 hours as pilot in command;

(3) Primary flight instruction experience, acquired as either a certificated flight instructor or an instructor in a military pilot primary flight training program, or a combination thereof, consisting of at least—

(i) Two years and a total of 500 flight hours; or

(ii) 1,000 flight hours; and  
(4) Within the year preceding designation, at least 100 hours of primary flight instruction as a certificated flight instructor in the category of aircraft used in the course.

(c) For a commercial flying school or a flight instructor flying school, a chief flight instructor must have—

(1) At least a commercial pilot certificate and a flight instructor certificate, each with a rating for the category of aircraft used in the course and, for a course using airplanes, each with an instrument rating;

(2) At least 2,000 hours as pilot in command;

(3) Flight instruction experience, acquired as either a certificated flight instructor or an instructor in a military pilot primary or basic flight training program, or a combination thereof, consisting of at least—

(i) Three years and a total of 1,000 flight hours; or

(ii) 1,500 flight hours; and  
(4) Within the year preceding designation, at least—

(1) 100 hours of pilot instruction as a certificated flight instructor in the category of aircraft used in the course;

(ii) One year of active service as chief flight instructor of an approved primary flight course; or

(iii) One year of active service as an FAA designated pilot examiner.

(d) For an instrument flying school, a chief flight instructor must have—

(1) At least a commercial pilot certificate and a flight instructor certificate, each with an instrument rating;

(2) At least 100 hours of flight time under actual or simulated instrument conditions;

(3) At least 1,000 hours as pilot in command;

(4) Instrument flight instruction experience, acquired as either a certificated flight instructor or an instructor in a military pilot basic or instrument flight training program, or a combination thereof, consisting of at least—

(i) Two years and a total of 250 flight hours; or

(ii) 400 flight hours; and

(5) Within the year preceding designation, at least—

(i) 100 hours of instrument flight instruction as a certificated instrument flight instructor; or

(ii) One year of active service as an FAA designated instrument rating examiner.

(e) The school shall notify the supervising FAA district office in writing prior to any change in designation of a chief flight instructor.

2. By adding the following new section after § 141.59:

§ 141.60 Chief flight instructor duties.

(a) A chief flight instructor shall perform the following duties:

(1) Certify training reports, graduation certificates, and official recommendations of the school.

(2) Maintain adequate instructional standards.

(3) Assure effective scheduling of aircraft, instructors, and students.

(4) Assure the maintenance of student progress and accomplishment records.

(5) Conduct competency and standardization checks of instructors.

(6) Assure the proper conduct of student proficiency stage checks.

(7) Maintain liaison with the FAA in applying the techniques, procedures, and standards of the school.

(b) Each flying school shall assign these duties in writing and the chief flight instructor shall accept them in writing.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 607, Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, 1427)

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Acting Administrator.

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