

[Docket No. 9996; Amdt. 159-12]

**PART 159—NATIONAL CAPITAL  
AIRPORTS**

**Minimum Pilot Certificate Requirements; Dulles International Airport**

The purpose of this amendment to § 159.53 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to prohibit any person operating a civil aircraft from landing at or taking off from Dulles International Airport (including touch and go operations) unless he holds at least a private pilot certificate.

In view of the currently increasing and anticipated traffic volume at Dulles International Airport, the continued operation of aircraft at that Airport by persons holding only student pilot certificates could adversely affect safety. Accordingly, it has been determined that a pilot holding a student pilot certificate should no longer be allowed to operate an aircraft at that Airport. Thus, under the rule a student pilot may not manipulate the controls for a landing at or take off from the airport even though he is accompanied by a certificated flight instructor or other appropriately certificated pilot.

This amendment readopts a restriction that was modified by Amendment 159-7, effective March 29, 1966 (31 F.R. 5258). It imposes at Dulles the same pilot certificate requirement that has been in force at Washington National Airport.

Since this amendment relates to agency management and public property, notice and public procedure thereon are not required, and it may be made effective in less than 30 days.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 159.53 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective December 4, 1969, to read as follows:

**§ 159.53 Minimum pilot certificate requirement.**

No person operating a civil aircraft may land at or take off from the Airport (including touch and go operations) unless he holds at least a private pilot certificate.

(Sec. 4, Second Washington Airport Act, title 7, District of Columbia Code 1404; sec. 6(c), Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. 1655(c); § 1.4(b)(1), Regulations of Office of Secretary of Transportation)

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