

## Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

### Chapter I—Federal Aviation Admin- istration, Department of Transpor- tation

[Docket No. 7791; Amdt. 61-41]

#### PART 61—CERTIFICATION: PILOTS AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

##### Private Pilot Solo Cross-Country Experience

The purpose of these amendments to Part 61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to expand the scope of § 61.85 (b) to cover all applicants for private pilot certificates (airplane rating) who are located on isolated islands and can only complete the cross-country requirements of § 61.85(a)(3) by making long overwater flights.

These amendments were proposed in Notice 67-36 and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on August 10, 1967 (32 F.R. 11573). The public comments received on the notice concurred with the objective of the proposal. However, two public comments suggested changes therein. One suggestion was that the proposed § 61.85(c) be revised to eliminate reference to a specific island from the certificate limitation and allow operations over and within 10 miles of the shoreline of any island with appropriate landing facilities. This would eliminate the need for additional endorsement when the certificate holder is transferred to an island other than the one for which he is certificated. The FAA considered this alternative before issuing the notice. At that time, it decided that, in view of the limited amount of cross-country experience the holder of a limited private pilot certificate would be likely to have, it would be in the interest of safety to require requalification at the new location when his base of operation is changed. The FAA adheres to that decision.

The other suggested change was that the limitation under the proposed § 61.85 (c) should also require that flights remain within safe gliding distance from the shoreline and never exceed 10 miles offshore. This suggestion is beyond the scope of the proposal, and it therefore may not be adopted by these amendments.

These amendments incorporate two

clarifying changes in the provisions proposed by the notice. First, it was not the intent of the proposal to prevent any applicant from qualifying under the usual aeronautical experience requirement of § 61.85(a)(3). To avoid misunderstanding, the revised § 61.85(b) provides that an applicant who makes the prescribed showing need not comply with paragraph (a)(3), instead of providing (as proposed) that paragraph (a)(3) does not apply to him. Second, it was the intent of the Notice that the removal of the endorsement, that the certificate holder does not meet the cross-country flight requirements of ICAO, should require only the presentation of evidence of compliance with the ICAO requirements, as set forth in the proposed new § 61.85(d). The new § 61.85(e) therefore expresses this intent, rather than that the certificate holder must also show the compliance with § 61.87(b)(3) that is required only for removal of a limitation prescribed under revised paragraph (c).

As clarified, these amendments accomplish the changes proposed in Notice 67-36, for the reasons stated therein, thus broadening the exception previously made in § 61.85(b) to encompass any student pilot located on an island from which required cross-country flights cannot be accomplished without making long overwater flights.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of these amendments, and due consideration has been given to all matter presented.

In consideration of the foregoing, § 61.85 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective April 11, 1968, by amending paragraph (a)(3) and paragraphs (b) and (c), and by adding new paragraphs (d) and (e), to read as follows:

##### § 61.85 Airplane rating: aeronautical experience.

(a) \* \* \*

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, at least 10 hours of solo cross-country flight time, during which each flight included a landing at a place more than 25 miles from the place of departure, and during which at least one flight included a landing at a place more than 100 miles from the place of departure; and

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(b) An applicant who shows that he is located on an island from which the required flights cannot be accomplished

without flying over water more than 10 miles from the nearest shoreline need not comply with paragraph (a)(3) of this section. However, if other airports that permit civil operations are available to which a flight may be made without flying over water more than 10 miles from the nearest shoreline, he must show that he has completed two round trip solo flights between those two airports that are farthest apart, including a landing at each airport on both flights.

(c) The pilot certificate issued to a person under paragraph (b) of this section must contain the following limitation:

Passenger carrying prohibited on flights more than 10 miles from (appropriate island).

The above limitation may be amended to include another island if the applicant complies with paragraph (b) of this section with respect to that island.

(d) If an applicant for a private pilot certificate under paragraph (b) of this section does not have at least 3 hours of solo cross-country flight time including a round trip flight to an airport at least 50 nautical miles from the place of departure with at least two full stop landings at different points along the route, his pilot certificate will be endorsed as follows:

Holder does not meet the cross-country flight requirements of ICAO.

(e) The holder of a private pilot certificate with the limitation or endorsement prescribed in paragraph (c) or (d) of this section, or in paragraph (b) of this section before April 11, 1968, is entitled to removal thereof as follows:

(i) Removal of the limitation prescribed in paragraph (c), or in paragraph (b) before April 11, 1968, if he passes the test prescribed by § 61.87(b)(3) and presents satisfactory evidence to an FAA inspector that he has complied with the solo cross-country flight requirements of paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(ii) Removal of the endorsement prescribed in paragraph (d) if he presents satisfactory evidence to an FAA inspector that he has met the ICAO cross-country flight requirements stated in paragraph (d).

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 602, Federal Aviation Act of 1958; 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, 1422)

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