§ 61.4 Qualification and approval of flight simulators and flight training devices.

(a) Except as specified in paragraph (b) or (c) of this section, each flight simulator and flight training device used for training, and for which an airman is to receive credit to satisfy any training, testing, or checking requirement under this chapter, must be qualified and approved by the Administrator for—

(1) The training, testing, and checking for which it is used;
(2) Each particular maneuver, procedure, or crewmember function performed; and
(3) The representation of the specific category and class of aircraft, type of aircraft, particular variation within the type of aircraft, or set of aircraft for certain flight training devices.

(b) Any device used for flight training, testing, or checking that has been determined to be acceptable to or approved by the Administrator prior to August 1, 1996, which can be shown to function as originally designed, is considered to be a flight training device, provided it is used for the same purposes for which it was originally accepted or approved and only to the extent of such acceptance or approval.

(c) The Administrator may approve a device other than a flight simulator or flight training device for specific purposes.

§ 61.5 Certificates and ratings issued under this part.

(a) The following certificates are issued under this part to an applicant who satisfactorily accomplishes the training and certification requirements for the certificate sought:

(1) Pilot certificates—
   (i) Student pilot.
   (ii) Sport pilot.
   (iii) Recreational pilot.
   (iv) Private pilot.
   (v) Commercial pilot.
   (vi) Airline transport pilot.
(2) Flight instructor certificates.
(3) Ground instructor certificates.

(b) The following ratings are placed on a pilot certificate (other than student pilot) when an applicant satisfactorily accomplishes the training and certification requirements for the rating sought:

(1) Aircraft category ratings—
   (i) Airplane.
   (ii) Rotorcraft.
   (iii) Glider.
   (iv) Lighter-than-air.
   (v) Powered-lift.
   (vi) Powered parachute.
(2) Airplane class ratings—
   (i) Single-engine land.
   (ii) Multiengine land.
   (iii) Single-engine sea.
   (iv) Multiengine sea.
(3) Rotorcraft class ratings—
   (i) Helicopter.
   (ii) Gyroplane.
(4) Lighter-than-air class ratings—
   (i) Airship.
   (ii) Balloon.
(5) Weight-shift-control aircraft class ratings—
   (i) Weight-shift-control aircraft land.
   (ii) Weight-shift-control aircraft sea.
   (iii) Other aircraft type ratings specified by the Administrator through the aircraft type certification procedures.
   (iv) Second-in-command pilot type rating for aircraft that is certificated for operations with a minimum crew of at least two pilots.
(6) Instrument ratings (on private and commercial pilot certificates only)—
   (i) Instrument—Airplane.
   (ii) Instrument—Helicopter.
§ 61.7 Obsolete certificates and ratings.

(a) The holder of a free-balloon pilot certificate issued before November 1, 1973, may not exercise the privileges of that certificate.

(b) The holder of a pilot certificate that bears any of the following category ratings without an associated class rating may not exercise the privileges of that category rating:

(1) Rotorcraft.
(2) Helicopter.
(3) Lighter-than-air.
(4) Autogyro.

§ 61.9 [Reserved]

§ 61.11 Expired pilot certificates and re-issuance.

(a) No person who holds an expired pilot certificate or rating may act as pilot in command, rating, or as a required pilot flight crewmember of an aircraft of the same category or class that is listed on that expired pilot certificate or rating.

(b) The following pilot certificates and ratings have expired and will not be reissued:

(1) An airline transport pilot certificate issued before May 1, 1949, or an airline transport pilot certificate that contains a horsepower limitation.

(2) A private or commercial pilot certificate issued before July 1, 1945.

(3) A pilot certificate with a lighter-than-air or free-balloon rating issued before July 1, 1945.

(4) An airline transport pilot certificate that was issued after April 30, 1949, and that bears an expiration date but does not contain a horsepower limitation, may have that airline transport pilot certificate re-issued without an expiration date.

(5) A private or commercial pilot certificate that was issued after June 30, 1945, and that bears an expiration date, may have that pilot certificate re-issued without an expiration date.

(6) A pilot certificate with a lighter-than-air or free-balloon rating that was issued after June 30, 1945, and that bears an expiration date, may have that pilot certificate re-issued without an expiration date.

§ 61.13 Issuance of airman certificates, ratings, and authorizations.

(a) Application. (1) An applicant for an airman certificate, rating, or authorization under this part must make that application on a form and in a manner acceptable to the Administrator.

(b) An applicant—

(i) Must show evidence that the appropriate fee prescribed in appendix A to part 187 of this chapter has been paid when that person applies for airman certification services administered outside the United States; or

(ii) May be refused issuance of any U.S. airman certificate, rating, or authorization by the Administrator.