§ 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.
   (vii) Weight-shift-control aircraft.
(2) Airplane class ratings—
   (i) Single-engine land.
   (ii) Single-engine sea.
   (iii) Multi-engine land.
   (iv) Multi-engine 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.
   (6) Powered parachute class ratings—
      (i) Powered parachute land.
      (ii) Powered parachute sea.
(7) Aircraft type ratings—
   (i) Large aircraft other than lighter-than-air.
   (ii) Turbojet-powered airplanes.
   (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.
(8) Instrument ratings (on private and commercial pilot certificates only)—
   (i) Instrument—Airplane.
   (ii) Instrument—Helicopter.
   (iii) Instrument—Powered-lift.
   (iv) Instrument—Powered-parachute.

(c) The following ratings are placed on a flight instructor certificate when an applicant satisfactorily accomplishes the training and certification requirements for the rating sought:

(1) Aircraft category ratings—
   (i) Airplane.
   (ii) Rotorcraft.
   (iii) Glider.
(2) Airplane class ratings—
   (i) Single-engine.
   (ii) Multi-engine.
(3) Rotorcraft class ratings—
   (i) Helicopter.
   (ii) Gyroplane.
(4) Instrument ratings—
   (i) Instrument—Airplane.
   (ii) Instrument—Helicopter.
   (iii) Instrument—Powered-lift.

(d) The following ratings are placed on a ground instructor certificate when an applicant satisfactorily accomplishes the training and certification requirements for the rating sought:

(1) Basic.
(2) Advanced.
(3) Instrument.


§ 61.7 Obsolete certificates and ratings.

(a) The holder of a free-balloon pilot certificate issued before November 1,