

Background

Air Operator ODA

The FAA plans to establish two (2) new ODA program types in addition to those already established by FAA Order 8100.15, Organization Designation Authorization Procedures. Proposed revisions to FAA Order 8100.15 are available for review, and may be accessed at http://www.faa.gov/aircraft/draft_docs/.

This new ODA program would allow organizations to conduct certification functions for the issuance of rotorcraft external-load operator certificates, in accordance with the requirements of 14 CFR part 133. The FAA anticipates a phased-in approach to this authority, with the FAA initially retaining authority for issuance of the certificate. The actual delegation of the issuance of the certificate would only be allowed after the ODA holder had successfully shown the ability to determine compliance with all aspects of 14 CFR part 133.

Air Operator ODAs would be appointed and managed by the geographic Flight Standards District Office under the authority of the Director, Flight Standards Service. The FAA anticipates granting Air Operator ODA to only a small number of organizations based on the organization's experience and the FAA's need to delegate the authority.

Knowledge Testing ODA

This new ODA program would allow organizations to administer automated airman tests and provide certified test results to applicants. These functions are currently performed by authorized Computer Testing Designees under the provisions of FAA Order 8080.6, Conduct of Airman Knowledge Tests. Consolidation of these functions under the ODA program will standardize and align their activities and the FAA's oversight, making them consistent with other forms of ODA programs.

Knowledge Testing ODAs would be appointed and managed by The Flight Standards Airman Testing Standards Branch, AFS-630, under the authority of the Director, Flight Standards Service. The FAA anticipates that existing computer testing designees will desire to transition to the ODA program, and other organizations may be appointed as needed to make testing services available to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2010-0046]

Notice of Request for the Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the following information collection: Charter Service Operations.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before February 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that your comments are not entered more than once into the docket, submit comments identified by the docket number by only one of the following methods:

1. *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the U.S. Government electronic docket site. (*Note:* The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) electronic docket is no longer accepting electronic comments.) All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic docket site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters should follow the directions below for mailed and hand-delivered comments.

2. *Fax:* 202-366-7951.

3. *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

4. *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of your comments. Submit two copies of your

comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received, including any personal information, will be posted and will be available to Internet users, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Background documents and comments received may also be viewed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

—Elizabeth Martineau, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1017, or e-mail: Elizabeth.Martineau@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Charter Service Operations. (OMB Number: 2132-0543).

Background: 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) requires all applicants for financial assistance from FTA to enter into a charter bus agreement with the Secretary of Transportation (delegated to the Administrator of FTA in 49 CFR 1.51(a)). 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) provides protections for private intercity charter bus operators from unfair competition by FTA recipients. 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)(10) as interpreted by the Comptroller General permits FTA recipients, but does not state that recipients have a right, to provide charter bus service with FTA-funded facilities and equipment only if it is incidental to the provision of mass transportation service. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A

Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144 (2005), amended 49 U.S.C. 5323(d) with respect to remedies, provides that:

"In addition to any remedy specified in the agreement, the Secretary shall bar a recipient or an operator from receiving Federal transit assistance in an amount the Secretary considers appropriate if the Secretary finds a pattern of violations of the agreement."

In addition, the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference, for Section 3023(d), "Condition on Charter Bus Transportation Service" of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144 (2005) directed FTA to "initiate a negotiated rulemaking seeking public comment on the regulations implementing section 5323(d)."

In response to the direction contained in the Conference Committee Report, FTA established a Federal advisory committee to develop, through negotiated rulemaking procedures, recommendations for improving the regulation regarding charter bus services.

On January 14, 2008, FTA published its final rule (73 FR 2326) amending the regulations which govern the provision of charter service. These regulations are implemented at 49 CFR part 604. Changes to Part 604 include clarification of the existing requirements, a newly defined "charter service," replacement of the "willing and able" process for the electronic registration of private charter providers, and the establishment of more detailed complaint, hearing, and appeal procedures.

Section 604.4 requires all applicants for Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*, and 23 U.S.C. 103(e)(4), 142(a), and 142(c), to enter into a "Charter Service Agreement," contained in the Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs, unless exempt under 49 CFR 604.2 or otherwise falls under an exception in 49 CFR part 604. The Certifications and Assurances become a part of the Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement for Federal assistance upon the recipient's receipt of Federal funds.

The January 14, 2008, amendments to 49 CFR part 604 added section 604.14, which requires that a recipient give e-mail notification to registered charter providers in the recipient's geographic service area upon receiving a request for charter service that the recipient is interested in providing pursuant to Section 604.9. In addition, 49 CFR

604.12 requires that the recipient submit the records of all instances that it has provided charter service permitted under one or more of the exceptions under Subpart B of Part 604 to the charter registration Web site 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The recipient must also maintain the required notices and records electronically for three years from the date of the service or lease of FTA funded equipment and/or drivers.

In order for a private charter operator to become a registered charter provider, the private charter operator must register on FTA's charter registration Web site, which can be found at http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg_reg_179.html. Under 49 CFR 604.13, a registered charter provider must update its information on the charter registration Web site at least once every two years.

The January 14, 2008, final rule also added 49 CFR 604.7, allowing recipients to provide charter service to qualified human service organizations (QHOS) under limited circumstances. QHOSs seeking to receive free or reduced rate services from recipients and do not receive Federal funding under programs listed in appendix A to part 604 must register on FTA's charter registration Web site (49 CFR 604.15(a)).

Respondents: State and local government, business or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 1.75 hours for each of the 852 State and local government respondents, .05 hours for each of the 592 non-profit respondents, and 0.5 hours for each of the 64 for-profit respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,819 hours.

Frequency: Annually, bi-annually, quarterly, and as required.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 14, 2010.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following public information collection requirements to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. A copy of

the submission may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding these information collections should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 11010, Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 19, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0023.

Type of Review: Extension without change to a currently approved collection.

Title: Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return.

Form: 720.

Abstract: The information supplied on Form 720 is used by the IRS to determine the correct tax liability. Additionally, the data is reported by the IRS to Treasury so that funds may be transferred from the general revenue funds to the appropriate trust funds.

Respondents: Private sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,366,381 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0128.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: U.S. Life Insurance Company Income Tax Return.

Form: 1120-L.

Abstract: Life insurance companies are required to file an annual return of income and compute and pay the tax due. The data is used to insure that companies have correctly reported taxable income and paid the correct tax.

Respondents: Private sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 644,748 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0895.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: General Business Credit.

Form: 3800.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 38 permits taxpayers to reduce their income tax liability by the amount of their general business credit, which is an aggregation of their investment credit, jobs credit, alcohol fuel credit, research credit, low-income housing credit, disabled access credit, enhanced oil recovery credit, etc. Form 3800 is used to figure the correct credit.

Respondents: Private sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,307,500 hours.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Allan Hopkins, Internal Revenue Service,