

requirement for an initial or renewal IA. Another commenter suggested the period of active engagement should be extended from two to four years.

These comments are beyond the scope of the policy clarification because they would require rulemaking. Nevertheless, the FAA views the actively engaged requirement as providing maintenance experience relevant to conducting inspections. Similarly, the two-year period provides the recency of experience in maintenance performance or supervision necessary to conduct inspections.

The FAA has determined to make this policy effective for the next renewal cycle in March 2013 to allow IAs and ASIs adequate time to participate in the required activity. The FAA will update FAA Order 8900.1 accordingly.

#### Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration will revise FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 5 as follows:

1. Amend Section 7, Paragraph 5–1279 by adding a Note after subparagraph A to read: 5–1279 ELIGIBILITY. The ASI must establish the applicant's eligibility before allowing the applicant to test. None of the requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 65, § 65.91 can be waived by the ASI.

A. The applicant must hold a current mechanic's certificate, with both airframe and powerplant ratings, that has been in effect for at least 3 years. The applicant must have been actively engaged in maintaining certificated aircraft for at least the 2-year period before applying.

**Note:** Actively engaged means an active role in exercising the privileges of an airframe and powerplant mechanic certificate in the maintenance of civil aircraft. Applicants who inspect, overhaul, repair, preserve, or replace parts on aircraft, or who supervise (i.e., direct and inspect) those activities, are actively engaged. The ASI may use evidence or documentation provided by the applicant showing inspection, overhauling, repairing, preserving, or replacing parts on aircraft or supervision of those activities. This evidence or documentation when required could include employment records showing performance or supervision of aircraft maintenance, return to service documents and or copies of maintenance record entries.

Technical instructors or individuals instructing in a FAA part 147 approved AMT school, who also engage in the maintenance of aircraft certificated and maintained in accordance with 14 CFR, can be considered actively engaged. Individuals instructing in a FAA part 147 AMT school, who also engage in the maintenance of aircraft-related

instruction equipment maintained in accordance with 14 CFR standards, can be considered actively engaged.

B. There must be a fixed base of operation at which the applicant can be located in person or by telephone. This base need not be the place where the applicant will exercise the inspection authority.

C. The applicant must have available the equipment, facilities, and inspection data necessary to conduct proper inspection of airframes, powerplants, propellers, or any related part or appliance. This data must be current.

D. The applicant must pass the IA knowledge test, testing the ability to inspect according to safety standards for approval for return to service of an aircraft, related part, or appliance after major repairs or major alterations, and annual or progressive inspections performed under part 43. There is no practical test required for an IA.

**Note:** The ASI should see paragraph 5–1285 for instructions on determining an applicant's eligibility.

2. Amend Section 8, Paragraph 5–1309 by adding a Note after subparagraph (A)(1) to read:

5–1309 RENEWAL OF INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION.

A. Application Requirements. Application for renewal may be required to comply with the following:

(1) Show evidence the applicant still meets the requirements of § 65.91(c)(1) through (4).

**Note:** Refer to Paragraph 5–1279(A)–(C) of this document for information on meeting § 65.91(c)(1) through (4) requirements. Refresher training attendance alone does not satisfy those requirements.

(2) Complete Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Form 8610–1, Mechanic's Application for Inspection Authorization, in duplicate.

(3) Show evidence the applicant meets the requirements of § 65.93(a) for both the first and second year in the form of an activity sheet or log, training certificates, and/or oral test results, as applicable.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2011–0012; Airspace Docket No. 10–ASO–44]

#### Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Columbus Lawson AAF, GA

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies Class D and Class E airspace at Lawson Army Airfield (AAF), Columbus, GA, by removing the reference to the Columbus Metropolitan Airport Class C airspace area from the description. Controlled airspace at Columbus Metropolitan Airport is being downgraded due to decreased air traffic volume. This action is necessary for the safety and management of air traffic within the National Airspace System. This action also updates the geographic coordinates of Columbus Lawson AAF.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, October 20, 2011. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### History

On May 24, 2011, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify Class D and E airspace at Lawson Army Airfield (AAF), Columbus, GA by removing the reference to the Columbus Metropolitan Airport Class C airspace area from the description, and modifying the geographic coordinates of Lawson AAF (76 FR 30045) Docket No. FAA–2011–0012. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Class D and E airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000 and 6002, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9U dated August 18, 2010, and effective September 15, 2010, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and E airspace

designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

### The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 amends the Class D airspace and Class E airspace designated as surface area at Columbus Lawson AAF, Columbus, GA by removing the reference to the Columbus Metropolitan Airport Class C airspace from the description. The volume of air traffic has decreased at Columbus Metropolitan Airport, therefore, Class C airspace has been removed. The geographic coordinates for the Lawson AAF are being adjusted to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. This action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airports.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore, (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority.

This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in subtitle VII, part A, subpart I, section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends controlled airspace at Columbus Lawson AAF, Columbus, GA.

### Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

#### PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

##### § 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9U, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 18, 2010, effective September 15, 2010, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace*

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##### ASO GA D Columbus Lawson AAF, GA [Amended]

Columbus Lawson AAF, GA  
(Lat. 32°19'55" N., long 84°59'14" W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,700 feet MSL within a 5.2-mile radius of Lawson Army Airfield. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

*Paragraph 6002 Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas*

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##### ASO GA E2 Columbus Lawson AAF, GA [Amended]

Columbus Lawson AAF, GA  
(Lat. 32°19'55" N., long. 84°59'14" W.)

Within a 5.2-mile radius of Lawson Army Airfield. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2011–0005; Airspace Docket No. 10–ASO–42]

#### Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lakeland, FL

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends Class E airspace at Lakeland, FL. The Plant City Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) has been decommissioned and new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures have been developed for Lakeland Linder Regional Airport. This action also updates the geographic coordinates of the airport, as well as Plant City Municipal Airport and Winter Haven's Gilbert Airport. This action enhances the safety and airspace management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, October 20, 2011. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### History

On May 24, 2011, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend Class E airspace at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Lakeland, FL (75 FR 30047) Docket No. FAA–2011–0005. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Subsequent to publication, the FAA found that the geographic coordinates of Lake Linder Regional Airport, Plant City Municipal Airport, and Winter Haven's Gilbert Airport needed to be adjusted. This action makes these updates. Except for editorial changes, and the changes noted above, this rule is the same as published in the NPRM.

Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA