DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration
[Docket No. FAA–2012–0156]

Advisory Circular: Public Aircraft Operations

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a proposed revision to Advisory Circular 00–1.1 regarding public aircraft operations. This advisory circular provides information for any person who engages in public aircraft operations as defined by statute.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2012–0156 using any of the following methods:
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- Fax: Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

Privacy: The FAA will post all comments it receives, without change, to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information the commenter provides. Using the search function of the docket Web site, anyone can find and read the electronic form of all comments received into any FAA dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement can be found in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–19478), as well as at http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at http://www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.


Background: This advisory circular (AC) provides updated information on the application of the statutory requirements for public aircraft operations (PAO) and FAA policy regarding the use of contract operators. This AC is not mandatory and does not constitute a regulation. Nothing in this AC changes the requirement to comply with the statute.

On March 23, 2011, the FAA published a Notice of Policy Regarding Civil Aircraft Operators Providing Contract Support to Government Entities (Public Aircraft Operations) (76 FR 16349). This advisory circular provides additional information on the application of that policy.

The agency will consider all comments received by April 13, 2012. Comments received after that date may be considered if consideration will not delay publication of the advisory circular. A copy of the advisory circular is available for review in the assigned docket at http://www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 7, 2012.

John M. Allen,
Director, Flight Standards Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Public Notice for Waiver for Aeronautical Land-Use Assurance at Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City, OK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent for Waiver of Aeronautical Land-Use.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal to change a portion of the airport from aeronautical use to nonaeronautical use and to authorize the conversion of the airport property. The proposal consists of three parcels of land containing a total of approximately 127 acres located on the east side of the airport between South Portland Avenue and Interstate Highway 44.

These parcels were originally acquired under the following grants: Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Nos. 3–40–0072–03 and 3–40–0072–07 in 1990; AIP No. 3–40–0072–23 in 1992; and AIP No. 3–40–0072–24 in 1993. The land comprising these parcels is outside the forecasted need for aviation development and, thus, is no longer needed for indirect or direct aeronautical use. The Airport wishes to develop this land for compatible commercial, nonaeronautical use. The income from the conversion of these parcels will benefit the aviation community by reinvestment in the airport.

Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the conversion of the subject airport property nor a determination of eligibility for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. The disposition of proceeds from the conversion of the airport property will be in accordance with FAA’s Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue, published in the Federal Register on February 16, 1999. In accordance with section 47107(h) of title 49, United States Code, this notice is required to be published in the Federal Register 30 days before modifying the land-use assurance that requires the property to be used for an aeronautical purpose.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 14, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this document to Mr. Edward N. Agnew, Federal Aviation Administration, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports Development Office Manager, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76137.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Kranenburg, Director of Airports, The City of Oklahoma City, 7100 Terminal Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73159, telephone (405) 316–3200; or Mr. Edward N. Agnew, Federal Aviation Administration, Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports Development Office Manager, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76137, telephone (817) 222–5630, FAX (817) 222–5087. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at the above locations.
Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 11 individuals for exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce without meeting the Federal vision requirement.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 14, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0324 using any of the following methods:

- Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to http://www.regulations.gov at any time or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8–785.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine M. Papp, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366–4001, fmcsmedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Background
Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for a 2-year period if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” FMCSA can renew exemptions at the end of each 2-year period. The 11 individuals listed in this notice have each requested such an exemption from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting an exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

Qualifications of Applicants

John E. Chitty
Mr. Chitty, age 60, has had retinal detachment in his right eye, due to a traumatic injury sustained 48 years ago. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye is no light perception and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2011, his optometrist noted, “Based on the vision exam, Mr. Chitty has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Chitty reported that he has driven straight trucks for 20 years, accumulating 550,000 miles and tractor-trailer combinations for 15 years, accumulating 300,000 miles. He holds a Class A Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) from Florida. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV).

Roger L. Courson
Mr. Courson, 58, has had amblyopia in his left eye since childhood. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye is 20/15 and in his left eye, 20/200. Following an examination in 2011, his optometrist noted, “It was and still is my professional opinion, that Mr. Courson has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Courson reported that he has driven straight trucks for 4 years, accumulating 200,000 miles and tractor-trailer combinations for 17 years, accumulating 1.7 million miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Pennsylvania. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

Revis D. Durbin
Mr. Durbin, 69, has had esotropia in his left eye since birth. The best corrected visual acuity in his right eye is 20/20 and in his left eye, 20/100. Following an examination in 2011, his optometrist noted, “It is my clinical impression that he has sufficient vision to perform driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Durbin reported that he has driven straight trucks for 52 years, accumulating 260,000 miles and tractor-trailer combinations for 41 years, accumulating 2.5 million miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Illinois. His driving record for the last 3 years shows no crashes and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

James D. Evans
Mr. Evans, 54, has had a prosthetic right eye for the past 30 years. The best corrected visual acuity in his left eye is 20/20. Following an examination in 2011, his optometrist noted, “He has sufficient vision to operate a commercial vehicle.” Mr. Evans reported that he has driven straight trucks for 32 years, accumulating 49,920 miles and tractor-trailer combinations