### **Subpart H—Training**

## §135.321 Applicability and terms used.

- (a) Except as provided in §135.3, this subpart prescribes the requirements applicable to—
- (1) A certificate holder under this part which contracts with, or otherwise arranges to use the services of a training center certificated under part 142 to perform training, testing, and checking functions;
- (2) Each certificate holder for establishing and maintaining an approved training program for crewmembers, check airmen and instructors, and other operations personnel employed or used by that certificate holder; and
- (3) Each certificate holder for the qualification, approval, and use of aircraft simulators and flight training devices in the conduct of the program.
- (b) For the purposes of this subpart, the following terms and definitions apply:
- (1) *Initial training*. The training required for crewmembers who have not qualified and served in the same capacity on an aircraft.
- (2) Transition training. The training required for crewmembers who have qualified and served in the same capacity on another aircraft.
- (3) Upgrade training. The training required for crewmembers who have qualified and served as second in command on a particular aircraft type, before they serve as pilot in command on that aircraft.
- (4) Differences training. The training required for crewmembers who have qualified and served on a particular type aircraft, when the Administrator finds differences training is necessary before a crewmember serves in the same capacity on a particular variation of that aircraft.
- (5) Recurrent training. The training required for crewmembers to remain adequately trained and currently proficient for each aircraft, crewmember position, and type of operation in which the crewmember serves.
- (6) In flight. The maneuvers, procedures, or functions that must be conducted in the aircraft.
- (7) Training center. An organization governed by the applicable requirements of part 142 of this chapter that

- conducts training, testing, and checking under contract or other arrangement to certificate holders subject to the requirements of this part.
- (8) Requalification training. The training required for crewmembers previously trained and qualified, but who have become unqualified due to not having met within the required period the—
- (i) Recurrent pilot testing requirements of §135.293;
- (ii) Instrument proficiency check requirements of § 135.297; or
  - (iii) Line checks required by §135.299.

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#### §135.323 Training program: General.

- (a) Each certificate holder required to have a training program under §135.341 shall:
- (1) Establish and implement a training program that satisfies the requirements of this subpart and that ensures that each crewmember, aircraft dispatcher, flight instructor and check airman is adequately trained to perform his or her assigned duties. Prior to implementation, the certificate holder must obtain initial and final FAA approval of the training program.
- (2) Provide adequate ground and flight training facilities and properly qualified ground instructors for the training required by this subpart.
- (3) Provide and keep current for each aircraft type used and, if applicable, the particular variations within the aircraft type, appropriate training material, examinations, forms, instructions, and procedures for use in conducting the training and checks required by this subpart.
- (4) Provide enough flight instructors, check airmen, and simulator instructors to conduct required flight training and flight checks, and simulator training courses allowed under this subpart.
- (b) Whenever a crewmember who is required to take recurrent training under this subpart completes the training in the calendar month before, or the calendar month after, the month in which that training is required, the crewmember is considered to have

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completed it in the calendar month in which it was required.

- (c) Each instructor, supervisor, or check airman who is responsible for a particular ground training subject, segment of flight training, course of training, flight check, or competence check under this part shall certify as to the proficiency and knowledge of the crewmember, flight instructor, or check airman concerned upon completion of that training or check. That certification shall be made a part of the crewmember's record. When the certification required by this paragraph is made by an entry in a computerized recordkeeping system, the certifying instructor, supervisor, or check airman, must be identified with that entry. However, the signature of the certifying instructor, supervisor, or check airman, is not required for computerized entries.
- (d) Training subjects that apply to more than one aircraft or crewmember position and that have been satisfactorily completed during previous training while employed by the certificate holder for another aircraft or another crewmember position, need not be repeated during subsequent training other than recurrent training.
- (e) Aircraft simulators and other training devices may be used in the certificate holder's training program if approved by the Administrator.

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# § 135.324 Training program: Special rules.

- (a) Other than the certificate holder, only another certificate holder certificated under this part or a training center certificated under part 142 of this chapter is eligible under this subpart to conduct training, testing, and checking under contract or other arrangement to those persons subject to the requirements of this subpart.
- (b) A certificate holder may contract with, or otherwise arrange to use the services of, a training center certificated under part 142 of this chapter to conduct training, testing, and checking required by this part only if the training center—

- (1) Holds applicable training specifications issued under part 142 of this chapter;
- (2) Has facilities, training equipment, and courseware meeting the applicable requirements of part 142 of this chapter:
- (3) Has approved curriculums, curriculum segments, and portions of curriculum segments applicable for use in training courses required by this subpart; and
- (4) Has sufficient instructor and check airmen qualified under the applicable requirements of §§ 135.337 through 135.340 to provide training, testing, and checking to persons subject to the requirements of this subpart.

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# §135.325 Training program and revision: Initial and final approval.

- (a) To obtain initial and final approval of a training program, or a revision to an approved training program, each certificate holder must submit to the Administrator—
- (1) An outline of the proposed or revised curriculum, that provides enough information for a preliminary evaluation of the proposed training program or revision; and
- (2) Additional relevant information that may be requested by the Administrator
- (b) If the proposed training program or revision complies with this subpart, the Administrator grants initial approval in writing after which the certificate holder may conduct the training under that program. The Administrator then evaluates the effectiveness of the training program and advises the certificate holder of deficiencies, if any, that must be corrected.
- (c) The Administrator grants final approval of the proposed training program or revision if the certificate holder shows that the training conducted under the initial approval in paragraph (b) of this section ensures that each person who successfully completes the training is adequately trained to perform that person's assigned duties.
- (d) Whenever the Administrator finds that revisions are necessary for the