

Part 147 Interim Final Rule
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Part 147 Rule Organization and Numbering

Section 135(a)(1) requires the FAA to issue interim final regulations in accordance with the requirements of Section 135. Additionally, Section 135(a)(2) repeals all current regulations upon the effective date of the interim final rule. As a result, some sections of part 147 will retain their section number and heading but contain new requirements in accordance with the statute. Several sections will be repealed and not replaced. Other sections will be renumbered and replaced with new requirements in accordance with the statute. The following table shows the current regulatory sections of part 147 and how they are affected under this interim final rule.

Former section	Former title	New section	New title
§ 147.1	Applicability	§ 147.1	Applicability.
§ 147.3	Certificate required	§ 147.3	Certificate required.
§ 147.5	Application and issue	§ 147.5	Application requirements.
§ 147.7	Duration of certificates	§ 147.7	Duration of certificates.
§ 147.8	Employment of former FAA employees	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.11	Ratings	§ 147.11	Ratings.
§ 147.13	Facilities, equipment, and material requirements	§ 147.13	Facilities, equipment, and material requirements.
§ 147.15	Space requirements	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.17	Instructional equipment requirements	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.19	Materials, special tools, and shop equipment requirements	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.21	General curriculum requirements	§ 147.17	Training requirements.
§ 147.23	Instructor requirements	§ 147.19	Instructor requirements.
§ 147.31	Attendance and enrollment, tests, and credit for prior instruction or experience	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.33	Records	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.35	Transcripts and graduation certificates	§ 147.21	Certificate of completion.
§ 147.36	Maintenance of instructor requirements	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.37	Maintenance of facilities, equipment, and materials	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.38	Maintenance of curriculum requirements	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.38a	Quality of instruction	§ 147.25	Minimum passage pate.
§ 147.39	Display of certificate	§ 147.29	Display of certificate.
§ 147.41	Change of location	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.
§ 147.43	Inspection	§ 147.27	FAA inspection.
§ 147.45	Advertising	Repealed and not replaced	N/A.

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Authority

49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701-44702, 44707-44709; Sec. 135, Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182.

Subpart A General

§ 147.1 Applicability.

This part prescribes the requirements for issuing aviation maintenance technician school certificates and associated ratings and the general operating rules for the holders of those certificates and ratings.

§ 147.3 Certificate required.

No person may operate an aviation maintenance technician school without, or in violation of, an aviation maintenance technician school certificate and the operations specifications issued under this part.

§ 147.5 Application requirements.

(a) To be issued a certificate or rating under this part, an applicant must demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this part.

(b) An application for a certificate and rating to operate an aviation maintenance technician school must include the following:

(1) A description of the facilities, including the physical address of the applicant's primary location for operation of the school, and any additional fixed locations where training will be provided, and the equipment and materials to be used at each location;

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(2) A description of the manner in which the school's curriculum will ensure the student has the knowledge and skills necessary for attaining a mechanic certificate and associated ratings under subpart D of part 65 of this chapter;

(3) A description of the manner in which the school will ensure it provides the necessary qualified instructors to meet the requirements of § 147.19; and

(4) Any additional information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this part.

(c) An application for an additional rating or amended certificate must include only the information required by paragraph (b) of this section that is necessary to substantiate the reason for the additional rating or change sought.

§ 147.7 Duration of certificates.

An aviation maintenance technician school certificate or rating issued under this part is effective from the date of issue until the certificate or rating is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

§ 147.11 Ratings.

The following ratings may be issued under this part:

(a) Airframe.

(b) Powerplant.

(c) Airframe and powerplant.

Subpart B Certification and Operating Requirements

§ 147.13 Facilities, equipment, and material requirements.

(a) Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school must provide and maintain the facilities, equipment, and materials that are appropriate to the rating or ratings held by the school and the number of students taught.

(b) For certificated aviation maintenance technician schools that provide training at more than one location in accordance with § 147.15, the facilities, equipment, and materials used at each location must be appropriate to the curriculum or portion of the curriculum, and the number of students being taught, at that location.

§ 147.15 Training provided at another location.

A certificated aviation maintenance technician school may provide training at any fixed location other than its primary location, provided the additional training location meets the requirements of this part and is listed in the certificate holder's operations specifications.

§ 147.17 Training requirements.

(a) Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school must:

(1) Establish, maintain, and utilize a curriculum that is designed to continually align with the mechanic airman certification standards referenced in paragraph (b) of this section, as appropriate for the ratings held;

(2) Provide training of a quality that meets the requirements of § 147.25; and

(3) Ensure students have the knowledge and skills necessary to be prepared to test for a mechanic certificate and associated ratings under subpart D of part 65 of this chapter.

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(b) FAA-S-ACS-1, Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant Airman Certification Standards, November 1, 2021, is incorporated by reference into this section with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. This material is available for inspection at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Contact FAA, Airman Testing Standards Branch/Regulatory Support Division, 405-954-4151, AFS630Comments@faa.gov. For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email: fr.inspection@nara.gov, or go to www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html. The material may be obtained from FAA, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, 866-835-5322, www.faa.gov/training_testing.

§ 147.19 Instructor requirements.

Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school must:

- (a) Provide qualified instructors to teach in a manner that ensures positive educational outcomes are achieved;
- (b) Ensure instructors either—
 - (1) Hold a mechanic certificate with one or more appropriate ratings; or
 - (2) If they do not hold a mechanic certificate, are otherwise specifically qualified to teach their assigned content; and
- (c) Ensure the student-to-instructor ratio does not exceed 25:1 for any shop class.

§ 147.21 Certificate of completion.

Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school must provide an authenticated document to each graduating student, indicating the student's date of graduation and curriculum completed.

§ 147.23 Quality control system.

- (a) Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school must—
 - (1) Be accredited within the meaning of 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)(5); or
 - (2) Establish and maintain a quality control system that meets the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this section, and is approved by the Administrator.
- (b) The quality control system specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section must provide procedures for recordkeeping, assessment, issuing credit, issuing of final course grades, attendance, ensuring sufficient number of instructors, granting of graduation documentation, and corrective action for addressing deficiencies.

§ 147.25 Minimum passage rate.

- (a) Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school must maintain the pass rate specified in paragraph (b) of this section for the most recent 3-year period.
- (b) For students who take an FAA mechanic test under part 65 of this chapter within 60 days after graduation, at least 70 percent of students must pass one of the following tests or any combination thereof:
 - (1) Written test;
 - (2) Oral test; or
 - (3) Practical test.

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(c) For students who take a combination of tests within the 60-day window specified in paragraph (b) of this section, an aviation maintenance technician school must count a failure on any one test as a student failure for purposes of determining the pass rate, unless that failed test is subsequently passed within the 60-day window.

§ 147.27 FAA inspection.

A certificated aviation maintenance technician school must allow the Administrator such access as the Administrator determines necessary to inspect the one or more locations of the school for purposes of determining the school's compliance with the requirements of this part.

§ 147.29 Display of certificate.

A certificated aviation maintenance technician school must display its aviation maintenance technician school certificate at a place in each location of the school, including the primary location and any additional fixed locations, that is visible by and normally accessible to the public.

§ 147.31 Early testing.

When a student satisfactorily completes the general portion of a certificated aviation maintenance technician school's curriculum, the school may issue an authenticated document that demonstrates the student's preparedness to take the mechanic general written test in accordance with § 65.75(c) of this chapter.