

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2024-0366]

**Agency Information Collection****Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Pilot Professional Development**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 12, 2024. The collection involves requirements primarily applicable to air carriers conducting domestic, flag, and supplemental operations to enhance the professional development of pilots in those operations. The action requires air carriers conducting domestic, flag, and supplemental operations to provide new-hire pilots with an opportunity to observe flight operations and become familiar with procedures before serving as a flightcrew member in operations. Additionally, it requires air carriers who have not previously revised the upgrade training to include professional development and to provide leadership and command and mentoring training for all pilots in command. The information to be collected is necessary to mitigate incidents of unprofessional pilot behavior and reduce pilot errors that can lead to a catastrophic event.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by December 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandra Ray by email at: [Sandra.ray@faa.gov](mailto:Sandra.ray@faa.gov); phone: 412-546-7344.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a)

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0802.

*Title:* Pilot Professional Development.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 12, 2024 (89 FR 9902). The collection involves requirements primarily applicable to air carriers conducting domestic, flag, and supplemental operations to enhance the professional development of pilots in those operations. These amendments to part 121 set out prerequisites and levy requirements that must be met by certificate holders using part 121 pilot training and qualification programs and by those individuals who serve in given capacities for those certificate holders.

The FAA anticipates that certificate holders will incur costs for the following groups of provisions:

- Operations familiarization for new-hire pilots (§ 121.435);
- Leadership and command and mentoring ground training for pilots currently serving as pilot in command (PIC) (§ 121.429) and recurrent PIC leadership and command and mentoring ground training (§§ 121.409(b) and 121.427);
- Leadership and command training and recurrent leadership and command training for pilots serving as second in command (SIC) in operations that require three or more pilots (§ 121.432(a))
- Upgrade training curriculum requirements (§§ 121.420 and 121.426);
- Part 121, appendix H requirements; and
- Approval of Qualification Standards Document for certificate holders using an Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) (§ 121.909).

The development and approval of new and revised curriculums will be a one-time occurrence for each certificate holder. The documentation regarding training in leadership and command and mentoring for current PICs will be a one-time occurrence. Similarly, the documentation regarding training in leadership and command for current SICs serving in operations that require three or more pilots will be a one-time

occurrence. The documentation of operations familiarization for new-hire pilots will occur once for each new-hire pilot. The documentation of recurrent PIC leadership and command and mentoring training will occur every three years for each PIC. The documentation of recurrent leadership and command training for SICs serving in operations that require three or more pilots will occur every three years for each such SIC.

*Respondents:* Part 121 Air Carriers.

*Frequency:* Varies per Requirement.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Response:* Varies per Requirement.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 341 Hours.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2024-1902]

**Agency Information Collection****Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate Application**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 26, 2024. The collection involves the submission of FAA Form 8710-4 for the certification process of rotorcraft external-load operators. The information to be collected is necessary to evaluate the applicants' qualifications for certification.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by December 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and

Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov), or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond Plessinger by email at [raymond.plessinger@faa.gov](mailto:raymond.plessinger@faa.gov); phone: 717-443-7296

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0044.

*Title:* Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate Application.

*Form Numbers:* FAA Form 8710-4.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Background:* The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 26, 2024 (89 FR 53475). This collection involves the application for issuance or renewal of a 14 CFR part 133 Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate. Application for an original certificate or renewal of a certificate issued under 14 CFR part 133 is made on a form, and in a manner prescribed by the Administrator. The FAA form 8710-4 may be obtained from an FAA Flight Standards District Office, or online at <https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/form/faa8710-4.pdf>. The completed application is sent to the district office that has jurisdiction over the area in which the applicant's home base of operation is located.

The information collected includes: type of application, Operator's name/DBAs, telephone number, mailing address, physical address of the principal base of operations, chief pilot/designee name, airman certificate grade and number, rotorcraft make/model registration numbers to be used and load combinations requested. In addition, this information collection includes requirements to report emergency operations, plans for

operation over congested areas, and submission of flight manuals for approval, and recordkeeping requirements for certificates and crewmember testing and training records.

*Respondents:* 357 active part 133 certificate-holders.

*Frequency:* New applications when needed; current 14 CFR part 133 certificate-holders must renew every 24 months.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response (by Section):* Section 133.15, Application for Certificate Issuance or Renewal: 0.5 hours; Section 133.21, Personnel: 0.3 hours; Section 133.25, Amendment of Certificate: 0.5 hours; Section 133.27, Availability, transfer, and surrender of certificate: 0.5 hours; Section 133.31, Emergency Operations: 2 hours; Section 133.33, Operating Rules: 2 hours; Section 133.37, Crewmember training, currency, and testing requirements: 0.3 hours; Section 133.47, Rotorcraft Load Combination Flight Manual: 40 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 3,295 total hours per year, or 9.3 hours per respondent.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2024-0073]

**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 2 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).  
**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA, in coordination with the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), is issuing this Notice of Intent to solicit comments and advise the public, agencies, and stakeholders that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 2 NEPA (Tier 2 Study) to address existing and future transportation issues at the William Preston Lane, Jr.

Memorial (Bay) Bridge and its approaches along U.S. 50/301, from Anne Arundel County on the Western Shore to Queen Anne's County on the Eastern Shore, in Maryland. The unique identification number for this project is EISX—XMD-1729253019. This NOI contains a summary of the information required in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations. This NOI should be reviewed together with the NOI Additional Project Information Document, which contains important details about the study, information on the Purpose and Need for the proposed action, alternatives considered, and expected impacts on the human, natural, and built environments. Persons and agencies who may be interested in or affected by the proposed study are encouraged to comment on the information in this NOI and the NOI Additional Project Information Document.

**DATES:** Comments on the NOI or the NOI Additional Information documents must be received on or before January 13, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** This NOI and the NOI Additional Project Information Document are also available in the docket referenced above at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and on the Tier 2 Study website located at <https://baycrossingstudy.com>.

Comments on the NOI or the NOI Additional Project Information Document can be submitted through the methods outlined below:

- *Website:* For access to the documents, go to the Federal Rulemaking Portal located at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or the project website located at <https://baycrossingstudy.com>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

- *Mailing address or for hand delivery or courier:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- <https://baycrossingstudy.com>.
- *Mailing address or for hand delivery or courier:* Maryland Transportation Authority, Division of Planning & Program Development, Bay Crossing Study, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.
- *Email:* [info@baycrossingstudy.com](mailto:info@baycrossingstudy.com).
- *Call:* 667-203-5408.

All comment submissions should include the agency name and docket number that appear in the heading of this notice. The comments received by