

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701–44703, 44707, 44709–44711, 45102–45103, 45301–45302.

■ 6. Revise § 65.11(a) to read as follows:

§ 65.11 Application and issue.

(a) Application for a certificate and appropriate rating, or for an additional rating, under this part must be made on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Administrator. Each person who applies for airmen certification services to be administered outside the United States or for any certificate or rating issued under this part must show evidence that the fee prescribed in appendix A of part 187 of this chapter has been paid.

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■ 7. Revise § 65.19 to read as follows:

§ 65.19 Retesting after failure.

(a) Except as specified in paragraph (b) of this section, an applicant for a written, oral, or practical test for a certificate and rating, or for an additional rating under this part, may apply for retesting—

(1) After 30 days after the date the applicant failed the test; or

(2) Before the 30 days have expired if the applicant presents a signed statement from an airman holding the certificate and rating sought by the applicant, certifying that the airman has given the applicant additional instruction in each of the subjects failed and that the airman considers the applicant ready for retesting.

(b) An applicant who fails the written test for an inspection rating prescribed by § 65.75(b) of this part may not apply for retesting until at least 90 days after the date of the failed test.

■ 8. Amend § 65.23 by adding paragraph (a)(4) to read as follows.

§ 65.23 Incorporation by reference.

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(a) * * *

(4) FAA–S–ACS–34, Aviation Mechanic Inspection Rating Certification Standards, (insert approval date), IBR approved for §§ 65.75 and 65.83.

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■ 9. Revise § 65.71 to read as follows:

§ 65.71 Eligibility requirements: General.

(a) Airframe or Powerplant Rating.

(1) To be eligible for a mechanic certificate with an airframe or powerplant rating, or both, a person must—

(i) Be at least 18 years of age;

(ii) Be able to read, write, speak, and understand the English language, or in the case of an applicant who does not meet this requirement and who is

employed outside of the United States by a U.S. air carrier, have his certificate endorsed “Valid only outside the United States;”

(iii) Have passed all of the prescribed tests within a period of 24 calendar months; and

(iv) Comply with the sections of this subpart that apply to the rating the applicant seeks.

(2) A certificated mechanic who applies for an additional airframe or powerplant rating must meet the requirements of § 65.77 and, within a period of 24 calendar months, pass the tests prescribed by §§ 65.75(a) and 65.79 for the additional rating sought, except as provided in § 65.75(a)(4).

(b) Inspection Rating. To be eligible for an inspection rating on a person’s mechanic certificate, a person must—

(1) Hold a mechanic certificate with both an airframe rating and a powerplant rating currently effective in accordance with § 65.15(a) of this part and has been in effect for a total of at least 3 years;

(2) Have been actively engaged, for at least the 24 calendar month period before the date of application, in maintaining aircraft certificated and maintained in accordance with this chapter;

(3) Have a fixed base of operations where he may be located in person or by telephone during a normal working week but it need not be the location where the privileges of the inspection rating will be exercised;

(4) Have available to him the equipment, facilities, and inspection data necessary to inspect airframes, powerplants, propellers, or any related part or appliance properly; and

(5) Comply with the sections of this subpart that apply to the rating the applicant seeks.

■ 10. Amend § 65.73 by adding paragraphs (a)(3), (c), (d), and (e) to read as follow:

§ 65.73 Ratings.

(a) * * *

(3) Inspection.

(b) * * *

(c) A certificated mechanic with an inspection authorization that was valid on [EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE] may exercise the privileges of an inspection rating in accordance with § 65.88 until [24 MONTHS AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE] if they comply with the limitations and recent experience requirements prescribed in §§ 65.81(b) and 65.83(b).

(d) A certificated mechanic with an inspection authorization valid on [EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL

RULE] is entitled to a replacement mechanic certificate with an inspection rating.

(e) A certificated mechanic with an inspection authorization that was valid on [EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE] that has not obtained a replacement mechanic certificate as described in paragraph (d) of this section may not exercise the privileges of an inspection rating after [24 MONTHS AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE]. After this date, a person may resume exercising the privileges of an inspection rating once they have obtained a mechanic certificate with an inspection rating and comply with the limitations and recent experience requirements prescribed in §§ 65.81(b) and 65.83(b).

■ 11. Effective [24 MONTHS AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE], amend § 65.73 further by:

■ a. removing paragraph (c); and

■ b. redesignating paragraphs (d) and (e) as paragraphs (c) and (d) to read as follows:

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(b) * * *

(c) A certificated mechanic with an inspection authorization valid on [EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE] is entitled to a replacement mechanic certificate with an inspection rating.

(d) A certificated mechanic with an inspection authorization that was valid on [EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE] that has not obtained a replacement mechanic certificate as described in paragraph (d) of this section may not exercise the privileges of an inspection rating after [24 MONTHS AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE]. After this date, a person may resume exercising the privileges of an inspection rating once they have obtained a mechanic certificate with an inspection rating and comply with the limitations and recent experience requirements prescribed in §§ 65.81(b) and 65.83(b).

■ 12. Revise § 65.75 to read as follows:

§ 65.75 Knowledge requirements.

(a) Airframe or Powerplant Rating. Applicants for a mechanic certificate with an airframe or powerplant rating, or both, or applicants for an additional airframe or powerplant rating:

(1) Must, except as specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, after meeting the applicable experience requirements of § 65.77, pass a written test, appropriate to the rating sought, which includes the aeronautical knowledge subject areas contained in