

the Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant Airman Certification Standards (incorporated by reference, see § 65.23), as appropriate to the rating sought.

(2) Must pass each section of the test before applying for the oral and practical tests prescribed by § 65.79. A report of the written test is sent to the applicant.

(3) May take the mechanic general written test prior to meeting the applicable experience requirements of § 65.77, provided the applicant presents an authenticated document from a certificated aviation maintenance technician school that demonstrates satisfactory completion of the general portion of the school's curriculum and specifies the completion date.

(4) Are eligible to take a practical test for a mechanic certificate or rating under this part with an expired written test report in accordance with § 61.40 of this chapter.

(b) Inspection Rating. Applicants for an inspection rating must—

(1) Receive an endorsement from a representative of the Administrator that the applicant meets the requirements of § 65.71(b)(1) through (4) and has not attempted the inspection rating written test within the previous 90 days; and

(2) Within 30 days of receiving the endorsement set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, pass a written test, which includes the aeronautical knowledge subject areas contained in the Aviation Mechanic Inspection Rating Airman Certification Standards (incorporated by reference, see § 65.23).

■ 13. Amend § 65.77 by revising the introductory text to read as follows:

§ 65.77 Experience requirements.

Each applicant for a mechanic certificate with an airframe or powerplant rating, or both, or an additional airframe or powerplant rating must present either—

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■ 14. Revise § 65.79 to read as follows:

§ 65.79 Skills requirements.

Each applicant for a mechanic certificate with an airframe or powerplant rating, or both, or an additional airframe or powerplant rating must pass an oral test and a practical test, as appropriate to the rating sought, by demonstrating satisfactory understanding of the knowledge, risk management, and skill elements for each subject contained in the Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant Airman Certification Standards (incorporated by reference, see § 65.23), as appropriate to the rating sought.

■ 15. Revise § 65.81 to read as follows:

§ 65.81 Privileges and limitations.

(a) General Privileges and Limitations.

(1) A certificated mechanic may perform or supervise the maintenance, preventive maintenance or alteration of an aircraft or appliance, or a part thereof, for which he is rated (but excluding major repairs to, and major alterations of, propellers, and any repair to, or alteration of, instruments), and may perform additional duties in accordance with §§ 65.85, 65.87, and 65.88. However, he may not supervise the maintenance, preventive maintenance, or alteration of, or approve for return to service, any aircraft or appliance, or part thereof, for which he is rated unless he has satisfactorily performed the work concerned at an earlier date. If he has not so performed that work at an earlier date, he may demonstrate the ability to do it by performing it to the satisfaction of the Administrator or under the direct supervision of a certificated and appropriately rated mechanic, or a certificated repairman, who has had previous experience in the specific operation concerned.

(2) A certificated mechanic may not exercise the privileges of his certificate and rating(s) unless he understands the current instructions of the manufacturer, and the maintenance manuals, for the specific operation concerned.

(b) Inspection Rating Limitations.

(1) A certificated mechanic with an inspection rating may exercise the privileges of that rating only while he holds a mechanic certificate with both airframe and powerplant ratings that are effective in accordance with § 65.15(a).

(2) A certificated mechanic with an inspection rating may not exercise the privileges of the rating if that person does not meet the requirements of § 65.71(b)(3) and (4).

(3) If a certificated mechanic with an inspection rating changes his fixed base of operation required by § 65.71(b)(3), he must notify, in writing, the responsible Flight Standards office or International Field Office for the area in which the new base is located before exercising the privileges of the inspection rating.

■ 16. Revise § 65.83 to read as follows:

§ 65.83 Recent experience requirements.

(a) Airframe or Powerplant Rating. A certificated mechanic may not exercise the privileges of his certificate and rating unless, within the preceding 24 months—

(1) The Administrator has found that he is able to do that work; or

(2) He has, for at least 6 months—
(i) Served as a mechanic under his certificate and rating;

(ii) Technically supervised other mechanics;

(iii) Supervised, in an executive capacity, the maintenance or alteration of aircraft; or

(iv) Been engaged in any combination of paragraph (a)(2)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section.

(b) Inspection Rating.

(1) A person may not exercise the privileges of the inspection rating unless they have been actively engaged in maintaining aircraft certified and maintained in accordance with this chapter for the 24 calendar month period prior to when they exercise their inspection rating privileges.

(2) Except as provided in (b)(3) and (7) of this section, no person may exercise the privileges of the inspection rating unless within the previous 12 calendar months one of the following activities has been completed:

(i) Performed at least four annual inspections;

(ii) Performed at least eight major repairs or major alterations, including any combination thereof;

(iii) Performed or supervised and approved at least one progressive inspection in accordance with standards prescribed by the Administrator;

(iv) Attended and successfully completed a refresher course, acceptable to the Administrator, of not less than 8 hours of instruction; or

(v) Passed an oral test by an FAA inspector, which includes the aeronautical knowledge subject areas contained in the Aviation Mechanic Inspection Rating Airman Certification Standards (incorporated by reference, see § 65.23), to determine that the applicant's knowledge of applicable regulations and standards is current.

(3) A person does not have to meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(2) of this section to exercise the privileges of the inspection rating during the 12 calendar months following original issuance of the inspection rating. Replacement of a mechanic certificate for a mechanic certificate with an inspection rating under § 65.73(d) or (e) is not considered an original issuance of the inspection rating.

(4) A certificated mechanic with an inspection rating who does not meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section may not exercise the privileges of the rating, until they have:

(i) Attended and successfully completed a refresher course(s), acceptable to the Administrator, of not less than 8 hours of instruction; or

(ii) Passed an oral test from an FAA inspector, which includes the aeronautical knowledge subject areas contained in the Aviation Mechanic Inspection Rating Airman Certification Standards (incorporated by reference, see § 65.23), to determine that the applicant's knowledge of the applicable regulations and standards is current.

(5) A certificated mechanic with inspection rating who completes the requirements of paragraph (b)(4) of this section is deemed to have completed the requirements of paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(6) A certificated mechanic with inspection rating must maintain records to demonstrate completion of the recent experience requirements in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4) of this section, as applicable, and present them to a representative of the Administrator upon request. The records must be retained for at least 2 years.

(7) If a person holds a valid inspection authorization on [EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE], the person is not required to meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(2) until [SIX MONTHS AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE].

■ 17. Effective [SIX MONTHS AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE], amend § 65.83 further by:

- a. removing “and (7)” from paragraph (b)(2); and
- b. removing paragraph (b)(7) to read as follows:

§ 65.83 Recent experience requirements.

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(b) * * *

(2) Except as provided in (b)(3) of this section, no person may exercise the privileges of the inspection rating unless within the previous 12 calendar months one of the following activities has been completed:

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- 18. Add § 65.88 to read as follows:

§ 65.88 Inspection rating; additional privileges.

A certificated mechanic with an inspection rating may—

(a) Inspect and approve for return to service any aircraft or related part or appliance (except any aircraft maintained in accordance with a continuous airworthiness maintenance program under parts 91, 121, 129, or 135 of this chapter) after a major repair or major alteration to it in accordance with part 43 of this chapter, if the work was done in accordance with technical data approved by the Administrator; and

(b) Perform an annual inspection, or perform or supervise a progressive inspection according to §§ 43.13 and 43.15 of this chapter.

- 19. Amend § 65.89 by redesignating the introductory text as paragraph (a) and adding paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 65.89 Display of certificate.

(a) Each person who holds a mechanic certificate shall keep it within the immediate area where he normally exercises the privileges of the certificate and shall present it for inspection upon the request of the Administrator or an authorized representative of the National Transportation Safety Board, or of any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer.

(b) Each person exercising the privileges of a mechanic certificate with an inspection rating that has not yet obtained a replacement mechanic certificate with inspection rating per § 65.73(d) must, upon request of the Administrator or an authorized representative of the National Transportation Safety Board, or of any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, present documentary evidence of an inspection authorization that was valid on [EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE].

■ 20. Effective [24 MONTHS AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE], amend § 65.89 further by:

- a. removing paragraph (b); and
- b. redesignating paragraph (a) as an independent paragraph under § 65.89 to read as follows:

§ 65.89 Display of certificate.

Each person who holds a mechanic certificate shall keep it within the immediate area where that person normally exercises the privileges of the certificate and shall present it for inspection upon the request of the Administrator or an authorized representative of the National Transportation Safety Board, or of any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer.

- 21. Remove and reserve § 65.91.

§ 65.91 [Removed and Reserved]

- 22. Remove and reserve § 65.92.

§ 65.92 [Removed and Reserved]

- 23. Remove and reserve § 65.93.

§ 65.93 [Removed and Reserved]

- 24. Remove and reserve § 65.95.

§ 65.95 [Removed and Reserved]

PART 91—GENERAL OPERATING AND FLIGHT RULES

- 25. The authority citation for part 91 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40101, 40103, 40105, 40113, 40120, 44101, 44111, 44701,

44704, 44709, 44711, 44712, 44715, 44716, 44717, 44722, 46306, 46315, 46316, 46504, 46506–46507, 47122, 47508, 47528–47531, 47534; Pub. L. 114–190, 130 Stat. 615 (49 U.S.C. 44703 note); Sec. 828 of Pub. L. 118–63, 138 Stat. 1330 (49 U.S.C. 44703 note); articles 12 and 29 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (61 Stat. 1180), (126 Stat. 11).

- 26. Amend § 91.409 by revising paragraph (d)(1) to read as follows:

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(d) * * *

(1) A certificated mechanic eligible to exercise the privileges of an inspection rating, a certificated airframe repair station, or the manufacturer of the aircraft to supervise or conduct the progressive inspection;

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PART 147—AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN SCHOOLS

- 27. The authority citation for part 147 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701–44702, 44707–44709; Sec. 135, Pub. L. 116–260, 134 Stat. 1182.

- 28. Amend § 147.5 by revising paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

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(b) * * *

(1) * * *

(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 airframe or powerplant rating, or both, under subpart D of part 65 of this chapter;

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Issued under authority provided by 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 44701(a), and 44703 in Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

Proposed Amendment of Class C Airspace at Ontario International Airport, CA; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a fact-finding informal airspace meeting regarding a plan to amend the Class C