

## Answering the Challenge to Improve Aviation Safety

### Regulatory Support Division (AFS-600)

AFS-600 promotes safety by providing the aviation community with the highest level of services and systems. We educate, advise, enlighten, and empower users to save lives through the development, implementation, analysis and dissemination of technical information. This encompasses airman testing, designee standardization, and aviation safety data systems. For further information visit:

<http://afs600.faa.gov>

Our customers include Flight Standards Service, Aircraft Certification Service, private industry, as well as the public. The division has three branches working together to handle the many tasks. An overview of each branch is provided in this brochure.

### Aviation Data Systems Branch (AFS-620)

AFS-620 collects, stores, and disseminates aviation safety data. In addition to issuing a variety of technical information, the branch also maintains:

- Service Difficulty Reporting System (SDRS) - Contains mechanical problems reported by the aviation industry from 1974 to present.
- Accident/Incident Data System (AIDS) - Contains aircraft accident and incident information for U.S. registered aircraft from 1973 to present.
- Enforcement Information System (EIS) - Contains details of violations of Federal Aviation Regulations, Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, from 1963 to present.
- Vital Information System (VIS) - Contains information concerning air operators, air agencies, and designated airmen. This is a dynamic database that contains current information.



- Program Tracking and Reporting System (PTRS) - Contains information pertaining to the FAA Aviation Safety Inspector work force job activities for the current year and the previous three years online. Archived records from this and previous systems are available back to 1988.
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) - Responds to approximately 35 percent of the total number of FOIA requests received by the entire FAA organization.
- Pilot Records Improvement Act (PRIA) - A Federal Law requires air carriers to conduct background checks on pilots prior to hiring. The branch responds to all requests for FAA records.
- Privacy Act (PA) - Custodian of record for several Privacy Act systems of record.

#### **Requests for information, EXCEPT FOR PRIA, should be sent to:**

Federal Aviation Administration  
Aviation Data Systems Branch, AFS-620  
P.O. Box 25082  
Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0082

AFS-620 Branch Manager telephone:  
(405) 954-4391

AFS-620 Information Request telephone:  
(405) 954-4173

AFS-620 FAX (405) 954-4655

#### **PRIA REQUESTS ONLY should be sent to:**

Federal Aviation Administration  
Aviation Data Systems Branch, AFS-620 (PRIA)  
P.O. Box 25082  
Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0082

AFS-620 PRIA Request telephone:  
(405) 954-0990

AFS-620 FAX (405) 954-4655

**INTERNET INFORMATION:** Many of the most common Information requests can be answered by visiting our webpage at

<http://av-info.faa.gov>

### Airman Testing Standards Branch (AFS-630)

AFS-630 is responsible for ensuring certificated airmen have the knowledge and skills to operate safely in the National Airspace System (NAS). The branch does this by developing and updating FAA advisory circulars, handbooks, knowledge test questions, knowledge test guides, practical test standards and orders for airman certification.



Products provided:

- FAA Order 8080.6, Conduct of Airman Knowledge Tests
- AC 60-25, Reference Materials and Subject Matter Knowledge Codes for Airman Knowledge Testing
- FAA-S-8081 Series, Practical Test Standards for all categories and classes of airman certification:

Sport Pilot  
Recreational  
Private  
Commercial  
Instrument  
Airline Transport Pilot  
Flight Engineer  
Aircraft Dispatcher  
Aviation Mechanic  
Flight Instructor  
Parachute Rigger

- FAA-G-8082 Series, Knowledge Test Guides:

Aviation Mechanic: General, Airframe, and Powerplant  
Flight and Ground Instructor  
Inspection Authorization  
Pilot  
Parachute Rigger

- FAA-H-8083 Series, Handbooks

Aircraft Weight and Balance  
Airplane Flying  
Aviation Instructor's  
Balloon Flying  
Glider Flying  
Instrument Flying  
Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge  
Plane Sense  
Rotorcraft Flying  
Student Pilot Guide

AFS-630 has designated two companies to administer airman knowledge tests on behalf of the FAA:

Computer Assisted Testing Service (CATS),  
1-800-947-4228

LaserGrade Computer Testing,  
1-800-211-2753

**Products produced by AFS-630 may be viewed on our webpage:**

<http://afs600.faa.gov>

**Questions or comments concerning any AFS-630 product should be directed to the Manager, Airman Testing Standards Branch (AFS-630), P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125 or phone (405) 954-4151.**

### **Designee Standardization Branch (AFS-640)**

AFS-640 develops and conducts a variety of seminars for designees and certificated airmen domestically, as well as internationally. These seminars also apply to people and companies associated with the production, certification, or maintenance of aeronautical parts or products.

#### **Seminars provided:**

- Initial Manufacturing/Maintenance Standardization Seminar (DAR) (ODAR) (DAS) (DMIR) (DOA) (SFAR-36)
- Initial Technical Personnel Examiner Standard Seminar (DME/DPRE)
- Recurrent Designated Parachute Rigger Examiner (DPRE) via the Web
- Initial Pilot Examiner (PE)
- Recurrent DME
- Recurrent Pilot Examiner Standardization
- Recurrent Manufacturing/Maintenance Standardization Seminar (DAR) (ODAR) (DAS) (DMIR) (DOA) (SFAR-36)



- Light Sport (DAR)
- Amateur Built (DAR)

AFS-640 is responsible for maintaining the currency of the materials provided by the Designee Information Network (DIN). This system is a database containing all aircraft certification service designees and delegations performing airworthiness and conformity certification and inspections.

The FDR-1D Designee Kit is maintained by the branch as part of the Designee Reference Library. The library contains specific directives and documents necessary for designees to perform their authorized functions. Kits may be obtained over the Internet at the following webpage:

<http://av-info.faa.gov/dst/>

The branch also publishes the quarterly Designee Newsletter and is responsible for preparing and revising orders 8610.4, 8610.5 and AC 183.35.

Phone: (405) 954-4220  
(405) 954-6495  
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A graphic with a blue border. At the top, a large aircraft is shown in flight against a blue sky. Below it, the text "Quality Policy" is written in a large, red, serif font, followed by "AFS-600" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. Underneath, there is a paragraph of text in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a smaller aircraft is shown on the ground with several people standing around it. The background of the graphic is a light, textured pattern.

## Quality Policy

### AFS-600

The Regulatory Support Division, AFS-600, maintains the following Quality Policy Statement:

**We are committed to the safety of the aviation community and the general public. We focus on quality by involving our employees to continually improve our processes and services.**

We adopt the following objectives in support of this policy:

- **We will provide Quality services within the framework of our regulatory responsibilities.**
- **We will involve our employees and utilize their skills and experience in the development and delivery of our services.**