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#### §61.18 Security disqualification.

- (a) Eligibility standard. No person is eligible to hold a certificate, rating, or authorization issued under this part when the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has notified the FAA in writing that the person poses a security threat.
- (b) Effect of the issuance by the TSA of an Initial Notification of Threat Assessment. (1) The FAA will hold in abeyance pending the outcome of the TSA's final threat assessment review an application for any certificate, rating, or authorization under this part by any person who has been issued an Initial Notification of Threat Assessment by the TSA.
- (2) The FAA will suspend any certificate, rating, or authorization issued under this part after the TSA issues to the holder an Initial Notification of Threat Assessment.
- (c) Effect of the issuance by the TSA of a Final Notification of Threat Assessment.
  (1) The FAA will deny an application for any certificate, rating, or authorization under this part to any person who has been issued a Final Notification of Threat Assessment.
- (2) The FAA will revoke any certificate, rating, or authorization issued under this part after the TSA has issued to the holder a Final Notification of Threat Assessment.

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## §61.19 Duration of pilot and instructor certificates.

- (a) General. The holder of a certificate with an expiration date may not, after that date, exercise the privileges of that certificate.
- (b) Student pilot certificate. A student pilot certificate expires 24 calendar months from the month in which it is issued.
- (c) Other pilot certificates. A pilot certificate (other than a student pilot certificate) issued under this part is issued without a specific expiration date. The holder of a pilot certificate issued on the basis of a foreign pilot license may exercise the privileges of that certificate only while that person's foreign pilot license is effective.

- (d) Flight instructor certificate. A flight instructor certificate:
- (1) Is effective only while the holder has a current pilot certificate; and
- (2) Except as specified in §61.197(b) of this part, expires 24 calendar months from the month in which it was issued or renewed.
- (e) Ground instructor certificate. A ground instructor certificate issued under this part is issued without a specific expiration date.
- (f) Surrender, suspension, or revocation. Any certificate issued under this part ceases to be effective if it is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.
- (g) Return of certificates. The holder of any certificate issued under this part that has been suspended or revoked must return that certificate to the FAA when requested to do so by the Administrator.

# §61.21 Duration of a Category II and a Category III pilot authorization (for other than part 121 and part 135 use).

- (a) A Category II pilot authorization or a Category III pilot authorization expires at the end of the sixth calendar month after the month in which it was issued or renewed.
- (b) Upon passing a practical test for a Category II or Category III pilot authorization, the authorization may be renewed for each type of aircraft for which the authorization is held.
- (c) A Category II or Category III pilot authorization for a specific type aircraft for which an authorization is held will not be renewed beyond 12 calendar months from the month the practical test was accomplished in that type aircraft.
- (d) If the holder of a Category II or Category III pilot authorization passes the practical test for a renewal in the month before the authorization expires, the holder is considered to have passed it during the month the authorization expired.

## § 61.23 Medical certificates: Requirement and duration.

(a) Operations requiring a medical certificate. Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, a person—

- (1) Must hold a first-class medical certificate when exercising the privileges of an airline transport pilot certificate:
- (2) Must hold at least a second-class medical certificate when exercising the privileges of a commercial pilot certificate; or
- (3) Must hold at least a third-class medical certificate—
- (i) When exercising the privileges of a private pilot certificate;
- (ii) When exercising the privileges of a recreational pilot certificate;
- (iii) When exercising the privileges of a student pilot certificate;
- (iv) When exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate, except for a flight instructor certificate with a glider category rating or sport pilot rating, if the person is acting as pilot in command or is serving as a required flight crewmember; or
- (v) Except for a glider category rating or a balloon class rating, prior to taking a practical test that is performed in an aircraft for a certificate or rating at the recreational, private, commercial, or airline transport pilot certificate level.
- (b) Operations not requiring a medical certificate. A person is not required to hold a valid medical certificate—
- (1) When exercising the privileges of a student pilot certificate while seeking—
- (i) A sport pilot certificate with glider or balloon privileges; or
- (ii) A pilot certificate with a glider category rating or balloon class rating;
- (2) When exercising the privileges of a sport pilot certificate with privileges in a glider or balloon;
- (3) When exercising the privileges of a pilot certificate with a glider category or balloon class rating;
- (4) When exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate with—
- (i) A sport pilot rating in a glider or balloon; or
  - (ii) A glider category rating;
- (5) When exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate if the person is not acting as pilot in command or serving as a required pilot flight crewmember;
- (6) When exercising the privileges of a ground instructor certificate;

- (7) When serving as an examiner or check airman during the administration of a test or check for a certificate, rating, or authorization conducted in a flight simulator or flight training device; or
- (8) When taking a test or check for a certificate, rating, or authorization conducted in a flight simulator or flight training device.
- (c) Operations requiring either a medical certificate or U.S. driver's license. (1) A person must hold and possess either a valid medical certificate issued under part 67 of this chapter or a current and valid U.S. driver's license when exercising the privileges of—
- (i) A student pilot certificate while seeking sport pilot privileges in a light-sport aircraft other than a glider or balloon;
- (ii) A sport pilot certificate in a light-sport aircraft other than a glider or balloon; or
- (iii) A flight instructor certificate with a sport pilot rating while acting as pilot in command or serving as a required flight crewmember of a light-sport aircraft other than a glider or balloon.
- (2) A person using a current and valid U.S. driver's license to meet the requirements of this paragraph must—
- (i) Comply with each restriction and limitation imposed by that person's U.S. driver's license and any judicial or administrative order applying to the operation of a motor vehicle;
- (ii) Have been found eligible for the issuance of at least a third-class airman medical certificate at the time of his or her most recent application (if the person has applied for a medical certificate):
- (iii) Not have had his or her most recently issued medical certificate (if the person has held a medical certificate) suspended or revoked or most recent Authorization for a Special Issuance of a Medical Certificate withdrawn; and
- (iv) Not know or have reason to know of any medical condition that would make that person unable to operate a light-sport aircraft in a safe manner.
- (d) Duration of a medical certificate. (1) A first-class medical certificate expires at the end of the last day of—
- (i) The sixth month after the month of the date of examination shown on

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the certificate for operations requiring an airline transport pilot certificate;

- (ii) The 12th month after the month of the date of examination shown on the certificate for operations requiring a commercial pilot certificate or an air traffic control tower operator certificate; and
- (iii) The period specified in paragraph (c)(3) of this section for operations requiring a recreational pilot certificate, a private pilot certificate, a flight instructor certificate (when acting as pilot in command or a required pilot flight crewmember in operations other than glider or balloon), or a student pilot certificate.
- (2) A second-class medical certificate expires at the end of the last day of—
- (i) The 12th month after the month of the date of examination shown on the certificate for operations requiring a commercial pilot certificate or an air traffic control tower operator certificate; and
- (ii) The period specified in paragraph (c)(3) of this section for operations requiring a recreational pilot certificate, a private pilot certificate, a flight instructor certificate (when acting as pilot in command or a required pilot flight crewmember in operations other than glider or balloon), or a student pilot certificate.
- (3) A third-class medical certificate for operations requiring a recreational pilot certificate, a private pilot certificate, a flight instructor certificate (when acting as pilot in command or a required pilot flight crewmember in operations other than glider or balloon), or a student pilot certificate issued—
- (i) Before September 16, 1996, expires at the end of the 24th month after the month of the date of examination shown on the certificate; or
- (ii) On or after September 16, 1996, expires at the end of:
- (A) The 36th month after the month of the date of the examination shown on the certificate if the person has not reached his or her 40th birthday on or before the date of examination; or
- (B) The 24th month after the month of the date of the examination shown on the certificate if the person has

reached his or her 40th birthday on or before the date of the examination.

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### §61.25 Change of name.

- (a) An application to change the name on a certificate issued under this part must be accompanied by the applicant's:
  - (1) Current airman certificate; and
- (2) A copy of the marriage license, court order, or other document verifying the name change.
- (b) The documents in paragraph (a) of this section will be returned to the applicant after inspection.

## §61.27 Voluntary surrender or exchange of certificate.

- (a) The holder of a certificate issued under this part may voluntarily surrender it for:
  - (1) Cancellation;
- (2) Issuance of a lower grade certificate: or
- (3) Another certificate with specific ratings deleted.
- (b) Any request made under paragraph (a) of this section must include the following signed statement or its equivalent: "This request is made for my own reasons, with full knowledge that my (insert name of certificate or rating, as appropriate) may not be reissued to me unless I again pass the tests prescribed for its issuance."

## §61.29 Replacement of a lost or destroyed airman or medical certificate or knowledge test report.

- (a) A request for the replacement of a lost or destroyed airman certificate issued under this part must be made by letter to the Department of Transportation, FAA, Airman Certification Branch, P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125, and must be accompanied by a check or money order for the appropriate fee payable to the FAA.
- (b) A request for the replacement of a lost or destroyed medical certificate must be made by letter to the Department of Transportation, FAA, Aeromedical Certification Branch, P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125, and must be accompanied by a check or