

**§ 65.33 Eligibility requirements: General.**

To be eligible for an air traffic control tower operator certificate a person must—

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (b) Be of good moral character;
- (c) Be able to read, write, and understand the English language and speak it without accent or impediment of speech that would interfere with two-way radio conversation;
- (d) Except for a person employed by the FAA or employed by, or on active duty with, the Department of the Air Force, Army, or Navy or the Coast Guard, hold at least a second-class medical certificate issued under part 67 of this chapter within the 12 months before the date application is made; and
- (e) Comply with § 65.35.

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**§ 65.35 Knowledge requirements.**

Each applicant for an air traffic control tower operator certificate must pass a written test on—

- (a) The flight rules in part 91 of this chapter;
- (b) Airport traffic control procedures, and this subpart;
- (c) En route traffic control procedures;
- (d) Communications operating procedures;
- (e) Flight assistance service;
- (f) Air navigation, and aids to air navigation; and
- (g) Aviation weather.

**§ 65.37 Skill requirements: Operating positions.**

No person may act as an air traffic control tower operator at any operating position unless he has passed a practical test on—

- (a) Control tower equipment and its use;
- (b) Weather reporting procedures and use of reports;
- (c) Notices to Airmen, and use of the Airman's Information Manual;
- (d) Use of operational forms;
- (e) Performance of noncontrol operational duties; and

(f) Each of the following procedures that is applicable to that operating position and is required by the person performing the examination:

- (1) The airport, including rules, equipment, runways, taxiways, and obstructions.
- (2) The terrain features, visual checkpoints, and obstructions within the lateral boundaries of the surface areas of Class B, Class C, Class D, or Class E airspace designated for the airport.
- (3) Traffic patterns and associated procedures for use of preferential runways and noise abatement.
- (4) Operational agreements.
- (5) The center, alternate airports, and those airways, routes, reporting points, and air navigation aids used for terminal air traffic control.
- (6) Search and rescue procedures.
- (7) Terminal air traffic control procedures and phraseology.
- (8) Holding procedures, prescribed instrument approach, and departure procedures.
- (9) Radar alignment and technical operation.
- (10) The application of the prescribed radar and nonradar separation standard, as appropriate.

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**§ 65.39 Practical experience requirements: Facility rating.**

Each applicant for a facility rating at any air traffic control tower must have satisfactorily served—

- (a) As an air traffic control tower operator at that control tower without a facility rating for at least 6 months; or
- (b) As an air traffic control tower operator with a facility rating at a different control tower for at least 6 months before the date he applies for the rating.

However, an applicant who is a member of an Armed Force of the United States meets the requirements of this section if he has satisfactorily served as an air traffic control tower operator for at least 6 months.

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