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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 338

RIN 3206-AH85

Qualification Requirements (General)

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing final regulations concerning the use of qualification standards. The regulations clarify the use of OPM's Operating Manual: Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions when considering experience in making competitive service appointments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 22, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 17 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-65, December, 19, 1995) requires OPM to promulgate regulations concerning the consideration of experience of applicants who are being considered for competitive service positions. On June 5, 1997 (62 FR 30778), we proposed regulations to place a statement in part 338 to clarify that experience is considered as outlined in OPM's Operating Manual: Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions. We also indicated that the Operating Manual is available to the public for review at agency personnel offices and Federal depository libraries, and for purchase from the Government Printing Office. We received no comments on the proposed regulations and are adopting them as final regulations with no change.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this regulation will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it affects only certain Federal employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 338

Government employees.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

Accordingly, OPM is amending part 338 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 338—QUALIFICATION STANDARDS (GENERAL)

1. The authority citation for part 338 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301, 3302, 3304; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954-1958 comp., p. 218.

2. Subpart C consisting of § 338.301, is added to read as follows:

Subpart C—Consideration for Appointment

§ 338.301 Competitive service appointment.

Agencies must ensure that employees who are given competitive service appointments meet the requirements included in the Office of Personnel Management's Operating Manual: Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions. The Operating Manual is available to the public for review at agency personnel offices and Federal depository libraries, and for purchase from the Government Printing Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-CE-23-AD; Amendment 39-10109; AD 97-17-07]

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Airworthiness Directives; Aviat Aircraft, Inc. Models S-1S, S-1T, S-2, S-2A, S-2S, and S-2B Airplanes (Formerly Known as Pitts Models S-1S, S-1T, S-2, S-2A, S-2S, and S-2B Airplanes)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment revises AD 96-12-03, which applies to Aviat Aircraft, Inc. (Aviat) Models S-1S, S-1T, S-2, S-2S, and S-2B airplanes that are equipped with aft lower fuselage wing attach fittings incorporating either part number (P/N) 76090, 2-2107-1, or 1-210-102. That AD currently requires repetitively inspecting the aft lower fuselage wing attach fitting on both wings for cracks, and modifying any cracked aft lower fuselage wing attach fitting. Modifying both aft lower fuselage wing attach fittings eliminates the repetitive inspection requirement of AD 96-12-03. Aviat recently started incorporating modified aft lower fuselage wing attach fittings on newly manufactured airplanes. This AD retains the requirements of AD 96-12-03, but exempts airplanes that had the modified aft lower fuselage wing attach fittings incorporated at manufacture. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent possible in-flight separation of the wing from the airplane caused by a cracked fuselage wing attach fitting.

DATES: Effective October 3, 1997.

The incorporation by reference of Aviat Service Bulletin No. 25, dated April 3, 1996, Revised November 12, 1996, was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 as of October 3, 1997.

The incorporation by reference of Aviat Service Bulletin No. 25, dated April 3, 1996, was previously approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 as of June 6, 1996 (61 FR 28730).