

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

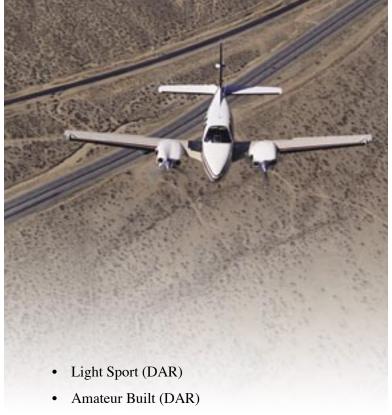
Questions or comments concerning any AFS-630 product should be directed to the Manager, Airman Testing Standards Branch (AFS-630), P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125 or phone (405) 954-4151.

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)



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.

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