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Memorandum

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To: All Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) and International Field Offices (IFO)

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Subject: Deviation to FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 5 for evaluating mechanic applicant experience under part 65.

This memorandum authorizes a deviation from the following sections and paragraphs of FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 5, which prescribe procedures for the evaluation of a mechanic applicant's documentary evidence of experience as required by § 65.77:

- Section 2, paragraph 5-1134
- Section 6, paragraph 5-1253

As of the date of this memo, Flight Standards aviation safety inspectors (ASIs) who evaluate mechanic applicant experience as required by § 65.77 must use FAA-S-ACS-1, Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant Airman Certification Standards (ACS), dated November 1, 2021, as the evaluation standard. This document, hereafter referred to as the "mechanic ACS", contains the aeronautical knowledge, risk management, and skill standards relevant to all applicants for a mechanic certificate.

ASIs must evaluate mechanic applicants who apply based on experience by determining if the applicant has verifiable experience in 50 percent of the skill elements in the subject areas of the mechanic ACS, as applicable to the rating sought.

Background

On September 21, 2022, the existing part 147 regulations were repealed and replaced by new part 147 regulations as discussed in the Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools interim final rule published in the Federal Register on May 24, 2022, 87 FR 31391. As a result, the part 147 appendices A, B, C, and D, were also repealed.

Current guidance in FAA Order 8900.1, directs ASIs to use the part 147 appendices B, C, and D as the standard for evaluating the documentary evidence of experience presented by applicants for a mechanic certificate. Specifically, the FAA Order 8900.1 sections referenced in this memo require ASIs to evaluate applicants who apply for a mechanic certificate based on civil or military experience and determine if the applicant has verifiable experience in 50 percent of the subject areas listed (in part 147 appendices B, C, and D) for the rating sought.

This deviation memo will be terminated upon publication of the revised FAA Order 8900.1 guidance referenced above.

If you have any additional questions regarding this memorandum, please contact the Aircraft Maintenance Division, Airman and Special Projects Section (AFS-320), at (202) 267-1675 or 9-AWA-AFS-300-MAINTENANCE@FAA.GOV.