

# ASA's 2026 FAR-FC Update

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## TITLE 14: AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

### PART 1

#### DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- **Change Date:** July 24, 2025
- **Effective Date:** October 22, 2025
- **Source:** Amdt. 1–80, 90 FR 35204

Amend §1.1 by removing the definition for “Consensus standard”.

- **Change Date:** July 24, 2025
- **Effective Date:** July 24, 2026
- **Source:** Amdt. 1–80, 90 FR 35204

Effective July 24, 2026, further amend §1.1 by:

- a. Removing the definition for “Light-sport aircraft;” and
- b. Adding the definitions for “Space support vehicle” and “Space support vehicle flight” in alphabetical order.

The additions read as follows:

#### §1.1 General definitions.

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*Space support vehicle* means an aircraft that is a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or a component of a launch or reentry vehicle.

*Space support vehicle flight* means a flight in the air that is not a launch or reentry, but is conducted by a space support vehicle.

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## PART 65

### CERTIFICATION: AIRMEN OTHER THAN FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS

- **Change Date:** July 24, 2025
- **Effective Date:** October 22, 2025
- **Source:** Amdt. 65–66, 90 FR 35218

Amend §65.15 by revising paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) to read as follows:

#### §65.15 Duration of certificates.

(a) Except for repairman certificates issued in accordance with §65.101, a certificate or rating issued under this part is effective until it is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

(b) Unless it is sooner surrendered, suspended, or revoked, a repairman certificate issued in accordance with §65.101 is effective until the holder is relieved from the duties for which the holder was employed and certificated.

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(d) Except for temporary certificates issued under §65.13, the holder of a paper certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate.

Amend §65.23 by revising the introductory text and paragraph (a)(3) to read as follows:

#### §65.23 Incorporation by reference.

Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. This material is available for inspection at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Contact FAA, Training and Certification Group, 202-267-1100, [ACSPTSInquiries@faa.gov](mailto:ACSPTSInquiries@faa.gov). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov), or go to [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations). The material may be obtained from the source in the following paragraph of this section.

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(3) FAA-S-ACS-1, Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant Airman Certification Standards, November 1, 2021; IBR approved for §§65.75, 65.79, and 65.107.

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Revise §65.81 to read as follows:

**§65.81 General privileges and limitations.**

(a) A certificated mechanic may perform or supervise the maintenance, preventive maintenance or alteration of an aircraft or appliance, or a part thereof, for which that person is rated (but excluding major repairs to, and major alterations of, propellers, and any repair to, or alteration of, instruments), and may perform additional duties in accordance with §§65.85, 65.87, and 65.95. However, a certificated mechanic may not supervise the maintenance, preventive maintenance, or alteration of, or approve for return to service, any aircraft or appliance, or part thereof, for which that person is rated unless that person has satisfactorily performed the work concerned at an earlier date. If that person has not so performed that work at an earlier date, that person may show the ability to do it by performing it to the satisfaction of the Administrator or under the direct supervision of a certificated and appropriately rated mechanic, or a certificated repairman, who has had previous experience in the specific operation concerned.

(b) A certificated mechanic may not exercise the privileges of that person's certificate and rating unless that person understands the current instructions of the manufacturer, and the maintenance manuals, for the specific operation concerned.

Revise §65.85 to read as follows:

**§65.85 Airframe rating; additional privileges.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a certificated mechanic with an airframe rating may approve for return to service an airframe, or any related part or appliance, after that person has performed, supervised, or inspected its maintenance or alteration (excluding major repairs and major alterations). In addition, a certificated mechanic with an airframe rating may perform the 100-hour inspection required by part 91 of this chapter on an airframe, or any related part or appliance, and approve for return to service.

(b) A certificated mechanic with an airframe rating can approve for return to service an airframe, or any related part or appliance, of an aircraft with a special airworthiness certificate in the light-sport category after performing and inspecting a major repair or major alteration for products that are not produced under an FAA approval provided the major repair or major alteration was authorized by, and performed in accordance with instructions developed by, the manufacturer or a person acceptable to the FAA.

Revise §65.87 to read as follows:

**§65.87 Powerplant rating; additional privileges.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a certificated mechanic with a powerplant rating may approve for return to service a powerplant or propeller or any related part or appliance, after that person has performed, supervised, or inspected its maintenance or alteration (excluding major repairs and major alterations). In addition, a certificated mechanic with a powerplant rating may perform the 100-hour inspection required by part 91 of this chapter on a powerplant or propeller, or any part thereof, and approve for return to service.

(b) A certificated mechanic with a powerplant rating can approve for return to service a powerplant or propeller, or any related part or appliance, of an aircraft with a special airworthiness certificate in the light-sport category after performing and inspecting a major repair or major alteration for products that are not produced under an FAA approval, provided the major repair or major alteration was

authorized by, and performed in accordance with instructions developed by, the manufacturer or a person acceptable to the FAA.

Amend §65.103 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

**§65.103 Repairman certificate: Privileges and limitations.**

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(c) This section does not apply to the holder of a repairman certificate (experimental aircraft builder) issued in accordance with §65.104 or to the holder of a repairman certificate (light-sport) issued in accordance with §65.107, while that repairman is performing work under that certificate.

Revise §65.107 to read as follows:

**§65.107 Repairman certificate (light-sport): Eligibility and training courses.**

(a) **Ratings.** The following ratings may be issued on a repairman certificate (light-sport) under this section:

- (1) Inspection rating.
- (2) Maintenance rating.

(b) **Eligibility requirements: General.** To be eligible for a repairman certificate (light-sport), a person must:

- (1) Be at least 18 years old;
- (2) Be able to read, speak, write, and understand English;
- (3) Complete a training course pursuant to paragraph (c) or (d) of this section, as applicable to the rating sought;
- (4) Pass a written test administered by the training course provider that covers the contents of the course pursuant to paragraph (c) or (d) of this section, as applicable to the rating sought; and
- (5) Present documentary evidence of completion of the FAA-accepted training course required by paragraph (b)(3) of this section and passage of the written test required by paragraph (b)(4) of this section, to the Administrator.

(c) **Inspection rating training course.** To obtain an inspection rating on a repairman certificate (light-sport), a person must complete a 16-hour training course accepted by the Administrator on inspecting the category, and class as applicable, of experimental aircraft for which the person intends to exercise the privileges of the rating.

(d) **Maintenance rating training course.** To obtain a maintenance rating on a repairman certificate (light-sport), a person must complete a training course accepted by the Administrator that includes content on, at a minimum, the knowledge, risk management, and skill elements for each subject contained in the Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant Airman Certification Standards (incorporated by reference, see §65.23), that are appropriate to the category, and class as applicable, of aircraft for which the person intends to exercise the privileges of the rating.

(e) **Training course providers.** Training course providers must:

- (1) Deliver the training course described in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section using facilities, equipment, and materials appropriate to the training course content taught;
- (2) Use instructors that are appropriately qualified to teach the course content; and
- (3) After a student completes the training course as required by paragraph (b)(3) of this section and passes the written test as required by paragraph (b)(4) of this section, provide a certificate of completion to the student indicating the:
  - (i) Name of the training provider;
  - (ii) FAA course acceptance number;
  - (iii) Rating applicable to the training course;

(iv) Aircraft category, and class as applicable, the training was based on; and

(v) Date of training completion.

**(f) Certificate issuance and equivalency.**

(1) A repairman certificate (light-sport) will be issued with category privileges, and may be issued with class limitations within the category sought pursuant to the completed training required by paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(2) A repairman certificate (light-sport aircraft) that was issued before and was valid on October 22, 2025 is equivalent to a repairman certificate (light-sport) with the same ratings.

(3) Aircraft class privileges issued on a repairman certificate (light-sport aircraft) before and valid on October 22, 2025 are equivalent to aircraft category privileges, except as provided in paragraph (f)(4) of this section.

(4) A repairman certificate (light-sport aircraft) with an inspection rating and gyroplane class privileges issued before and valid on October 22, 2025 is equivalent to a repairman (light-sport) certificate with an inspection rating and rotorcraft category privileges limited to the gyroplane class.

**(g) Delayed compliance.** Inspection and maintenance rating training courses designed for glider class privileges and accepted prior to October 22, 2025 may not be offered by a training course provider after July 24, 2026.

Add §65.109 to subpart E to read as follows:

**§65.109 Repairman certificate (light-sport): Privileges and limitations.**

**(a)** The holder of a repairman certificate (light-sport) with an inspection rating may perform the annual condition inspection on an aircraft:

(1) That is owned by the holder;

(2) That has an experimental airworthiness certificate issued in accordance with §21.191(g), (i), (k), or (l) of this chapter; and

(3) That is in the same category, and class as applicable, of aircraft for which the holder has completed the training course specified in §65.107(c).

**(b)** The holder of a repairman certificate (light-sport) with a maintenance rating may—

(1) Approve for return to service an aircraft that has a special airworthiness certificate in the light-sport category under §21.190 of this chapter, or any part thereof, after performing or inspecting maintenance (to include the annual condition inspection and the 100-hour inspection required by §91.327 of this chapter), preventive maintenance, or an alteration (excluding a major repair or a major alteration on a product produced under an FAA approval);

(2) Perform the annual condition inspection on an aircraft that has an experimental airworthiness certificate issued in accordance with §21.191(g), (i), (k), or (l) of this chapter; and

(3) Only perform maintenance, preventive maintenance, and an alteration on an aircraft that is in the same category, and class as applicable, of aircraft for which the holder has completed the training specified in §65.107(d). Before performing a major repair, the holder must complete additional training acceptable to the FAA and appropriate to the repair performed.

**(c)** The holder of a repairman certificate (light-sport) with a maintenance rating may not approve for return to service any aircraft or part thereof unless that person has previously performed the work concerned satisfactorily. If that person has not previously performed that work, the person may show the ability to do the work by performing it to the satisfaction of the FAA, or by performing it under the direct supervision of a certificated and appropriately rated mechanic, or a certificated repairman, who has had previous experience in the specific operation concerned. The repairman may not exercise the privileges of the certificate unless the repairman understands the current instructions of the manufacturer and the maintenance manuals for the specific operation concerned.

## PART 119

### CERTIFICATION: AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

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The authority citation for part 119 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40101, 40102, 40103, 40113, 44105, 44106, 44111, 44701–44717, 44722, 44901, 44903, 44904, 44906, 44912, 44914, 44936, 44938, 46103, 46105; sec. 215, Pub. L. 111-216, 124 Stat. 2348.

► **Change Date:** July 24, 2025

► **Effective Date:** July 24, 2026

► **Source:** Amdt. 119–22, 90 FR 35222

Effective July 24, 2026, amend §119.1 by:

- a. Removing the word “or” at the end of paragraph (e)(10);
- b. Removing the period at the end of paragraph (e)(11) and adding “; or” in its place; and
- c. Adding paragraph (e)(12).

The addition reads as follows:

#### §119.1 Applicability.

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**(e)** \* \* \*

(12) Space support vehicle flights conducted under the provisions of §91.331 of this chapter.