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Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee

Air Carrier/General Aviation Maintenance Issue Area  
Part 65 Working Group

**Task 3 – Disposition of Comments in NPRM 94-27**

# **Task Assignment**

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Maintenance Issues--New  
Task; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (**FAA**), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking  
Advisory Committee (ARAC).

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SUMMARY: Notice is given of a new task assigned to and accepted by the  
Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the  
public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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General Aviation Maintenance Issues, Flight Standards Service (AFS-  
300), 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone:  
(202) 267-3546; fax: (202) 267-5230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The **FAA** has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee  
to provide advice and recommendations to the **FAA** Administrator, through  
the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the  
full range of the **FAA**'s rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-  
related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on  
the **FAA**'s commitment to harmonize its Federal Aviation Regulations  
(FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with is air carrier/general aviation  
maintenance issues. These issues involve mechanic certification and  
approved training schools outlined in parts 65 and 147 and the  
maintenance standards for parts 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35  
aircraft, engines, propellers, and their component parts and parallel  
provisions in parts 21, 43, 91, 121, 125, 127, 129, 133, 135, and 137  
of the Federal Aviation Regulations, which are the responsibility of  
the **FAA** Director, Flight Standards Service.

The Task

This notice is to inform the public that the **FAA** has asked ARAC to

provide advice and recommendation on the following task:

Recommend disposition of comments made to Notice of Proposed Rulemaking No. 94-27, which proposes to amend the Federal Aviation Regulations that prescribe the certification and training requirements for mechanics and repairmen.

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The **FAA** also has asked the ARAC determine if rulemaking action (e.g., final rule, withdrawal) should be taken, or advisory material should be issued. If so, ARAC has been asked to prepare the necessary documents, including economic analysis, to justify and carry out its recommendation(s).

ARAC Acceptance of Task

ARAC has accepted the task and has chosen to assign it to the existing Part 65 Working Group. The working group serves as staff to ARAC to assist ARAC in the analysis of the assigned task. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the **FAA** as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

The Part 65 Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the task, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues held following publication of this notice.

2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work, stated in item 3 below.

3. For each task, draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate; or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider air carrier/general aviation maintenance issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Part 65 Working Group is composed of experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee.

An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write to the person listed under the caption FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT expressing the desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and stating the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. The request will be reviewed by the assistant chair, the assistant executive director, and the working group chair, and the individual will be advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the **FAA** by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public, except as authorized by section 10(d) of the Federal Aviation Committee Act. Meetings of the Part 65 Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 14, 1995.

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Assistant Executive Director for Air Carrier/General Aviation  
Maintenance Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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Recommendation – Not Available

## FAA Action

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Federal Aviation Administration

**Proposed Advisory Circulars: 66-XX, Part 66—The New Certification Regulations for Aviation Maintenance Personnel; 66-XX, Recurrent Training for Aviation Maintenance Personnel, and 66-XX, Approval of Aviation Maintenance Technician (Transport) Training Program Providers****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed advisory circulars (ACs) and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on the following proposed ACs: 66-XX, Part 66—The New Certification Regulations for Aviation Maintenance Personnel; 66-XX, Recurrent Training for Aviation Maintenance Personnel, and 66-XX, Approval of Aviation Maintenance Technician (Transport) Training Program Providers. The FAA recently has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) titled Revision of Certification Requirements: Mechanics and Repairmen, published elsewhere in this separate part of the *Federal Register*. That NPRM would propose the addition of part 66 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) and make significant revisions to the certification and training requirements for aviation maintenance personnel. The proposed ACs would explain the changes proposed in the NPRM, provide guidance on complying with the recurrent training provisions of proposed part 66, and provide information to organizations seeking approval as aviation maintenance technician (transport) (AMT(T)) training providers.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 6, 1998.**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed ACs to: Federal Aviation Administration, Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Division (AFS-300), Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments may be examined at the above address between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, except Federal holidays.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie K. Vipond, AFS-350, Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Division,

Flight Standards Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3269.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

A copy of each draft AC may be obtained by contracting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed ACs by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Commenters should identify the AC to which comment is being made and submit comments in duplicate to the address specified above. By separate document published elsewhere in this separate part of the *Federal Register*, the FAA also is inviting interested persons to comment on the NPRM titled Revision of Certification Requirements: Mechanics and Repairmen. The FAA will consider comments on this notice and on the NPRM in deciding the final action of each. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered by the FAA before issuing the final ACs.

**Discussion**

Current regulations prescribing the certification and training requirements for aviation maintenance personnel do not reflect the significant technological advances that have occurred in the aviation industry, the extensive differences in maintenance skills required of currently certificated personnel, and recent enhancements in training and instructional methods. To ensure the regulations governing aviation maintenance personnel remain consistent with changes in the aviation environment, the FAA has conducted a multiphase review of the certification and training requirements that pertain to mechanics and repairmen. A complete regulatory review of the certification requirements for these airmen has not been accomplished since the recodification of the Civil Air Regulations into the Federal Aviation Regulations on August 10, 1962.

Elsewhere in this separate part of the *Federal Register*, the FAA has issued the NPRM titled Revision of Certification Requirements: Mechanics and Repairmen. The proposed rule would consolidate and clarify all certification, training, and experience requirements for aviation maintenance

personnel in a newly established 14 CFR part 66. The proposed rule would create additional certificates and ratings and would modify the privileges and limitations of current certificates to respond more closely to the responsibilities of aviation maintenance personnel. In addition, the proposal would establish new training requirements that would enhance the technical capabilities of an increase the level of professionalism among aviation maintenance personnel. Further, the proposal would provide the FAA with essential demographic information that could be used to disseminate vital aviation safety and training information, thereby enhancing aviation safety. All of the proposals in the NPRM were extensively researched for the FAA by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) Part 65 Working Group and based on the ARCA's recommendations.

To provide the public with additional guidance on complying with the proposed requirements, the FAA has drafted three ACs. AC 66-XX, Part 66—The New Certification Regulations for Aviation Maintenance personnel, discusses the new certification and training requirements in a question-and-answer format. AC 66-XX, Recurrent Training for Aviation Maintenance Personnel, provides guidance to aviation maintenance personnel concerning the fulfillment of recurrent training requirements proposed for holders of aviation maintenance technician (AMT) and AMT(T) certificates who exercise the privileges of their certificates for compensation or hire and do not participate in maintenance and preventive maintenance training programs regulated by 14 CFR part 121, 135, or 145. AC 66-XX, Approval of Aviation Maintenance Technician (Transport) Training Program Providers, furnishes guidance to assist persons in obtaining FAA approval as AMT(T) training program providers.

The proposed ACs would become effective only after a final rule revising the certification requirements for mechanics and repairmen becomes effective.

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