



Federal Aviation Administration

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Lance Gant is the FAA Aircraft Certification Service's (AIR) Director of the Compliance & Airworthiness Division (AIR-700). This division is responsible for issuing all design approvals for both domestic and foreign manufacturers, executing continued operational safety processes, and providing flight test support.



Lance Gant began his FAA career in 1990 in the Rotorcraft Certification Office, where he worked on rotor wing and fixed wing certification programs. In 1995, he joined the Rotorcraft Standards Staff, where he worked on revising standards for helicopter performance and handling qualities, as well as new standards for the civil tilt-rotor. Mr. Gant also collaborated with industry and civil aviation authorities in Canada and throughout Europe on type validation programs and in Japan, Russia, and Indonesia during assessments of technical capabilities.

In 2005, Mr. Gant returned as a front-line manager in the Rotorcraft Certification Office. He served for a year in that position before he was promoted to the office manager. In 2009, he took a six-month detail as special assistant to the director of the Aircraft Certification Service in Washington, D.C., where he gained experience and knowledge about how FAA interfaces with other government agencies and Congress. In October 2010, Mr. Gant became the Rotorcraft Directorate's assistant manager and then directorate manager five years later. On July 23, 2017, the Aircraft Certification Service reorganized, and he was appointed director of the Compliance & Airworthiness Division.

Before joining the FAA, Mr. Gant worked as a flight instructor while earning his bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University. He also holds a commercial pilot certificate. After graduation, he worked as a flight test engineer for Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth, Texas, where he worked on military qualification and civil certification programs.