

# NOTICE

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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National Policy

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3/9/12

Cancellation Date:  
3/9/13

**SUBJ:** Line Check Requirements for Part 121 Pilots Age 60 Years or Older

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice informs aviation safety inspectors (ASI) of the amendment to Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) § 44729(h) and how this amendment affects Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121 pilots who are age 60 years or older.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is certificate management office (CMO) and Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) ASIs. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards Service (AFS) branches and divisions in the regions and in headquarters (HQ).
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee Web site at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices). Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Operators can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at [http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/orders\\_notices](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices).
- 4. Cancellation.** This notice cancels Notice N 8900.179, Line Check Requirements for Part 121 Pilots Age 60 or Older, dated February 22, 2012.
- 5. Explanation of Changes.** In the final sentence of paragraph 6, “§ 121.440(d)–(e)” was changed to read “...§ 121.440(d) and (e) are no longer applicable. In addition the....”
- 6. Background.** On February 14, 2012, the President signed into law the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-95). Section 305 of this law amends 49 U.S.C. § 44729(h) by removing the requirement for a line check every 6 months for any pilot serving in part 121 operations who has attained the age of 60 years or older. Based on this statutory amendment, the line check requirements for pilots who have attained age 60 years or older under part 121, § 121.440(d) and (e) are no longer applicable. In addition, the amendment removes the restriction put forth by § 121.440(f). This allows the provisions of § 121.401(b) to be utilized by pilots who have attained 60 years of age.
- 7. Action.** Air carriers are no longer required to conduct this line check. ASIs will review this notice and provide a copy to each certificate holder. In addition, they may approve revisions to any training program that removes the requirement for this line check.

**8. Disposition.** We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions concerning this notice to the Air Transportation Division (AFS-200) at 202-267-8166.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John M. Allen", is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

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