

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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National Policy

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03/16/18

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03/16/19

SUBJ: Air Traffic Safety Oversight Credentialing and Control Tower Operator Certification Programs

1. Purpose of this Notice. This notice releases interim changes to Order 8000.90B, *Air Traffic Safety Oversight Credentialing and Control Tower Operator Certification Programs*, dated February 17, 2015, to add two new ratings to Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service (AOV) Credentials. The new ratings are (1) Weather and (2) Power. It also changes the name of the Navigational Aid (NAVAID) rating to Navigation (NAVAID) and the Communications rating to Communication. The interim changes in this Notice will be incorporated in the next revision to Order 8000.90B

2. Audience. Organizations and personnel who perform certification on certifiable systems/subsystems/services in support of the National Airspace System (NAS).

3. Where can I Find This Notice? This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at: https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/.

4. Explanation of Policy Change.

a. The ATO must ensure any individual performing certification on certifiable systems/subsystems/services in support of the NAS holds a Credential with the appropriate rating and/or designation issued by AOV, and that person complies with Technical Operations orders, directives, and handbooks. Specifically, a rating authorizes the holder to certify one or more systems/subsystems/services in support of the NAS.

b. The Air Traffic Organization has recently revised the ratings it uses for Airway Transportation System Specialist (ATSS) personnel. Therefore, AOV is revising Order 8000.90B to ensure the authorized ratings are consistent.

5. Action.

a. Use the interim changes in paragraph 5.b. of this Notice in lieu of Chapter 8, paragraph 3.a of Order 8000.90B. Reference these interim changes with the current Order until the Notice expiration date occurs.

b. Issuance. A rating authorizes the holder to certify one or more systems/subsystems/services in support of the NAS. A rating may be issued to a person who holds an active certification authority. The following system ratings are applicable to an ATSS:

- (1) Communication
- (2) Navigation (NAVAID)
- (3) Surveillance
- (4) Automation
- (5) Weather
- (6) Environmental
- (7) Power

6. Distribution. Air Traffic Services; Technical Operations; Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; and Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.



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