

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Special Medical Flight Test Authorization Observation

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** The Delegation Program Branch (AFS-650), now the Delegation Group (AFS-850), received questions on whether a pilot proficiency check or observation is required for adding a Special Medical Flight Test (SMFT) to an existing Certificate Letter of Authority (CLOA). This notice clarifies which observations are required for SMFT authorizations. This notice contains guidance that is pertinent to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8000.95, Designee Management Policy.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards aviation safety inspectors (ASI) in the Safety Standards and General Aviation Safety Assurance offices responsible for managing Designated Pilot Examiners (DPE) and Specialty Aircraft Examiners (SAE). The secondary audience includes the Foundational Business offices.
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at <https://drs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.
- 4. Background.** Order 8000.95, Volume 3, Chapter 3, Paragraph 6, Additional Authorizations, requires the managing office to complete an additional authorization request using the same procedures for the original designation. The procedures in this section include a pilot proficiency check. Order 8000.95, Volume 3, Chapter 6, subparagraph 2a(6) requires a demonstration of competency as a pilot examiner when requesting multiple or additional authorizations.
- 5. Clarification.** An additional authorization request for an SMFT will require a complete direct observation (ground and flight), as applicable to the SMFT privileges listed on the CLOA, of the first test given to an applicant. The SMFT observation is separate from any other authorization(s) that may require an observation. A pilot proficiency check is not required.

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8000.95 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the manager of the Delegation Group (AFS-850) at 9-AMC-AFS-650@faa.gov.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher J. Hope".

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