

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Standardized Curricula Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This is the first in a series of notices that introduce and provide guidance for standardized curricula available for use by Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 135 operators when delivered by 14 CFR part 142 training centers. The guidance establishes new processes that significantly improve safety and administrative efficiencies for industry and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards Safety Assurance offices, Training Center Program Managers (TCPM), Principal Operations Inspectors (POI), and associated inspectors assigned oversight of training centers that conduct operations under part 142. The secondary audience includes the Safety Standards and 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. 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 FAA's website at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices.
- 4. Applicability.** This notice applies to TCPMs of training centers certificated under part 142 that request approval of curricula as described in Advisory Circular (AC) 142-1, Standardized Curricula Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers; and FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 54, Section 3, Part 135 Standardized Curricula Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers. This notice does not apply to training provided by training centers that have not requested to use a standardized curriculum described in AC 142-1.
- 5. Background.** On January 21, 2014, the FAA established the Air Carrier Training Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ACT ARC) to provide a forum for the U.S. aviation community to discuss, prioritize, and provide recommendations to the FAA concerning operations conducted under parts 121, 135, and 142, specifically addressing air carrier training. The ACT ARC Steering Committee established an Air Carrier and Contract Training Workgroup (AC&CT WG) and tasked it to consider strategies to improve part 135 operator training and checking, including training and checking conducted by part 142 training centers. The AC&CT WG produced several recommendations it believed would achieve standardization (where appropriate) and significant

administrative efficiency in check pilot qualification, flight instructor qualification, and part 135 air carrier training curricula delivered by part 142 training centers. The FAA publishes this guidance to address ACT ARC recommendations.

6. Explanation of Guidance Updates. The updated guidance associated with this notice includes:

- AC 142-1, Standardized Curricula Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers.
- Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 19, Section 16, Part 135 Standardized Curricula Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers.
- Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 54, Section 3, Part 135 Standardized Curricula Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers.

Note: This notice will be followed by additional standardized curriculum guidance.

7. Action. No action is required at this time. Standardized curricula must first be developed and nationally accepted before this guidance can be used. Additional guidance associated with standardized curricula is being developed and will be introduced with a notice and associated Order 8900.1 guidance publications.

8. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice in Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Additional guidance and specific actions will be published in subsequent notice(s) and Order 8900.1. Direct questions concerning the information in this notice to the Air Transportation Division at 202-267-8166.



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