

NOTICE

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SUBJ: OpSpec/MSpec A034, Advanced Qualification Program

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces a mandatory revision to operations specification (OpSpec)/management specification (MSpec) A034 issued to operators for authorization to conduct training in accordance with an Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 91 subpart K (part 91K), 121, 135, and 121/135 combined certificate holders (CH). OpSpec/MSpec A034 has been revised to properly identify the approved AQP curricula in accordance with part 121 subpart Y. This is a mandatory revision that requires reissuance of OpSpec/MSpec A034.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards (FS) Safety Assurance offices' principal inspectors (PI) and aviation safety inspectors (ASI) assigned to operators authorized to conduct training in accordance with the AQP under parts 91K, 121, 135, and 121/135 combined CHs. 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 and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at <https://drs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.

4. Background. OpSpec/MSpec A034 was revised to accommodate all job functions and positions approved in current AQP training programs. This revision to OpSpec/MSpec A034 includes three tables for parts 121 and 121/135 and two tables for parts 91K and 135 with specific positions, including job functions; aircraft makes, models, and series (M/M/S); curricula; initial approval dates; final approval dates; and comments. The instructions for completing OpSpec/MSpec A034 are located in the updated FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 3, Part A Operations Specifications—General. The instructions for completing OpSpec/MSpec A034 in Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 21, Section 4, The Advanced Qualification Program Approval Process, have been removed.

5. Guidance.

a. Revised Templates. Appendices to this notice show the revised templates. This notice contains the following:

Appendix	Authorizing Document	Paragraph	Applicable to Part
A	OpSpec	A034	121
B	OpSpec	A034	121/135
C	OpSpec	A034	135
D	MSpec	A034	91K

b. FAA Order 8900.1.

(1) Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 18, Section 3 has been updated to reflect the changes outlined in this notice.

(2) Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 21, Section 4 has been updated to remove the instructions for completing OpSpec/MSpec A034.

6. Action. This is a mandatory revision to OpSpec/MSpec A034 for parts 91K, 121, 135, and 121/135 with a compliance date of 60 calendar days from the effective date of this notice. This action applies only to those PIs who are responsible for issuing or revising operator authorizations to administer an AQP training program. PIs should review this notice and the revised Order 8900.1 guidance for issuance of OpSpec/MSpec A034 and provide this notice to the operators for whom they are responsible. Prior to issuing or reissuing the revised OpSpec/MSpec A034, review the operator's approved AQP training program's curricula to ensure the required content to be listed is present.

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



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Appendix A. Sample OpSpec A034, Advanced Qualification Program: 14 CFR Part 121

- a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct operations of an Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) under 14 CFR Part 121 Subpart Y (§§ 121.901 through 121.925) in accordance with this operations specification.
- b. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct operations under an AQP in accordance with the following curricula:

Table 1 – Authorized AQP for Dispatch

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Table 2 – Authorized AQP for Inflight

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Table 3 – Authorized AQP for Pilot

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Appendix B. Sample OpSpec A034, Advanced Qualification Program: 14 CFR Part 121/135

- a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct operations of an Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) under 14 CFR Part 121 Subpart Y (§§ 121.901 through 121.925) in accordance with this operations specification.
- b. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct operations under an AQP in accordance with the following curricula:

Table 1 – Authorized AQP for Dispatch (14 CFR Part 121 Operations Only)

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Table 2 – Authorized AQP for Inflight

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Table 3 – Authorized AQP for Pilot

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Appendix C. Sample OpSpec A034, Advanced Qualification Program: 14 CFR Part 135

- a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct operations of an Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) under 14 CFR Part 121 Subpart Y (§§ 121.901 through 121.925) in accordance with this operations specification.
- b. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct operations under an AQP in accordance with the following curricula:

Table 1 – Authorized AQP for Inflight

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Table 2 – Authorized AQP for Pilot

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Appendix D. Sample MSpec A034, Advanced Qualification Program: 14 CFR Part 91K

- a. The program manager is authorized to conduct operations of an Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) under 14 CFR Part 121 Subpart Y (§§ 121.901 through 121.925) in accordance with this management specification.
- b. The program manager is authorized to conduct operations under an AQP in accordance with the following curricula:

Table 1 – Authorized AQP for Inflight

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments

Table 2 – Authorized AQP for Pilot

Job Function	Aircraft M/M/S	Curricula	Initial Approval Date (Phase IV)	Final Approval Date (Phase V)	Comments