

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: Title 14 CFR Part 141 Ramp Inspection Guidance

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides guidance to aviation safety inspectors (ASI) with oversight responsibilities of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 141 schools and discusses the requirements for conducting ramp inspections of school aircraft.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards (FS) Safety Assurance offices' ASIs. 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. Cancellation. This notice cancels Notice N 8900.692, Part 141 Ramp Inspection Guidance, dated March 29, 2024.

5. Background. FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 6, Chapter 2, Section 4, Ramp Inspections for Parts 91K, 121, 125, and 135, was revised and removed 14 CFR part 141 from the guidance specific to ramp inspections. The reason for the removal was that the guidance was focused on an air carrier and not a pilot school operation. As a replacement, the following guidance provides ASIs information for conducting a ramp inspection of an aircraft operated by a 14 CFR part 141 pilot school or provisional pilot school.

6. Guidance. For all 14 CFR part 141 ramp inspections, follow the guidance below:

a. Inspect Airman Documents.

(1) Inspect the pilot and flight instructor certificates to determine the appropriate ratings and limitations for the type of operations they are conducting, and that the certificates are genuine and legible.

(2) If a medical certificate issued under 14 CFR part 67 is required for the operation, inspect the medical certificate to determine if it is current and of the appropriate class, and

review any limitations on the medical certificate. Check for a Statement of Demonstrated Ability (SODA), if required, on the medical certificate. Refer to 14 CFR § 61.3(c)(2) for instances when a medical certificate is not required, and when a driver's license or proof of meeting BasicMed requirements may be required instead. If the person is required to hold a valid driver's license, the person must comply with the limitations on that driver's license (such as a requirement to wear glasses) while operating the aircraft.

(3) Verify the pilot has an appropriate photo identification that is in that person's physical possession or readily accessible in the aircraft when exercising the privileges of that pilot certificate or authorization, in accordance with 14 CFR § 61.3(a)(2).

(4) If available, examine pilot logbooks (or other reliable records) to determine recent flight experience and qualifications, such as:

- Student pilot and sport pilot endorsements;
- Additional training endorsements (e.g., operating complex airplanes as pilot in command (PIC));
- Flight review;
- Instrument experience, including an instrument proficiency check (IPC); and
- Takeoff and landing experience.

b. Inspect Aircraft and Documents. Utilize Order 8900.1, Volume 6, Chapter 7, Section 2, Inspect a Part 141 Pilot School, Subparagraph 6-1581A, Inspect the Aircraft; and 14 CFR §§ 91.203 and 141.75.

7. Action. Effective immediately, ASIs should follow the guidance above when conducting a ramp inspection for a 14 CFR part 141 operation and record the ramp inspection via the Ramp Inspection Data Collection Tool (DCT) in the Safety Assurance System (SAS).

8. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1, Volume 6, Chapter 7, Part 141 Inspections, before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the General Aviation and Commercial Division, Training and Certification Group (AFS-810) at 202-267-1100.



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