

NOTICE

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SUBJ: 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. Background.** FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 6, Chapter 2, Section 4 is being revised to remove part 141 from the guidance. The reason for the removal is that the guidance is specific to an air carrier and not a pilot school. Upon publication, ASIs will not have guidance for conducting a part 141 ramp inspection. The following guidance provides ASIs information for conducting the ramp inspection.
- 5. Reissue.** This notice reissues Notice N 8900.611, Part 141 Ramp Inspection Guidance, dated March 1, 2022.
- 6. Guidance.** For all part 141 ramp inspections, follow the guidance below:
 - a. Inspect Airman Documents.**
 - (1) Inspect airman certificates to determine appropriate ratings and limitations for the type of operations they are conducting.
 - (2) Inspect airman medical certificates to determine if they are current and of the appropriate class. In the case of an airman exercising the privileges of a sport pilot certificate, the airman may not have an airman medical certificate; however, they may present a U.S. driver's license or neither (in certain cases) (please refer to 14 CFR part 61, § 61.303 for sport pilot

requirements). Check for a Statement of Demonstrated Ability (SODA), if required, on the medical certificate.

(3) Verify the pilot has a 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 § 61.3(a)(2).

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

- Student pilot endorsements,
- Flight review,
- Instrument proficiency check (IPC), or
- Flight experience.

b. Inspect Aircraft and Documents. Utilize Order 8900.1, Volume 6, Chapter 7, Section 2, Inspect a Part 141 Pilot School.

7. Action. Effective immediately, ASIs should follow the guidance above when conducting a ramp inspection for a 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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