

ORDER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SW 8000.22C

SOUTHWEST REGION

2/12/96

SUBJ: INSPECTORS SECURING ADDITIONAL RATINGS AND CERTIFICATION

1. **PURPOSE.** This order updates procedures for Flight Standards regional and field office personnel in regard to inspectors obtaining additional ratings or certificates other than through approved training courses provided by the Federal Aviation Administration.
2. **DISTRIBUTION.** This order is distributed to Southwest Region Flight Standards Division (branch level); Flight Standards field offices: General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800; Air Transportation Division, AFS-200; and Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300.
3. **CANCELLATION.** SW Order 8000.22B, Inspectors Securing Additional Ratings and Certification, dated April 14, 1990, is canceled.
4. **BACKGROUND.** In the past, incidents have occurred where inspectors obtained additional certificates or ratings by going directly to designated pilot examiners to arrange oral, practical, and/or flight tests, without the knowledge of the Flight Standards field office managers. This is not appropriate. Accordingly, inspectors are NOT authorized to obtain additional certificates or ratings unless the procedures outlined in paragraph 5 of this order are followed.
5. **PROCEDURES.** When inspectors are qualified for additional ratings or certificates, the following procedures will be followed:
 - a. **If a written examination** is required, after all prerequisites are met, it will be administered with the approval of the field office manager.
 - b. **The oral, practical, and/or flight test(s)** for the rating or certificate will be authorized by the Flight Standards field office manager. Assignment of the examining inspector/examiner will be made by the applicant's office manager after coordination with the Flight Standards General Aviation and Air Carrier Branch Manager, ASW-250.

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c. **Any deviation** from this procedure must be approved by the Flight Standards Division Manager.

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