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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

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National Policy

SUBJ: Airman Medical Certification - Disqualification Procedures

1. **Purpose.** This change to Order 8500.1D 11.a(1) modifies the time allowed for obtaining additional medical information, history, or release authorizations of medical history. The update changes the requirement from 15 days to 60 days.
2. **Who this change affects.** The change affects all FAA personnel responsible for the management and oversight of the requirements of Airman Medical Certification.
3. **Disposition of Transmittal Paragraph.** Retain this transmittal sheet until the directive is cancelled by a new directive.

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4. **Administrative Information.** This Order change is distributed to divisions and branches in Washington headquarters, regions, and centers and to all field offices and facilities.



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a. If additional information is required to determine the eligibility of an airman holding an affirmed airman medical certificate, the authorized official shall advise the airman by certified mail and regular mail that:

(1) Additional medical information, history, or release authorizations of medical history are needed and must be sent to the FAA within 60 days of the date of service of the letter, and

(2) Failure to respond within the specified time will result in legal enforcement action; i.e., suspension or revocation of the airman medical certificate in accordance with §67.413.

b. If the authorized official determines that an airman holding an affirmed airman medical certificate has a disqualifying medical condition, within 7 days of the determination advise the airman by certified and regular mail:

(1) Of the reason for the medical disqualification,

(2) That the airmen file will be referred to the appropriate FAA legal office for certificate action in accordance with §67.413, and,

(3) That the airman may voluntarily surrender his or her medical certificate within 14 days of the date of service of the letter to avoid legal action.

c. Legal Enforcement Action.

(1) Information or Certificate Not Received. If no response is received by the suspense date indicated in the letter to the airman, the authorized official must send the airman's file to the appropriate FAA legal office within 7 days from the suspense date.

(2) IF a medical certificate is suspended through legal enforcement action, the suspension or modification remains in effect until all requested information, history, or authorizations are provided to the FAA and the FAS determines the airman's eligibility to hold a certificate.

12. Authorization for special Issuance of a Medical Certificate and Statement of Demonstrated Ability.

a. Authorization for Special Issuance of a Medical Certificate (Authorization). At the discretion of the FAS, in accordance with §67.401, an Authorization may be granted to an airman who does not meet the medical certification provisions of part 67. Authorization of a medical certificate is granted when the FAS determines based on a review of the information presented by the airman that the duties authorized by the class of medical certificate applied for can be performed without endangering public safety during the period in which the Authorization will be in force.

b. Statement of Demonstrated Ability (SODA). At the discretion of the FAS in accordance with §67.401, a SODA may be granted instead of an Authorization to an airman whose disqualifying condition is static or non-progressive, and the FAS has found capable of performing airman duties