



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization

**ORDER
JO 8240.3C**

Effective Date:
05/17/15

SUBJ: Certification of Flight Inspection Personnel

1. Purpose of This Order. This order establishes policy for the certification of flight inspection personnel in accordance with FAA Order 8200.1, United States Standard Flight Inspection Manual. It applies to Flight Inspection Services, Flight Inspection Operations Offices crewmembers or military crewmembers responsible for performing the duties of certifying air navigation services and/or instrument flight procedures. This order provides standards for examining employee competence and issuing appropriate credentials that authenticate certification authority.

2. Audience. This order is distributed to all flight inspection personnel in Flight Inspection Services and associated military units.

3. Where Can I Find This Order? You can find this order on the Directives Management System (DMS) website: https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ or http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices/.

4. What This Order Cancels. This order cancels Order JW-3 8240.3B, Certification of Flight Inspection Personnel, dated August 16, 2010.

5. Explanation of Policy Changes. This change clarifies the date of certification.

6. Designation of Authority and Flight Inspection Mission Certification. The certification process grants flight inspection personnel the authority to carry out the administration's responsibility to ensure the satisfactory operation of air navigation facilities, services, and instrument flight procedures. This authority is in accordance with Order 8200.1, U.S. Standard Flight Inspection Manual, and applicable International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) documents.

7. Application of the Flight Inspection Services Flight Inspection Program.

a. The Director of Operations, Flight Inspection Operations Group, is the approving authority for certification of Flight Inspection Services and U.S. Military flight inspection personnel. The Director of Operations is also the approval authority for those individuals performing duties as Flight Inspection Services Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluators.

b. The Standards Manager, Flight Inspection Operations Group, is responsible for the implementation, administration and program oversight for the Flight Inspection Services Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluation Program. Flight Inspection Services Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluators are assigned by letter of authority initiated by the Standards Manager for approval by the Director of Operations. These evaluators administer the Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluation Program in accordance with appropriate guidance. Their duties include administering Initial, Re-qualification, and Proficiency flight inspection evaluations and other quality evaluations as directed by the Standards Manager.

c. Flight Inspection Certification of Flight Inspection Services Flight Inspection crewmembers. Airspace System Inspection Pilots and Airway Transportation Systems Specialists (Mission Specialists) will be recommended for certification following successful completion of all required training. Certification will be dated for the beginning of the mission evaluation. Upon completion of a successful mission evaluation by a Flight Inspection Standardization Evaluator, the candidate will be authorized to operate in that position.

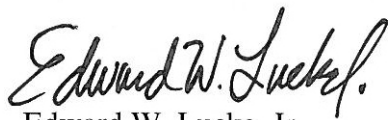
The certification will be documented using FAA Forms 8000-5 and 8430-9. These certificates are approved and signed by the Director of Operations, Flight Inspection Operations Group. Certification documentation will be maintained in the aircrew record system and remain valid until suspended or revoked by the Director of Operations.

(1) Unrestricted certification grants the authority and responsibility to inspect all facilities and services covered in FAA Order 8200.1, United States Standard Flight Inspection Manual, as of the date of certification.

(2) Limited Certification. Personnel may be certified to inspect only some facilities or services. In these cases, the limitations must be clearly indicated on FAA Forms 8000-5 and 8430-9. Some examples of limitations are “Non-AFIS Inspection Only” and “GPS Non-Precision Only”. Removal of limitations will be through a separate evaluation by a Standardization Evaluator and issuance of new FAA Forms 8000-5 and 8430-9.

(3) New type facilities. The Director of Flight Inspection Services will provide the authority to flight inspect new types of facilities and services as they are introduced to the National Airspace System (NAS). The Flight Inspection Operations Group determines specific training and qualifications required for inspection personnel while these programs are in development.

(4) Special Missions. Some navigation systems are deployed in limited numbers, require flight inspection equipment not in general use, or are in such unusual locations that it is impractical to train and certify all crewmembers for these “Special Missions.” The Flight Inspection Standards Manager will determine the requirements to certify crewmembers on these systems. The Director of Operations approves and designates those systems as Special Missions.



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