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Subject: Privileges and Qualifying Endorsements for Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 61 Flight Instructors with a Sport Pilot Rating (part 61 subpart K) and Sport Pilot Certificate (part 61 subpart J).

Purpose: This InFO provides clarification for pilots with a higher grade of pilot certificate exercising sport pilot privileges, flight instructors with a sport pilot rating (subpart K), and flight instructors with category and class ratings issued under subpart H who provide training and qualifying endorsement privileges.

Background: On July 24, 2025, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published the MOSAIC final rule that expanded privileges for what aircraft sport pilots are permitted to operate¹. This final rule included part 61 pilot certification changes, which became effective on October 22, 2025. Since the implementation of the MOSAIC rule, the FAA has received several questions regarding the privileges and limitations of flight instructors with a sport pilot rating (subpart K) and pilots who hold higher grade certificates than sport pilot but are opting to utilize sport pilot privileges under subpart J. This InFO serves to clarify some of the questions the FAA has received.

Note the subpart references used in this InFO:

- Subpart H - Flight Instructors Other than Flight Instructors with a Sport Pilot Rating (flight instructors authorized for category and class ratings, e.g., airplane single engine);
- Subpart J - Sport Pilots (the operating privileges available to a sport pilot);
- Subpart K - Flight Instructor Certificates with a Sport Pilot Rating (instructors authorized only to provide training, checking, and endorsements limited to sport pilot privileges).

Discussion: Under 14 CFR § 61.413, flight instructors with a sport pilot rating (issued under subpart K) are authorized to conduct ground and flight training, certain checking events, and issue endorsements solely related to sport pilot privileges, within the limits of their certificate and rating.

Except for the ability to conduct a knowledge or practical test for a private pilot certificate with a powered parachute or weight-shift-control aircraft rating, § 61.413 does not grant flight instructors with a sport

¹ See Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification, 90 FR 3534 (July 24, 2025).

pilot rating (subpart K) the authority to train pilots pursuing certificates, ratings, or privileges at the recreational pilot level or higher. Subpart K instructors are permitted to provide training, endorsements, and checking to pilots with a higher-grade certificate (recreational or above) only when the pilot is exercising sport pilot privileges, as per § 61.413(a)(5).

Endorsements received from flight instructors holding a sport pilot rating (subpart K) restrict an individual to exercising only the privileges of a sport pilot certificate, subject to the operational and aircraft limitations outlined in §§ 61.315 and 61.316. For instance, if a private pilot receives a flight review from a flight instructor with a sport pilot rating, that pilot would be limited to exercising sport pilot privileges. To exercise private pilot privileges, they must obtain a flight review from an instructor with the appropriate category and class rating under subpart H. Regulations do not allow a pilot to carry the privileges earned through a flight review from a sport pilot instructor up to their private pilot certificate, even if they hold such a certificate. This restriction also applies to high performance, complex, or tailwheel airplane endorsements from flight instructors with a sport pilot rating (subpart K).

Furthermore, § 61.413 imposes the same limitations on flight instructors holding a certificate under subpart H who choose to exercise sport pilot rating privileges under subpart K. Any training, endorsement, or checking provided to a pilot by a flight instructor holding a certificate under subpart H who is exercising sport pilot rating privileges (subpart K), regardless of the pilot certificate level held by the pilot, will also be limited to sport pilot privileges under subpart J.

The FAA recommends that flight instructors with a sport pilot rating (subpart K), or those with the appropriate category and class rating under subpart H exercising flight instructor privileges under subpart K use the following sample endorsement for a flight review. This endorsement should clearly outline its limitations. Similar language should be used for high performance, complex, or tailwheel airplane endorsements given by flight instructors exercising subpart K privileges.

Completion of a flight review: 14 CFR § 61.56(a) and (c).

*I certify that [First name, MI, Last name], [grade of pilot certificate], [certificate number], has satisfactorily completed a flight review of 14 CFR § 61.56(a) on [date] **and is limited to sport pilot privileges and limitations (Subpart J).***

[w/instructor signature, CFI number, and expiration date or recent experience end date, as applicable.]

Recommended Action: All flight instructors and sport pilots are encouraged to review this InFO to ensure they fully understand and comply with the privileges associated with flight instructors holding a sport pilot rating (subpart K) and those related to sport pilot privileges (subpart J). In addition, flight instructors are advised to use the provided sample endorsement for sport pilot privileges and limitations when conducting training and issuing endorsements for pilots exercising sport pilot privileges. The FAA plans to incorporate this information into future updates of Advisory Circular (AC) 61-65 (as amended) and AC 61-146 (as amended).

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