

# Manufacturing Production Conformity

Manufacturing applicants are required to meet specific qualification requirements and complete initial training prior to appointment as a designee and authorization of specific function codes. In 2016, the Aircraft Certification Service launched specialized training for manufacturing designees authorized to make conformity determinations: the Initial Conformity Determination course and the Recurrent Conformity Determination course. Before the launch of these courses, some aspects of conformity training were included in training courses Aircraft Certification, and Issuance of FAA Form 8130-3. An applicant seeking authorization to conduct conformity determinations must have 36 months of experience and complete the Initial Conformity Determination course (see FAA Order 8000.95, Designee Management Policy, Volume 8, Table 8-1).

The Training Matrix on faa.gov lists all of the training requirements for DMIRs and DAR-Fs. The matrix included the term “production conformity” and associated this activity with the training requirements for issuance of FAA Form 8130-3. This caused confusion concerning the term “production conformity”, as it applied to manufacturing designees and their authorizations and training requirements. Also noted was the lack of an FAA definition for the term “production conformity”.

AIR-600 issued a clarification memorandum on August 1, 2022, defining production conformity for manufacturing designee management and amending the DMIR/DAR-F Training Matrix. This memo also amended the definition for function code 24 to add the words “production conformity”. See the memo numbered AIR-600-CY22-DM13 for more information.

Link to the memorandum:

<https://drs.faa.gov/browse/excelExternalWindow/DRSDOCID134233037220220801161728.0001>

Link to the Training Matrix:

[https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/other\\_visit/aviation\\_industry/designees\\_delegations/training/DMIR\\_DAR-F\\_ODA\\_Training\\_Matrix.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/other_visit/aviation_industry/designees_delegations/training/DMIR_DAR-F_ODA_Training_Matrix.pdf).