

**Air Carrier Training Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ACT ARC)**

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**ACT ARC Recommendation 21-4**  
**Additions and clarifications to the “References” section of AC 120–53B, Change 1**

**I. Submission**

The recommendations below were submitted by the Flight Standardization Board Workgroup (FSB WG) for consideration by the Air Carrier Training Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ACT ARC) Steering Committee at its April 28, 2021, meeting. The ACT ARC Steering Committee adopted the recommendations, and they are submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as ACT ARC Recommendation 21-4.

**II. Statement of the Issue**

The References section of an Advisory Circular (AC) lists the regulatory and guidance material referenced within the body of the AC and related materials and resources. In order to provide a more informative list of such references, the ACT ARC recommends the FAA include the following in its references listed in AC 120–53B, Change 1 (AC 120–53B).

**III. Recommendations**

The ACT ARC proposes the following references be added to the “References” list in the AC:

1. FAA Order 8110.4C, “Type Certification”
2. FAA Order 8112.110A, “Standardized Procedures for Usage of Issue Papers and Development of Equivalent Levels of Safety Memorandums”

Incorporating these FAA certification orders would enhance understanding of FSB activities by acknowledging the context of AFS’ overall operational evaluation responsibilities to FAA AIR and the role the FSB plays in fulfilling those functions.

3. FAA-S-ACS-11, “Airman Certification Standards”

Material in FAA-S-ACS-11 was effective June 28, 2019. All previous editions of the Airline Transport Pilot and Aircraft Type Rating Practical Test Standards for Airplane were obsolete as of this date for airplane applicants.

The ACT ARC recommends the following deletion:

1. FAA-S-8081-5, “Airline Transport Pilot and Aircraft Type Rating Practical Test Standards for Airplane”

FAA-S-ACS-11 incorporates and supersedes the previous Airline Transport Pilot and Aircraft Type Rating Practical Test Standards (PTS) for Airplane, FAA-S-8081-5.

#### **IV. Rationale and Discussion**

This recommendation updates all current references in the “References” section of the AC 120–53B, Change 1.

#### **V. Background Information**

Recommendation 21-4 addresses Item 2 in the FSB WG Scope of Work and ACT ARC Initiative #43 (see below):

FSB WG Scope of Work:

2. Examine how the FAA could improve its current product (FSB Report) to meet the interests of all stakeholders.

ACT ARC Initiatives:

- Initiative #43: Examine how the FAA could improve its current Flight Standardization Board (FSB) Process and product (FSB Report) to meet the interests of all stakeholders.

References

- FAA Advisory Circular 120–53B, change 1, October 24, 2016.
- FAA Order 8900.1