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ARSA Regulatory Compliance Training—Questions

Part 145: Repair Stations **Level 1**: For anyone in aviation.

§ 145.223 FAA Inspections.

- (a) A certificated repair station must allow the FAA to inspect that repair station at any time to determine compliance with this chapter.
- (b) A certificated repair station may not contract for the performance of a maintenance function on an article with a noncertificated person unless it provides in its contract with the noncertificated person that the FAA may make an inspection and observe the performance of the noncertificated person's work on the article.
- (c) A certificated repair station may not return to service any article on which a maintenance function was performed by a noncertificated person if the noncertificated person does not permit the FAA to make the inspection described in paragraph (b) of this section.

Question 1 : A repair station may refuse an FAA inspection because the date of the inspection is inconvenient.	Question 2 : A non-certificated vendor, with whom the repair station contracted to perform an approved maintenance function, may refuse a request by the FAA to inspect and observe the work performed for the repair station.
A—True.	A—True.
B—False.	B—False.
Question 3 : If a non-certificated maintenance function vendor refuses an FAA inspection of the work it performs for the repair station, the repair station can still approve the articles for return to service.	<u>Question 4</u> : Non-certificated maintenance function vendors must allow the repair station to inspect and observe the vendor's performance of work on articles.
A—True.	A—True.
B—False.	B—False.
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ARSA Regulatory Compliance Training—Answers

Part 145: Repair Stations Level 2: For those with basic aviation knowledge

§ 145.223 FAA Inspections.

- (a) A certificated repair station must allow the FAA to inspect that repair station at any time to determine compliance with this chapter.
- (b) A certificated repair station may not contract for the performance of a maintenance function on an article with a noncertificated person unless it provides in its contract with the noncertificated person that the FAA may make an inspection and observe the performance of the noncertificated person's work on the article.
- (c) A certificated repair station may not return to service any article on which a maintenance function was performed by a noncertificated person if the noncertificated person does not permit the FAA to make the inspection described in paragraph (b) of this section.

<u>Question 1</u>: A repair station may refuse an FAA inspection because the date of the inspection is inconvenient.

A-True

B—False. Section <u>145.223(a)</u> requires the repair stations to allow FAA personnel to inspect their facilities <u>at any</u> <u>time</u> to determine compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. This requirement can be problematic for smaller repair stations and ones that that only operate during certain times of year. Nevertheless, you must consent to an inspection. Best practice is to be accommodating and work with the FAA; explain why the proposed date or time would be impractical.

<u>Question 3</u>: If a non-certificated maintenance function vendor refuses an FAA inspection of the work it performs for the repair station, the repair station can still approve the articles for return to service.

A—True

B—False. A repair station may return an article to service after it verifies by test and/or inspection that the work performed by a non-certificated vendor is airworthy. § 145.217(b)(3). The <u>exception</u> to this rule is when a vendor refuses FAA inspections that are required as a condition to being able to perform work for the repair station. § 145.223(c). As discussed in Question 2, this exception would only apply if the vendor refused an inspection while performing work for the repair station. <u>Question 2</u>: A non-certificated vendor, with whom the repair station contracted to perform an approved maintenance function, may refuse a request by the FAA to inspect and observe the work performed for the repair station.

A—True.

B—False. A repair station must obtain approval to contract maintenance functions to a noncertificated source under § 145.217(a)(1). If the maintenance function is approved, the repair station must include the vendor in its § 145.217(a)(2) list. However, vendors are subject to the same inspection requirements as repair stations; under § 145.223(b), repair stations are prohibited from contracting maintenance functions unless the FAA can inspect and observe the vendor while it performs work on articles that it has received from the repair station. Ensure your vendor contracts include provisions requiring consent to FAA inspections. Remember, the FAA may only inspect those entities IF and WHEN work for the certificated repair station is being performed.

<u>Question 4</u>: Non-certificated maintenance function vendors must allow the repair station to inspect and observe the vendor's performance of work on articles.

A—True

B—False. Non-certificated maintenance function vendors are under no <u>regulatory</u> obligation to allow a repair station to inspect and observe its work. Repair stations should include such a provision in their contracts particularly since they must remain directly in charge of the work performed (§ 145.217(b)(3)). Moreover, repair stations remain responsible for ensuring that non-certificated vendors follow a quality control system equivalent to part 145 requirements (§ 145.217(b)(1)).