

## 14 CFR Part 147, Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools

### Comparison

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#### Subpart A—General

##### § 147.1 Applicability.

This part prescribes the requirements for issuing aviation maintenance technician school certificates and associated ratings and the general operating rules for the holders of those certificates and ratings.

##### § 147.3 Certificate required.

No person may operate an aviation maintenance technician school without, or in violation of, an aviation maintenance technician school certificate and the operations specifications issued under this part.

##### § 147.5 Application requirements.

(a) To be issued a certificate or rating under this part, an applicant must demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this part.

(b) An application for a certificate ~~or~~and rating to operate an aviation maintenance technician school ~~shall~~must include the following:

(#1) A description of the facilities, including the physical address of the ~~certificate holder's~~applicant's primary location for operation of the school, ~~and~~ any additional fixed locations where training will be provided, and the equipment and materials to be used at each location;

(#2) A description of the manner in which the school's curriculum will ensure the student has the knowledge and skills necessary for attaining a mechanic certificate and associated ratings under subpart D of part 65 of this chapter;

(3) A description of the manner in which the school will ensure it provides the necessary qualified instructors to meet the requirements of § 147.19; and

(4) Any additional information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this part.

(c) An application for an additional rating or amended certificate ~~shall~~must include only the information required by paragraph (b) that is necessary to substantiate the reason for the ~~requested~~additional rating or change: sought.

~~(d) DOCUMENTED IN THE SCHOOL'S OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS.—Upon issuance of the school's certificate or rating, the information required under subparagraph (A) shall be documented in the school's operations specifications.~~

~~(e) APPROVED CHANGES.—Any approved changes shall be documented in the school's operations specifications.~~

##### § 147.7 Duration of certificates.

An aviation maintenance technician school certificate or rating issued under this part is effective from the date of issue until the certificate or rating is surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

##### § 147.11 Ratings.

The following ratings may be issued under this part:

- (a) Airframe.
- (b) Powerplant.
- (c) Airframe and powerplant.

~~(5) OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS.—A certificated aviation maintenance technician school shall operate in accordance with operations specifications that include the following:~~

- ~~(A) The certificate holder's name.~~
- ~~(B) The certificate holder's air agency certificate number.~~
- ~~(C) The name and contact information of the certificate holder's primary point of contact.~~
- ~~(D) The physical address of the certificate holder's primary location, as provided under paragraph (1)(A).~~
- ~~(E) The physical address of any additional location of the certificate holder, as provided under subsection (d)(2).~~
- ~~(F) The ratings held, as provided under paragraph (4).~~
- ~~(G) Any regulatory exemption granted to the school by the Administrator.~~

~~(d) OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS.—~~

~~(1) FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS.—~~

## **Subpart B – Certification and Operating Requirements**

### **§ 147.13 Facilities, equipment, and material requirements.**

(a) Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school ~~shall~~must provide and maintain the facilities, equipment, and materials that are appropriate to the ~~rating~~ or ~~more~~ ratings held by the school and the number of students taught.

(b) For certificated aviation maintenance technician schools that provide training at more than one location in accordance with § 147.15, the facilities, equipment, and materials used at each location must be appropriate to the curriculum or portion of the curriculum, and the number of students being taught, at that location.

### **§ 147.15 Training provided at another location.**

A certificated aviation maintenance technician school may provide training at any fixed location other than its primary location, provided the additional training location ~~that~~ meets the requirements of this part and is listed in the certificate holder's operations specifications.

### **§ 147.17 Training requirements.**

(a) Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school ~~shall~~—must:

- (1) Establish, maintain, and utilize a curriculum that is designed to continually align with the mechanic airman certification standards as appropriate for the ratings held;
- (2) Provide training of a quality that meets the requirements of § 147.25; and

(3) Ensure students have the knowledge and skills necessary to be ~~eligible~~prepared to test for a mechanic certificate and associated ratings under subpart D of part 65 of this chapter.

(b) The standards required in paragraph (a)(1) of this section are contained in the Aviation Mechanic General, Airframe, and Powerplant Airman Certification Standards; FAA-S-ACS-1, Nov. 1, 2021, which are incorporated by reference into this section with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. All approved material is available for inspection at the Federal Aviation Administration, Airman Testing Standards Branch/Regulatory Support Division, 405- 954-4151, AFS630Comments@faa.gov. It is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email: fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to www.archives.gov/federalregister/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

### **§ 147.19 Instructor requirements**

Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school ~~shall~~must:

(a) Provide qualified instructors to teach in a manner that ensures positive educational outcomes are achieved;

(b) Ensure instructors ~~either~~—

(1) Hold a mechanic certificate with ~~one~~ or more appropriate ratings ~~(; or, with respect to instructors who are~~

(2) If they do not ~~certified mechanics, ensure instructors~~hold a mechanic certificate, are otherwise specifically qualified to teach their assigned content);; and

(c) Ensure the student-to-instructor ratio does not exceed 25:1 for any shop class.

### **§ 147.21 Certificate of Completion**

Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school ~~shall~~must provide an authenticated ~~documentation~~document to each graduating student, indicating the student's date of graduation and curriculum completed.

### **§ 147.23 Quality control system.**

(a) Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school ~~shall~~—must—

(1) Be accredited ~~as meeting within~~ the ~~definition of an institution meaning~~ of higher education provided for in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)(5)); or

(2) Establish and maintain a quality control system that meets the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this section, and is approved by the Administrator.

~~(2) FAA-APPROVED SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—~~

~~In the case of an aviation maintenance technician school that is not accredited as set forth in paragraph (1), the Administrator shall approve a~~

(b) The quality control system that provides specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section must provide procedures for recordkeeping, assessment, issuing credit, issuing of final course grades, attendance, ensuring sufficient number of instructors, granting of graduation documentation, and corrective action for addressing deficiencies.

### **§ 147.25 Minimum passage rate.**

(a) Each certificated aviation maintenance technician school shall must maintain the pass rate of specified in paragraph (b) for the most recent 3-year period.

(b) For students who take an FAA mechanic test under part 65 of this chapter within 60 days after graduation, at least 70 percent of students who took a written, oral, or practical (must pass one of the following tests or any combination thereof) FAA mechanic tests within 60 days of graduation for the most recent 3-year period.:

(1) Written test;

(2) Oral test; or

(3) Practical test.

(c) For students who take a combination of tests within the 60-day window specified in paragraph (b), an AMTS must count a failure on any one test as a student failure for purposes of determining the pass rate, unless that failed test is subsequently passed within the 60-day window.

#### **§ 147.27 FAA inspection.**

A certificated aviation maintenance technician school shall must allow the Administrator such access as the Administrator determines necessary to inspect the one or more locations of the school for purposes of determining the school's compliance with the requirements of this part.

#### **§ 147.29 Display of certificate.**

A certificated aviation maintenance technician school shall must display its aviation maintenance technician school certificate at a place in each location in the school of the school, including the primary location and any additional fixed locations, that is visible by and normally accessible to the public.

#### **147.31 Early testing.**

When a student satisfactorily completes the general portion of a certificated aviation maintenance technician school's curriculum, the school may issue an authenticated documentation demonstrating a document that demonstrates the student's satisfactory progress, completion of corresponding portions of the curriculum, and preparedness to take the aviation mechanic written general knowledge test, even if the student has not met the experience requirements of section 65.77 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation). Any such documentation shall specify the curriculum the student completed mechanic general written test in accordance with § 65.75(c) of this chapter.