

ARSA Regulatory Compliance Training—Questions

Part 1: DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Level 1: For anyone working in aviation

§ 1.1 General definitions [Selected].

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Question 1: The term “approved” always means approved by the FAA or any person to whom the agency has delegated its authority.

- A: True.
- B: False.

Question 2: A person holding an FAA delegation can provide agency approval for any matter.

- A: True.
- B: False.

Question 3: When an item must be “acceptable to” the FAA, the agency must proactively accept it prior to use by a certificate holder.

- A: True.
- B: False.

Question 4: In demonstrating acceptability, a person must be able to reference a standard or practice previously found acceptable by the FAA.

- A: True.
- B: False.

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A: True.

B: **False.** The definition of “approved” in § 1.1 includes the caveat “unless used in reference to another person” before applying the term to FAA authority.

Question 3: When an item must be “acceptable to” the FAA, the agency must proactively accept it prior to use by a certificate holder.

A: True.

B: **False.** The guidance in [Order 8900.1](#) notes that assessment by the FAA prior to use is normally not necessary.

Question 2: A person holding an FAA delegation can provide agency approval for any matter.

A: True.

B: **False.** The language in § 1.1 including FAA delegation holders notes that person must have been delegated authority “in the matter concerned.”

Question 4: In demonstrating acceptability, a person must be able to reference a standard or practice previously found acceptable by the FAA.

A: True.

B: **False.** The guidance in [Order 8900.1](#) notes that “at a minimum,” the person should “articulate a clear and reasonable basis for the action taken.”