

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0067]

## Agency Information Collection

**Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: High Density Traffic Airports; Slot Allocation and Transfer Methods****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew a currently approved information collection. The FAA collects information from U.S. and foreign air carriers holding a slot at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), and LaGuardia Airport (LGA); operating scheduled flights at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), O'Hare International Airport (ORD), and San Francisco International Airport (SFO); and conducting unscheduled operations at DCA and LGA. The information collected is necessary to support the advance management of air traffic demand by the FAA Slot Administration in an effort to reduce potential delays. The FAA proposes renaming this information collection to "FAA Runway Slot Administration and Schedule Analysis" to more accurately reflect the collection of information related to multiple airports subject to different FAA regulatory and voluntary processes under this program.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by May 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001; telephone: (800) 647–5527, or (202) 366–9826. You must identify FAA Docket Number FAA–2021–0067 at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Gonabe, FAA Slot Administration, by email at: [matthew.gonabe@faa.gov](mailto:matthew.gonabe@faa.gov); phone: (609) 485–9554.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Public Comments Invited:* Public comment is invited on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120–0524.

*Title:* High Density Traffic Airports; Slot Allocation and Transfer Methods.

*Form Numbers:* There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The FAA has implemented several initiatives to address air traffic congestion and delay at certain airports within the National Airspace System (NAS). DCA slot rules are established under 14 CFR part 93, subparts K and S. The FAA has issued Orders limiting operations at JFK and LGA.<sup>1</sup> These Orders resulted from increasing congestion and delays at the airports requiring the FAA to allocate arrival and departure slots at JFK and LGA. In addition, the FAA has designated EWR, ORD, SFO, and LAX as Level 2 schedule-facilitated airports under the IATA Worldwide Slot Guidelines (WSG) now known as the Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines (WASG).<sup>2</sup> At Level 2 airports, the FAA seeks the cooperation of all carriers planning operations, on a voluntary basis, to maintain close communications on runway schedules and facilitate adjustments, as needed.

<sup>1</sup> Operating Limitations at John F. Kennedy International Airport, 73 FR 3510 (Jan. 18, 2008), as most recently amended 85 FR 58258 (Sep. 18, 2020); Operating Limitations at New York LaGuardia Airport, 71 FR 77854 (Dec. 27, 2006), as most recently amended 85 FR 58255 (Sep. 18, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> Notice of Submission Deadline for Schedule Information for O'Hare International, John F. Kennedy International, and Newark Liberty International Airports for the Summer 2009 Scheduling Season, 73 FR 54659 (Sept. 22, 2008); Notice of Submission Deadline for Schedule Information for San Francisco International Airport for the Summer 2012 Scheduling Season, 76 FR 64163 (Oct. 17, 2011); Notice of Submission Deadline for Schedule Information for Los Angeles International Airport for the Summer 2015 Scheduling Season 80 FR 12253 (Mar. 6, 2015); Notice of Change of Newark Liberty International Airport Designation, 81 FR 19861 (Apr. 6, 2016). The FAA reaffirmed the Level 2 designations by 85 FR 65134 (Oct. 14, 2020). These designations remain effective until the FAA announces a change in the **Federal Register**.

At DCA, U.S. and foreign air carriers, including commuter operators, must notify the FAA of: (1) Written consent and requests for confirmation of slot transfers; (2) slots required to be returned and slots voluntarily returned; (3) requests to be included in a lottery for the permanent allocation of available slots; (4) reports on usage of slots on a bi-monthly basis; and (5) requests for slots in low-demand hours or other temporary allocations. Operators must obtain a reservation from the FAA prior to conducting an unscheduled operation. At LGA, U.S. and foreign air carriers must notify the FAA of: (1) Written consent and requests for confirmation of slot transfers; (2) slots required to be returned and slots voluntarily returned; (3) requests to be included in a lottery for the permanent allocation of available slots; and (4) reports usage of slots on a bi-monthly basis. Carriers must also request and obtain a reservation from the FAA prior to conducting an unscheduled operation. At JFK, U.S. and foreign air carriers must notify the FAA of: (1) Written consent and requests for confirmation of slot transfers; (2) requests for seasonal allocation of historic and additional available slots; (3) reports on usage of slots on a seasonal basis; (4) the return of slots; and (5) changes to allocated slots. At EWR, LAX, ORD, and SFO, all carriers are asked to notify the FAA of their intended operating schedules during designated hours on a semiannual basis (for each winter and summer scheduling season) based on the IATA WASG Calendar of Coordination Activities and provide updates throughout the year when there are significant schedule changes.

The FAA estimates that all information from carriers is submitted electronically from data stored in carrier scheduling databases. Requests for unscheduled flight reservations are submitted electronically via the internet. The FAA also proposes to rename the collection to "FAA Runway Slot Administration and Schedule Analysis" to more accurately reflect the collection of information related to multiple airports subject to different FAA regulatory and voluntary processes.

*Respondents:* 119 unique carriers; unknown number of carriers conducting unscheduled operations at LGA and DCA.

*Frequency:* Information is collected as needed; some reporting on bimonthly or semiannual basis.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 6 minutes per slot transaction per respondent (*i.e.*, transferor and

transferee); 6 minutes per slot return; 6 minutes per schedule update; 6 minutes per request for inclusion in a lottery; 2 minutes per unscheduled slot request; 1.5 hours per schedule submission; and 1 hour per slot usage report.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 5602.6 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. 2021-2062]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Airlines for America

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before March 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2020-0307 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

*Privacy:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

*Docket:* Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nia Daniels, (202) 267-9677, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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**Timothy R. Adams,**

*Deputy Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2020-0307.

*Petitioner:* Airlines for America.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:*

121.407(c)(2), 121.409(b)(2)(i), 121.417(c)(2)(i)(C)-(D) and (E)(4), 121.424(a)(1), 121.427(b)(2)(i)-(iii), (e)(1)(ii) and (e)(2), 121.441(b)(1), and 121.805(b)(5)(iii)

*Description of Relief Sought:* The petitioner requests an extension and amendment of Exemption No. 18512C to allow certificate holders to use alternative methods to conduct certain required crewmember emergency procedures during recurrent, conversion, and upgrade training, checking, and evaluation until September 30, 2021. The petitioner seeks an amendment to the Conditions and Limitations of Exemption No. 18512C, which require a crewmember using alternative methods to complete the drills using the normal procedures during the person's next regularly scheduled recurrent ground training or within 12 calendar months (plus grace month) of the training using the alternative methods, whichever is earlier. The petitioner seeks an amendment to allow up to 24 calendar months after use of the alternative methods for crewmembers to complete

the emergency drills or performance drills using the normal procedures.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2020-0224]

#### Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing: FirstGroup plc. Application for Exemption From the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Pre-Employment Full Query

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that FirstGroup plc (FirstGroup) has applied for an exemption on behalf of three of its subsidiaries, First Student, Inc., First Transit, Inc., and First Mile Square, which employ commercial driver's license (CDL) holders subject to drug and alcohol testing. FirstGroup requests an exemption from the requirement that an employer must conduct a full query of FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) before employing a CDL holder to perform safety-sensitive functions. Under the requested exemption, in lieu of a full query, FirstGroup would conduct a limited pre-employment query of the Clearinghouse. If the limited query indicated that information about the driver existed in the Clearinghouse, FirstGroup would then conduct a full query of the Clearinghouse, with the driver-applicant providing consent in the Clearinghouse as required. In addition, FirstGroup would conduct a second limited query within 30 to 35 days of the initial limited query and conduct multiple limited queries on all its CDL drivers each year thereafter.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 15, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA-2020-0224 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See the *Public Participation and Request for Comments* section below for further information.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.