

comment period in finalizing the Aircraft Master Schedule.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0909]

Proposed Standardized Curricula for Part 135 Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers, Instructor/Check Pilot Qualification Curriculum

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the proposed standardized curricula for instructor and check pilot qualifications for certain air carriers. This curriculum may be delivered by FAA-certificated training centers. The FAA invites public comment.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on these proposed documents by December 22, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by docket number FAA–2021–0909 using any of the following methods: Mail: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

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, 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: DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at 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 Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua Tarkington, Flight Standards, Air Transportation Division, Training and Simulation Group (AFS–280), Joshua.Tarkington@faa.gov, (860) 708–3839. Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The standardized curriculum concept for Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 135 training provided by part 142 training centers is a voluntary approach to training. Additional information about standardized curricula is available in Advisory Circular (AC) 142–1, Standardized Curricula Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers.

Background

The FAA tasked the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) in March 2020, which was further designated to the Training Standardization Working Group (TSWG), with providing advice and recommendations to the ARAC on the most effective ways to achieve standardization (where appropriate) and significant administrative efficiency in check pilot qualification, flight instructor qualification, and part 135 air carrier training curricula delivered by part 142 training centers, known as the Standardized Curriculum Concept. TSWG membership includes representatives from training centers, aircraft manufacturers, operators, and aviation industry organizations.

Standardized curricula will provide a common method for quality training accessible to any certificate holder that obtains approval to use the curriculum in its FAA-approved training program. The Standardized Curriculum Concept aims to provide an efficient means to approve training curricula offered by part 142 training centers while increasing the consistency of training, testing, and checking delivered to part 135 operators. The use of standardized curricula is strictly voluntary and is one means to comply with the applicable regulatory requirements of parts 135 and 142. The standardized curriculum does not modify existing regulatory requirements for pilot training or qualification.

One of the tasks to the ARAC included the following: Development of Instructor and Check Pilot Qualification Curriculum for standardized curriculum.

In response to that task, the TSWG developed a recommended curriculum,

the Instructor/Check Pilot Standardized Curriculum, as a means to meet the requirements in part 135 for qualifying instructors and check pilots approved for use at a part 142 training center. This recommended curriculum tracks with the regulatory requirements for qualification as a 14 CFR part 135 instructor or check pilot, and includes the curriculum and subjects necessary to complete:

- Initial qualification
- Recurrent training every 12 calendar months
- Requalification
- Bridging, which provides a path for those who are currently qualified as instructor/evaluators for parts 135 or 142 the training required to include the Standardized Training Curriculum
- Variables such as transitioning to a new flight simulator/training device, operating system, and subsequent aircraft types

Comments Invited

The FAA invites public comments on the TSWG proposed Standardized Curricula for Part 135 Delivered by Part 142 Training Centers, Instructor/Check Pilot Qualification Curriculum. The FAA will consider the public comments submitted during this comment period in finalizing the Instructor/Check Pilot Qualification Curriculum.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2021–0012]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to exempt eight individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. They are unable to meet the vision requirement in one eye for various reasons. The exemptions enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on November 19, 2021. The exemptions expire on November 19, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, fmcamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number, FMCSA-2021-0012, in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click "Browse Comments." If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

B. Privacy Act

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

II. Background

On October 19, 2021, FMCSA published a notice announcing receipt of applications from eight individuals requesting an exemption from vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and requested comments from the public (86 FR 57887). The public comment period ended on November 18, 2021, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the

level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in § 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-year period if it finds such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption. The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver's medical certification.

The Agency's decision regarding these exemption applications is based on medical reports about the applicants' vision, as well as their driving records and experience driving with the vision deficiency. The qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant were stated and discussed in detail in the October 19, 2021, **Federal Register** notice (86 FR 57887) and will not be repeated here.

FMCSA recognizes that some drivers do not meet the vision requirement but have adapted their driving to accommodate their limitation and demonstrated their ability to drive safely. The eight exemption applicants listed in this notice are in this category. They are unable to meet the vision requirement in one eye for various reasons, including amblyopia, macular scar, prosthesis, and retinal detachment. In most cases, their eye conditions did not develop recently. Five of the applicants were either born with their vision impairments or have had them since childhood. The three individuals that developed their vision conditions as adults have had them for a range of 11 to 21 years. Although each applicant

has one eye that does not meet the vision requirement in § 391.41(b)(10), each has at least 20/40 corrected vision in the other eye, and, in a doctor's opinion, has sufficient vision to perform all the tasks necessary to operate a CMV.

Doctors' opinions are supported by the applicants' possession of a valid license to operate a CMV. By meeting State licensing requirements, the applicants demonstrated their ability to operate a CMV with their limited vision in intrastate commerce, even though their vision disqualified them from driving in interstate commerce. We believe that the applicants' intrastate driving experience and history provide an adequate basis for predicting their ability to drive safely in interstate commerce. Intrastate driving, like interstate operations, involves substantial driving on highways on the interstate system and on other roads built to interstate standards. Moreover, driving in congested urban areas exposes the driver to more pedestrian and vehicular traffic than exists on interstate highways. Faster reaction to traffic and traffic signals is generally required because distances between them are more compact. These conditions tax visual capacity and driver response just as intensely as interstate driving conditions.

The applicants in this notice have driven CMVs with their limited vision in careers ranging for 3 to 68 years. In the past 3 years, no drivers were involved in crashes, and no drivers were convicted of moving violations in CMVs. All the applicants achieved a record of safety while driving with their vision impairment that demonstrates the likelihood that they have adapted their driving skills to accommodate their condition. As the applicants' ample driving histories with their vision deficiencies are good predictors of future performance, FMCSA concludes their ability to drive safely can be projected into the future.

Consequently, FMCSA finds that in each case exempting these applicants from the vision requirement in § 391.41(b)(10) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

V. Conditions and Requirements

The terms and conditions of the exemption are provided to the applicants in the exemption document and includes the following: (1) Each driver must be physically examined every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard in § 391.41(b)(10) and (b) by a certified medical examiner (ME) who

attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under § 391.41; (2) each driver must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the ME at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in his/her driver's qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

VI. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

VII. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the eight exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the vision requirement, § 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above:

Ruben Ahuyon (TX)
Victor N. Crisafulli (NY)
Roger Guin (NC)
Michael H. Jorgensen (MN)
Alejandro V. Lopez (CA)
Jay D. May (AZ)
John Robison (GA)
Kenneth P. Stephens (IA)

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is updating the identifying information on its Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List ("SDN List") for a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism," as amended by Executive Order 13886 of September 9, 2019, "Modernizing Sanctions to Combat Terrorism".

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for applicable date(s).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Andrea Gacki, Director, tel.: 202-622-2490; Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855; or the Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac>).

Notice of OFAC Actions

1. On October 26, 2021, OFAC published the following revised information for the following person on OFAC's SDN List whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224, as amended.

Individual

1. ISMAIL, Talib Husayn Ali Jarak (a.k.a. ESMAEL, Taleb H. A. J.), Block 8, Street 20, House No. 33, Jabriya, Kuwait; Street 21, Salem Al Mubarak Avenue, Block 20, Building 13, Salmiya, Kuwait; P.O. Box 3390, Safat 13034, Kuwait City, Kuwait; P.O. Box 126, Safat 13002, Kuwait City, Kuwait; Block 8, Street 103, Building 33, Apartment 33, Jabriya, Kuwait; Mubarak Al Kabir, Darwaza Abdul Razak Square, Kuwait City, Kuwait; DOB 30 Apr 1956; POB Kuwait City, Kuwait; nationality Kuwait; Gender Male (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

Dated: October 26, 2021.

Bradley T. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms: 8653, 8654, 13206, 13715, 13977, 13978, 14204, 14310, and 14335

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning the VITA/TCE (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Tax Counseling for the Elderly) Volunteer Program.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 31, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Paul Adams, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Sara Covington, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or at (737)800-6149 or through the internet at Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VITA/TCE Volunteer Program.

OMB Number: 1545-2222.

Form Numbers: 8653, 8654, 13206, 13715, 13977, 13978, 14204, 14310 and 14335.

Abstract: The Internal Revenue Service offers free assistance with tax return preparation and tax counseling using specially trained volunteers. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs assist seniors and individuals with low to moderate incomes, those with disabilities, and those for whom English is a second language.

Current Actions: There is a change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. The agency has requested to add Forms 13977, 13978, and 14335 to this collection and has updated the form to meet 508 compliance. The information on the form can only be submitted to the IRS at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-tax-volunteers>. This process is part of Link and Learn (a self-paced e-learning