

# Pilot Qualification and Certification Rulemaking

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# Agenda

- **Public Law (P.L.) 111-216**
- **Status of “Pilot Certification and Qualification Requirements for Air Carrier Operations” Rule**
- **Incorporation of Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) Certification into SIC Training Programs**



# Congressional Statute

- **P. L. 111 – 216**
- **Enacted August 1, 2010**
- **Added numerous measures (Sections) designed to improve aviation safety**



# Key Provisions of P.L. 111-216

- **Required the FAA to establish:**

- Various multidisciplinary panels, ARCs, and/or task forces to evaluate:

- Pilot Qualification
    - Pilot Certification
    - Pilot Training



# Pilot Qualification

- **Section 216 required the FAA to complete rulemaking to require all part 121 pilots to hold an ATP**

**\*Requirement self-enacting on Aug 2, 2013**



# Pilot Certification & Qualification

- Required the FAA to complete rulemaking to require all part 121 pilots to hold an ATP (216)
- Required the FAA to revise requirements for an ATP certificate (217)
  - NPRM February 29, 2012 *Complete*
  - Public Comment *Closed*
  - ATP requirement self-enacts Aug 2, 2013

# Pilot Certification NPRM Highlights

- **Requires an ATP for all pilots in part 121 operations**
- **Proposes 2 alternative ATP hour requirements based on academic experience**



# Pilot Certification NPRM Highlights (cont.)

- Requires 50 hours of multiengine time
- Requires academic and FSTD training for an ATP certificate
- Requires an aircraft type rating for a part 121 SIC
- Requires 1,000 hours of air carrier experience to serve as PIC in part 121 operations







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# InFO

Information for Operators

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DATE: 12/15/10

Flight Standards Service  
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[http://www.faa.gov/other\\_visit/aviation\\_industry/airline\\_operators/airline\\_safety/info](http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/info)

*An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.*

**Subject:** Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) Certificate Requirement for Pilots in Part 121 Operations

**Purpose:** The purpose of this InFO is to advise air carriers and pilots conducting operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), part 121, of the statutory requirement for all pilot flightcrew members to have or obtain an appropriate ATP certificate by August 2, 2013.

**Background:** In accordance with the Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Extension Act of 2010, Public Law (P.L.) 111-216, § 216, the FAA must conduct rulemaking to ensure all pilot flightcrew members who are authorized to operate in part 121 operations have obtained an ATP certificate issued under 14 CFR part 61 by August 2, 2013.

Though the FAA may propose alternative hour requirements for a restricted privileges ATP, the P.L. does not include grandfathering provisions for current pilot flightcrew members who hold commercial pilot certificates.

Operators should also take note of the default language in § 216 (c), which states that the ATP certificate is required by all pilot flightcrew members who are authorized to operate in part 121 operations by August 2, 2013, regardless of the FAA's progress in rulemaking; see excerpt below:

**SEC. 216. FLIGHT CREWMEMBER SCREENING AND QUALIFICATIONS.**  
**PUBLIC LAW 111-216—AUG. 1, 2010**

(1) **RULEMAKING PROCEEDING.**—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall conduct a rulemaking proceeding to require part 121 air carriers to develop and implement means and methods for ensuring that flight crewmembers have proper qualifications and experience.

(2) **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.**—

(A) >>>>>>>>

(B) **ALL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS.**—Rules issued under paragraph (1) shall ensure that, after the date that is 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, all flight crewmembers—

(i) have obtained an airline transport pilot certificate under part 61 of title 14 Code of Federal Regulations;

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(c) **DEFAULT.**—The requirement that each flight crewmember for a part 121 air carrier hold an airline transport pilot certificate under part 61 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, shall begin to apply on the date that is 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act even if the Administrator fails to meet a deadline established under this section.

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**SUBJ:** Incorporation of ATP Certification into an Air Carrier SIC Training Program

**1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides guidance to principal operations inspectors (POIs) with oversight responsibilities of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 121 certificate holders on incorporating airline transport pilot (ATP) certification into an air carrier second-in-command (SIC) training program.

**2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), Certificate Management Team (CMT), and certificate management office (CMO) aviation safety inspectors (ASI) having oversight of part 121 certificate holders. The secondary audience includes the Flight Standards branches and divisions in the regions and headquarters.

**3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee Web site at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices). Inspectors can access this notice through the Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) at <http://fsims.avs.faa.gov>. Air carriers (operators) can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Web site at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. This notice is available to the public at [http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/orders\\_notices](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices).

**4. Background.** The Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-216) (the "Act") was signed into law on August 1, 2010. The Act requires all part 121 flightcrew members to hold an ATP certificate by August 2, 2013. Although the FAA published the Pilot Certification and Qualification Requirements for Air Carrier Operations Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 77 FR 12374, on February 29, 2012 which incorporates the ATP certificate requirement, the Act's requirement is self enacting and will take effect on August 2, 2013 independent of any FAA rulemaking action.

- The FAA previously published information regarding the ATP certificate requirement to operators in the form of Information for Operators (InFO) 10024 on December 15, 2010. However, many air carriers are waiting for the FAA to publish a final rule before taking action.
- The decision to delay ATP certification of SICs could pose significant challenges to these air carriers and the FAA due to the number of SICs who currently only hold a commercial pilot certificate and the training hours and certification activities required to provide ATP certification.

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