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Subject: Deviation: FAA Order 8900.2A DME Experience Requirements

Our office is currently coordinating a change to FAA Order 8900.2A, Chapter 6, Section 1, with respect to the minimum Designated Mechanic Examiner (DME) experience requirements.

Chapter 6, section 1, #1 a. (3) describes the experience required for DME appointment. The final subparagraph describes a DME candidate who is employed as an instructor at an Aviation Maintenance Technician School (AMTS) under part 147. Current guidance requires (under subparagraph d) that this candidate demonstrate five years of continuous experience immediately before designation instructing aviation maintenance while employed at an (AMTS) *and* be concurrently actively exercising the privileges of a valid aviation mechanic certificate in accordance with §65.81(a) for three years on U.S.-registered civil aircraft.

The purpose of this change was to eliminate the requirement, under subparagraph (d) that the candidate also be concurrently exercising the privileges of the mechanic certificate. The updated subparagraph (d) will read:

(d) Five years of continuous experience immediately before designation instructing aviation maintenance while employed by an FAA Aviation Maintenance Technology School (14 CFR part 147). In addition, the applicant must have previously actively exercised the privileges of a valid aviation mechanic certificate in accordance with 14 CFR § 65.81(a) for 3 years on U.S.-registered civil aircraft certificated and maintained in accordance with 14 CFR.

Until the change becomes effective, this memorandum will serve as a deviation to the existing guidance contained in FAA Order 8900.2A, Chapter 6, Section 1, #1 a.(3)(d).