



Part 121 Pilot experience requirements

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<p>A holder of an AOC must not designate a pilot to act as cruise relief pilot of an aeroplane conducting an air operation under the authority of the certificate unless the pilot-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) holds at least a current CPL (aeroplane) with an applicable aircraft type rating; and (2) holds a current instrument rating; and (3) has completed the applicable training and competency requirements specified in Subparts I and J; and (4) is capable of operating the aeroplane safely in the cruise phase referred to in rule 121.533(b) until- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the co-pilot is summoned to the flight deck, if the PIC becomes incapacitated; or (ii) the PIC is summoned to the flight deck, if the co-pilot becomes incapacitated. 	<p>A holder of an AOC must not designate a pilot to act as co-pilot of an aeroplane conducting an air operation under the authority of the certificate unless the pilot-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) holds at least a current CPL (aeroplane) with an applicable aircraft type rating; and (2) holds a current instrument rating; and (3) has successfully completed- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the applicable training and competency requirements specified in Subparts I and J, or is participating in, and is assessed as competent in accordance with an advanced qualification program specified in Subpart M; or (ii) the applicable introduction, transition, or upgrade segment of the flight crew member training program required by Subpart I and is assessed as competent for the flight crew member position under Subpart J, and is completing the pilot line training or pilot consolidation referred to in rules 121.567 or 121.569; and (4) is capable, if the PIC becomes incapacitated- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) of operating the aeroplane safely under the prevailing and anticipated forecast weather conditions; and (ii) of performing the functions of the PIC; and (iii) of landing the aeroplane at the intended destination aerodrome or at a suitable alternate aerodrome. 	<p>A holder of an AOC must not designate a pilot to act as PIC of an aeroplane conducting an air operation under the authority of the certificate unless the pilot-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) holds a current ATPL(aeroplane) with an applicable aircraft type rating; and (2) holds a current instrument rating; and (3) has successfully completed the applicable training and competency requirements specified in Subparts I and J, or is participating in, and is assessed as competent in accordance with an advanced qualification program specified in Subpart M; and (4) has at least 1500 hours of flight time experience as a pilot, including- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 500 hours in the type of operations to which this Part applies or in equivalent operations that are acceptable to the Director; and (ii) 100 hours of instrument time of which at least 50 hours must be acquired in actual flight; and (5) for night operations, has acquired at least 100 hours of night-flight time experience. 	<p>A holder of an AOC must not designate a person to perform the functions of a line supervisory pilot unless that person-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) is qualified to act as PIC of the aeroplane type performing an air operation under the authority of the certificate; and (2) holds a Category D flight instructor rating referred to in Part 61; and (3) has acquired at least 2000 hours of flight time experience as a pilot including- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 200 hours line-operating flight time experience for the particular aeroplane type involved; or (ii) 100 hours exercising the privileges of an flight instructor rating, referred to in Part 61, supervising pilots completing consolidation in an air operation on another aeroplane type under Subpart I or Subpart M; and (4) has completed a training course in the methods for assessing crew member competency in the technical and non-technical aspects of aircraft operation including human factors and crew resource management. 	<p>A holder of an AOC must not designate a pilot to perform the function of a pilot instructor in the flight crew member training program required by this Part unless that pilot-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) is qualified to act as PIC of the aeroplane type performing the air operation under the authority of the certificate; and (2) holds a Category D flight instructor rating referred to in Part 61; and (3) has acquired at least 3000 hours of flight time experience as a pilot, including- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 500 hours line-operating flight time experience for the particular aeroplane type involved; or (ii) 100 hours exercising the privileges of a Category D flight instructor rating, referred to in Part 61, instructing pilots on another aeroplane type under Subpart I or Subpart M; and (4) has completed a training course in the methods for assessing crew member competency in the technical and non-technical aspects of aircraft operation including human factors and crew resource management. 	<p>A holder of an AOC must not designate a pilot to perform the function of a flight examiner in a route check required by rule 121.567(e)(3), rule 121.569(a)(3), or in a competency assessment program required by Subpart J unless that pilot-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) holds a current airline flight examiner rating referred to in Part 61; and (2) is qualified to act as PIC of the aeroplane type performing an air operation under the authority of the certificate; and (3) has acquired- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 200 hours exercising the privileges of Category D flight instructor rating referred to in Part 61, for the particular aeroplane type involved; or (ii) 100 hours exercising the privileges of an airline flight examiner rating, referred to in Part 61, on an aeroplane type to which this Part applies; or (iii) other suitable experience on an aeroplane type applicable to this Part or Part 125 as acceptable to the Director; and (4) has completed a training course in the methods for assessing crew member competency in the technical and non-technical aspects of aircraft operation including human factors and crew resource management. 	<p>(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), a holder of an AOC must not designate a pilot to perform the function of a pilot instructor, or flight examiner for the purpose of giving flight instruction or conducting a flight crew member competency assessment in a flight simulator unless the pilot-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) meets the appropriate requirements referred to in rule 121.519 or 121.521; and (2) demonstrates competency as PIC in the flight simulator to the standard required by Subpart J; and (3) has received proficiency training in the operation of the flight simulator; and (4) has completed a training course in the methods for assessing crew member competency in the technical and non-technical aspects of aircraft operation including human factors and crew resource management. <p>(b) A pilot who has previously met the requirements referred to in paragraph (a) but who no longer holds a current medical certificate may act as a pilot instructor or flight examiner in a flight simulator if the pilot maintains competency by-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) undergoing training as a flight crew member in a flight simulator in accordance with the training program required by rule 121.553; and (2) completing a competency assessment under Subpart J; and (3) completing the applicable training requirements which are otherwise necessary to maintain the currency of an flight instructor rating, or flight examiner rating, under Part 61 and this Part. <p>(c) Despite paragraph (a), if the certificate holder applies to the Director in writing, the Director may approve a pilot, who does not hold a medical certificate and who has not previously met the requirements referred to in rules 121.519 or 121.521, to exercise the functions of a pilot instructor or flight examiner in a flight simulator if the pilot-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) has at least 5000 hours flight time experience in air operations; and (2) satisfactorily completes the training and competency requirements of Subpart I and J in a flight simulator of the aeroplane type; and (3) satisfactorily completes a course in flight instruction or flight examination that is acceptable to the Director; and (4) receives proficiency training in the operation of the flight simulator; and (5) continues to maintain competency as specified in paragraph (b).