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Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY:
FLIGHT STANDARDS SERVICE AIRMAN
TRAINING AND TESTING INFORMATION

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1. **PURPOSE.** This advisory circular (AC) provides Flight Standards Service airman training and testing materials website information. The airman certification knowledge and skill testing information is critical to flight safety and comprises the Federal Aviation Administration's standards for airman certification testing.

2. **CANCELLATION.** AC 60-26A, Announcement of Availability: Flight Standards Service Airman Testing and Training Information, dated 2/26/97, is canceled. Also, AC 60-27, Announcement of Availability: Changes to Practical Test Standards, dated 11/18/96, is canceled.

3. **BACKGROUND.** Flight Standards Service airman training and testing information is no longer available through the FedWorld electronic bulletin board service. Any residual information that may be located at the FedWorld website is outdated and should not be considered current.

4. INFORMATION.

a. The Regulatory Support Division, AFS-600, Internet address is <http://afs600.faa.gov>. The airman certification information for the Airman Testing Standards Branch, AFS-630, is located at the search option, AFS-630/Airman Certification. Look for continued enhancements to the website.

b. The following information is located at the AFS-630 website: AFS-630 advisory circulars, airman knowledge test items, computer testing sites, computer testing supplements, knowledge test guides, other computer testing information, practical test standards, test statistics, and training handbooks.

(1) The advisory circulars provide guidance and information on various subjects related to airman certification, such as the reference materials and subject matter knowledge codes for airman knowledge testing.

(2) The airman knowledge test items contain the airman knowledge question banks representative of questions for airman knowledge tests and the corresponding subject matter knowledge codes, indicating specific references from which tests are developed.

(3) The computer testing sites contain the current listing of computer testing designees and computer testing centers, and the registration telephone numbers required when registering for a test.

(4) The *computer testing supplements* contain the graphics, legends, and maps that are needed to successfully respond to certain knowledge test items. The supplements will be located at this **website**, as they become available in electronic format and are currently listed at *supplements.pdf*.

(5) The *knowledge test* guides describe the knowledge testing policy and procedures for each certification area.

(6) *Other computer testing information* provides specific test information, such as test name, test code (three-digit test identifiers), number of questions, and the time (hours) allotted for each knowledge test. The test identifiers will assist airmen in selecting the proper test for the certification/rating being sought.

(7) The *practical test standards* outline the knowledge and skill requirements for each airman certificate and rating. The references listed in each task of the practical test standards indicate the specific publications used to develop the skill standards. The ability to issue immediate changes prior to publishing revised printed copies ensures the practical test standards are always accurate and usable. Changes to the practical test standards may be monitored at *PTS changes.pdf*.

(8) *Test statistics* for all airman knowledge tests are contained in a series of tables organized by year and subject area. Individual tables are provided for the following subject areas: test volume, pass rates, average test scores, countries, regions, and district **offices**.

(9) The *training handbooks are the* basic information sources an airman applicant should refer to when preparing for the knowledge and practical tests for a specific certificate or rating. The handbooks will be located at this **website**, as they become available in electronic format and are currently listed at *handbooks.pdf*.

5. RESPONSIBILITY. AFS-600 is the primary **office** of responsibility for the airman information located at the **website**, and will ensure the information maintained is timely and accurate.



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