

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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Cancellation
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SUBJ: ISSUANCE OF STUDENT PILOT CERTIFICATES TO SPORT PILOT CANDIDATES

1. PURPOSE. This notice authorizes Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) to issue student pilot certificates to qualified applicants training in light-sport aircraft.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This notice is distributed to the division level in the Flight Standards Service in Washington headquarters; to the branch level in the regional Flight Standards divisions; to the Flight Standards District Offices; and to the Regulatory Standards Division at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center. This notice is also distributed electronically to the division level in the Flight Standards Service in Washington headquarters and to all regional Flight Standards divisions and district offices. This information is also available on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Web site at:
<http://www.faa.gov/avr/afs/notices/8700/N8700-34.doc>.

3. BACKGROUND. Changes to certain Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts, known as the "Certification of Aircraft and Airmen for the Operation of Light Sport Aircraft," or more commonly referred to as the "Sport Pilot" rule, became effective September 1, 2004. This rule created a new category of aircraft (light-sport) and a new type of pilot certificate (sport pilot).

4. POLICY. FAA Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspector's Handbook, Volume 2, Chapter 4, Issue a Student Pilot Certificate, provides the requirements and guidance for issuing a student pilot certificate. This includes issuing a student pilot certificate to qualified applicants who are obtaining flight training in light sport aircraft.

5. ACTION. Effective immediately, FSDOs are authorized to issue student pilot certificates to persons obtaining pilot training in light-sport aircraft per Order 8700.1, vol. 2, ch. 4. In addition to the requirements of this chapter, determine that the applicant holds either a valid U.S. driver's license or a medical certificate, and add "Sport Pilot" in the "Other" box in Section I of FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application.

6. DISPOSITION. The guidance in this notice will be incorporated in a future change to Order 8700.1. Direct questions concerning this notice to the Certification and Flight Training Branch, AFS-840, at (202) 267-8212.

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