

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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Cancellation
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SUBJ: AUTHORIZATION APPROVAL FOR PARACHUTING DEMONSTRATIONS

1. PURPOSE. This notice provides Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) with updated guidance regarding requirements and approvals for parachute demonstrations.

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 FSDOs; 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/N8700-40.doc>.

3. BACKGROUND. The FAA has considered holders of a United States Parachuting Association (USPA) Class D license along with certain currency requirements to be competent to jump into "level one" and larger landing areas for the purpose of parachuting exhibitions for the public. (See Order 8700.1, General Aviation Operations Inspector's Handbook, Volume 2, Chapter 49, Issue a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization for an Aviation Event, section 1, paragraph 11D(1).) Previously, the USPA required a minimum of 200 jumps to meet the qualifications for a Class D license. This has recently changed to a minimum of 200 jumps for a Class C license in addition to the qualifying jumps previously required for a Class D license.

4. POLICY. The FAA will now require either a Class C or D license issued by the USPA that meets the current experience criteria for a Class C license to perform exhibition jumps into "level one" or larger landing areas. Jumpers that are not affiliated with the USPA must show equivalent experience that meets the same criteria. (See Order 8700.1, volume 2, chapter 49, section 1, paragraph 11A.)

NOTE: Some FSDOs have been requiring jump authorization applications for jumps that are not required by Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 105, section 105.21, for jumps over or into a congested area of a city, town or settlement, or an open-air assembly of persons. An application for jump authorization (FAA Form 7711-2, Application for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization) will not be accepted unless it is required by section 105.21 as a Flight Standards function.

5. ACTION. Effectively immediately, FSDOs will consider the current Class C license issued by the USPA to meet the experience requirements for “open” and “level one” landing areas for public exhibitions.

6. DISPOSITION. The guidance in this notice will be incorporated in a future change to Order 8700.1, volume 2, chapter 49. Direct questions concerning this notice to the General Aviation and Commercial Division, AFS-800, at (202) 267-8212.

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