

for a Part 450 Vehicle Operator License,” to email address: 9-AST-ASZ210-Directives@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Hatt, Space Policy Division Manager, ASZ-200, Federal Aviation Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Washington, DC 20590 USA; email James.A.Hatt@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Commercial Space Launch Act of 1984, as amended and codified at 51 U.S.C. 50901 through 50923 (“the Act”), authorizes DOT and FAA through delegation, to oversee, license, and regulate commercial launch and reentry activities, and the operation of launch and reentry sites as carried out by United States citizens or within the United States. The Act’s requirements are implemented in parts 400 through 460 of title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR).

Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) outlines requirements for § 413.11 (Acceptance of an Application) and § 413.13 (Complete Application). The FAA has revised its previously published AC to provide additional guidance on acceptable means of compliance with these sections. This new AC supersedes AC 413.13-1, “Guidance on Submitting a Complete Enough and Complete Application for a Vehicle Operator License,” dated December 18, 2023. This updated draft AC focuses on requirements for vehicle operator licenses under Part 450, offering guidance on application acceptance criteria and submission schedules that impact the FAA’s evaluation process.

Expected Criticisms/Reactions: We anticipate a positive response from industry stakeholders to this AC, as its release and revision has been highly anticipated. In addition, we expect that other government entities will welcome the AC as it provides clear, standardized guidance that supports interagency coordination and compliance with regulatory frameworks. Advocacy groups are also likely to respond favorably, recognizing that the AC reflects industry best practices and promotes safety, transparency, and accountability in launch vehicle operations.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites the public to submit comments on the draft AC, using the method specified in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Commenters should include the subject line “AC number

and title” on all comments submitted to the FAA. The most helpful comments will reference specific paragraphs of the draft document, provide the rationale for any recommended changes, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received on or before the closing date prior to issuing the final AC. The FAA will also consider late filed comments if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay [if applicable].

You may examine the draft AC on the agency’s public website *Commercial Space Draft Advisory Circulars* available for Public Comment web page located at: https://www.faa.gov/space/legislationregulationguidance/draft_docs/ac.

Issued in Washington, DC.

James A. Hatt,

Manager, Space Policy Division, Office of Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Advisory Circular: AC 413.5-1 Pre-Application Consultation and Lifecycle Overview for Licenses and Permits

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is soliciting public comment on draft advisory circular (AC) for Pre-Application Consultation and Lifecycle Overview for Licenses and Permits. This Advisory Circular (AC) assists prospective applicants in obtaining commercial space authorizations from FAA and provides guidance for operating in compliance with FAA commercial space in accordance with title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) § 413.5.

DATES: Written comments must be received by August 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please send comments identified with “Pre-Application Consultation and Lifecycle Overview for Licenses and Permits,” to the following email address: 9-AST-ASZ210-Directives@faa.gov.

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In accordance with § 413.5, a prospective applicant must consult with FAA before they submit an application to discuss the application process and possible issues relevant to FAA’s licensing or permitting decision. To provide thorough guidance, this AC provides prospective applicants with an overview of the commercial space license and permit process lifecycle. Prospective applicants begin the process with early pre-application consultation and continue through formal pre-application consultation, application submission, and initial application screening. For accepted applications, this AC lays out a high-level outline of FAA’s evaluation and determination process for license and permit applications. Additionally, post-determination topics include compliance monitoring and license modification requests. FAA considers this AC an accepted means of compliance for complying with the regulatory requirements of § 413.5.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2026–4678]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Flight Engineers and Flight Navigators

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to reinstate an information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 6, 2026. This collection involves FAA Form 8400–3, Application for an Airman Certificate and/or Rating, (for flight engineer and flight navigator) and applications for approval of related training courses that are submitted to FAA for evaluation. The information collection is necessary to determine applicant eligibility for flight engineer or flight navigator certificates. This collection is also necessary to determine training course acceptability for those schools training flight engineers or navigators. This collection is being reinstated due to delays caused by the government shutdown and changeover of personnel.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by August 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0007.

Title: Flight Engineers and Flight Navigators.

Form Numbers: 8400–3.

Type of Review: Reinstatement of an information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 6, 2026 (91 FR 24638). The information collection is necessary to determine applicant eligibility for flight engineer or flight navigator certificates. This collection is also necessary to determine training course acceptability for those schools training flight engineers or navigators. FAA Form 8400.3, Application for an Airman Certificate and/or Rating, (for flight engineer and flight navigator) and applications for approval of related training courses are available online and are submitted to FAA for evaluation. The information is reviewed to determine applicant eligibility and compliance with prescribed provisions of Title 14 CFR part 63, Certification: Flight Crewmembers Other Than Pilots. Form 8400–3 is multiple-use form also used for control tower operators and aircraft dispatchers.

Respondents: Airmen Applicants and Training Schools.

Frequency: Flight Engineer school will renew approval on one course every 24 months, revisions will be submitted as necessary.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 12 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 231 Hours.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 16, 2026.

Sandra L. Ray,

Aviation Safety Inspector, AFS–260.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2026–7669]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) Program for Annex 16, Volume IV of the Convention on Civil Aviation

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves a request that airplane operators subject to the applicability of Annex 16, Volume IV of the Convention on Civil Aviation (hereinafter the “Chicago Convention”) submit electronically an Emissions Monitoring Plan (EMP), an annual Emissions Report (ER) to the FAA. Airplane operators may also submit an optional ER Eligible Fuels Annex (EFA) to the FAA if they want to receive credit for their use of Synthetic Aviation Fuel (SAF) or other fuel types. The information to be collected is necessary because FAA will use the information to fulfill the United States' responsibilities under the Chicago Convention.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by September 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

By mail: Kevin Partowazam, Federal Aviation Administration, AEE–5, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Partowazam by email at: kevin.partowazam@faa.gov; phone: 202–267–3563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of