

# AOPA SEEKS TO EXPAND CHANGES TO FAR PART 61

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While the FAA is proposing 16 changes to FAR Part 61, AOPA is working to ensure that the changes do not negatively affect pilot training or certification and is recommending additional changes that could benefit the GA community. Several of the proposed changes pertain to complex aircraft. Other proposals call for the requirement of 10 hours of complex time for the commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine class ratings, to be replaced with 10 hours of advanced instrument training. Instead of requiring 10 hours of advanced instrument training for the commercial certificate, AOPA has recommended that the FAA meet with flight training providers to determine what other areas of training would be better suited for the commercial. The association pointed out that the instrument requirement would be extreme for those pursuing the commercial certificate for VFR-only operations. Another change AOPA supports include allowing foreign pilot licenses to be converted to U.S. pilot certificates. Also AOPA recommended an additional change to eliminate the expiration of flight instructor certificates.



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