

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-1998-4465]

Flight Attendant Training and Qualifications

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting to obtain information about potential issues and solutions regarding flight attendant training and qualifications. This meeting is a precursor to possible regulatory and or policy changes regarding flight attendant training and qualification.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on October 14, 1998, at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence, Ave. SW, Washington, DC, in Bessie Coleman Conference Center, the 2nd Floor; Registration: 9:00 a.m.; Meeting: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed or delivered, in duplicate, to: U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets, Docket No. FAA-1998-4465, 400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room Plaza 401, Washington, DC 20591. Comments may also be sent electronically to the Rules Docket by using the following Internet address: 9-nprm-cmts@faa.dot.gov. Comments must be marked Docket No. FAA-1998-4465. Comments may be filed and/or examined in Room Plaza 401 on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donell Pollard, Flight Standards Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7035; Donell.W.Pollard@FAA.DOT.Gov.

Requests to present a statement at the public meeting on Flight Attendant Training and Qualification and questions regarding the logistics of the meeting should be directed to Regina L. Jones, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-104), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9822; fax (202) 267-5075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to participate in this public meeting by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Comments should identify the regulatory docket and should be

submitted in duplicate to the Rules Docket address specified above. The docket is available for public inspection both before and after the public meeting.

Requests from persons who wish to present oral statements at the public meeting on Flight Attendant Training and Qualifications should be received by the FAA no later than October 7, 1998. Such requests should be submitted to Regina L. Jones as listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Requests received after October 7, will be scheduled if time is available during the meeting; however, the name of those individuals may not appear on the written agenda. The FAA will prepare an agenda of speakers that will be available at the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the amount of time allocated to each speaker may be less than the amount of time requested. Those persons desiring to have available audiovisual equipment should notify the FAA when requesting to be placed on the agenda.

The FAA will acknowledge receipt of a comment if the commenter includes a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the comment. The postcard should be marked "Comments to Docket No. FAA-1998-4465." When the comment is received by the FAA, the postcard will be dated, time stamped, and returned to the commenter.

Public Meeting Procedures

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The following procedures are established to facilitate the public meeting:

1. There will be no admission fee or other charge to attend or to participate in the public meeting. The meeting will be open to all persons who have requested in advance to present statements or who register on the day of the meeting (between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.) subject to availability of space in the meeting room.

2. The public meeting may adjourn early if scheduled speakers complete their statements in less time than currently is scheduled for the meeting.

3. The FAA will try to accommodate all speakers; therefore, it may be necessary to limit the time available for an individual or group.

4. Participants should address their comments to the panel. No individual will be subject to cross-examination by any other participant.

5. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

6. Representatives of the FAA will conduct the public meeting. A panel of FAA personnel involved in this issue will be present.

7. The meeting will be recorded by a court reporter. A transcript of the meeting and any material accepted by the panel during the meeting will be included in the public docket (Docket number FAA-1998-4465). Any person who is interested in purchasing a copy of the transcript should contact the court reporter directly. This information will be available at the meeting.

8. The FAA will review and consider all material presented by participants at the public meeting. Position papers or material presenting views or information related to flight attendant training and qualifications may be accepted at the discretion of the presiding officer and subsequently placed in the public docket. The FAA requests that persons participating in the meeting provide 10 copies of all materials to be presented for distribution to the panel members; other copies may be provided to the audience at the discretion of the participant.

9. Statements made by members of the public meeting panel are intended to facilitate discussion of the issues or to clarify issues. Final decisions concerning issues that the public may raise cannot be made at the meeting. The FAA may, however, ask questions to clarify statements made by the public and to ensure a complete and accurate record.

10. The meeting is designed to solicit public views on flight attendant training and qualifications. Therefore, the meeting will be conducted in an informal and nonadversarial manner.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 14, 1998.

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Acting Director, Flight Standards Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement: Travis and Caldwell Counties, Texas**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.