



## Frequently Asked Questions Alien Flight Student Program Interpretation Memo September 2010

- If a candidate has received a favorable STA result within the preceding 365 days, that candidate may change training provider location (as long as it is with the same training provider) or aircraft and begin training after all required documentation for the new Category 4 training has been submitted and the training request is in the “Document Accepted” status. The candidate need not wait for the final STA results before starting training.
- As of October 1, 2010, when the AFSP Interpretation becomes effective, any candidate having received a favorable STA result within the preceding 365 days (since October 1, 2009), may begin a Category 4 training event after all required documentation has been submitted and the new category 4 training request application is in the “Document Accepted” status.
- Training providers will be notified through the “Permission to Train” email, if the candidate meets the criteria to begin immediate training for Category 4 events.
- Any persons observing a Category 4 training event, but not receiving training, are not required to be undergo an STA.
- Any candidate who undergoes a favorable STA under Categories 1, 2, 3 or 4, then applies for Cat. 4 training within 365 days of the favorable STA result, may begin training after submitting all required documentation and the training request application is in the “Document Accepted” status .
- Line Oriented Flight Training (LOFT) training under FAR Part 121 is considered the same as Line Oriented Simulator Training (LOST) training conducted under FAR Part 142 for TSA purposes and is not considered recurrent training under this program.
- TSA does not consider Enhanced Navigation as recurrent training under this program.
- Retraining on a failed procedure during a currency or proficiency check (or any other events listed in the Interpretation Memo as not being recurrent training) is not considered a recurrent training event as long as such training is conducted during the course of the initial training event in which the candidate failed the procedure.
- When Part 121 or 142 training providers engage in a Dry Lease agreement, the operator providing the instructor and conducting the training is responsible for all vetting and record-keeping for each candidate.
- Any questions about AFSP policy should be directed to [TSAGeneralAviation@dhs.gov](mailto:TSAGeneralAviation@dhs.gov)