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NVG Currency for FAR 135

The following guidance provided by the Federal Aviation Administration describes the minimum requirements to maintain NVG currency for Part 135 operations using Night Vision Goggles (NVGs). The Order outlines minimum criteria that must be met to maintain NVG currency under an FAA approved Part 135 NVG training program. The information contained was taken directly from the FAA Order 8900.1 Volume 4, Chapter 7, Section 4 accessible by visiting <http://www.faa.gov>.

Note: There are regulatory differences between FAR 61.57 (PIC Currency Requirements) and FAA Order 8900.1 shown here. Currently, the rule (FAR 61.57 2 calendar months) is more restrictive than FAA Order 8900.1 (90days). It is imperative that operators obtain clarification from their POI to establish proper NVG currency procedures.

FAA Order 8900.1 Training Program Requirements (NVG Part 135)

In order for a pilot to act as a pilot in command (PIC) using NVGs while carrying passengers, the pilot must have performed and documented within the preceding 90 days three HNVGOs as the sole manipulator of the controls during the period that begins one hour after sunset and ends one hour before sunrise. These HNVGOs must be performed in the same category, class, and, if a type rating is required, type of aircraft in which HNVGOs will be performed. Each HNVGO must include, at a minimum, the tasks listed by the OpSpec A050. If a pilot has not performed and documented these tasks, the pilot will be allowed an additional 90 days to perform and document them but will not be allowed to carry passengers using NVGs during that time. If the pilot has still not performed and documented these tasks during those additional follow-on 90 days, then the pilot will be required to pass an NVG proficiency check in order to act as a PIC using NVGs. The proficiency check will consist of the NVED/NVG maneuvers contained in the Table 3-71.

During the Demonstration and Inspection Phase, oversight of the operator's recordkeeping is essential. The tracking of NVG currency will be a continuous 90-day review, similar to the pilot flight and rest requirements of part 135.

The reliability of the NVIS and safety of flight operations is dependant on the operators adhering to the instructions for continued airworthiness (ICA). These ICAs are developed by the NVG manufacturer and the STC applicant, and will be referenced in OpSpec D093.



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