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# Designated Pilot Examiners Model Code of Conduct

Tools to Advance DPE Safety and Professionalism

The DESIGNATED PILOT EXAMINERS MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT offers recommendations to advance safety and professionalism in the conduct of practical tests. The Code presents a vision of excellence for DPEs. Its principles complement and underscore legal requirements. It is intended to assist in evaluating the core principles that help aviators build a foundation of flight safety, proficiency, and wisdom.

## I. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF DESIGNATED PILOT EXAMINERS

Designated Pilot Examiners should:

- a. make safety a top priority,
- b. apply and conform to applicable Airman Certification Standards (ACS) or Practical Test Standards (PTS), as appropriate, and guidance documents, and
- c. aspire to professionalism, and represent the FAA Administrator in a professional manner including conduct, language, appearance, and hygiene.

## II. FLIGHT TEST SAFETY

Designated Pilot Examiners should:

- a. discuss inherent risks or safety challenges of a given flight test with the applicant, address applicant concerns, and
- b. consider an applicant's attention span, workload, and fatigue, and tailor testing scenarios accordingly.

## III. DPE TRAINING AND PROFICIENCY

Designated Pilot Examiners should:

- a. take regular recurrent training to maintain and improve proficiency beyond legal requirements, and
- b. participate in flight safety education.

## IV. SECURITY

Designated Pilot Examiners should:

- a. become familiar with the latest security regulations, and
- b. avoid special-use airspace except when approved or necessary in an emergency.

## V. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Designated Pilot Examiners should evaluate an applicant's:

- a. efforts to mitigate the environmental impact of pre-flight, in-flight, and post-flight aircraft operations, and
- b. efforts to respect and protect environmentally sensitive areas, and adhere to noise-abatement procedures.

## VI. USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Designated Pilot Examiners should:

- a. understand the operation, features, and limitations of aviation technologies in test aircraft sufficiently to (i) act as safety pilot if required, and (ii) effectively evaluate an applicant's use of the technology, and
- b. be familiar with the manufacturers' recommendations for simulating in-flight failures of avionics, tablets and other portable electronic devices.

## VII. DPE PROFESSIONALISM AND SAFETY CULTURE

Designated Pilot Examiners should:

- a. advance a DPE safety culture that values openness, humility, integrity, positive attitudes, and the pursuit of personal improvement,
- b. foster professionalism by example, and
- c. promote safety education.

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