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## Memorandum

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To: All General Aviation Safety Assurance (AFG) Division Managers  
All Air Carrier Safety Assurance (AFC) Division Managers

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Subject: Deviation from FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 1, Section 4, Paragraph 5-89E, Concerning the *Limited to Center Thrust* Limitation Issued to Military or Former Military Pilots

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### Discussion

Pending guidance changes will end the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) policy to place a center thrust limitation on commercial and flight instructor certificates issued to military or former military pilots. The reasons for this change include:

- The manufacturer of a military aircraft is not required to determine or publish a  $V_{MC}$ , even if the same design would require the manufacturer to establish a  $V_{MC}$  under Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 23 and 25.
- Military pilots operating multiengine airplanes have received training and accomplished testing that covers asymmetric thrust and potential loss of control during single-engine operations.

### Action

In accordance with this policy deviation, FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 1, Section 4, paragraph 5-89E, no longer applies when issuing certificates to military and former military pilots under 14 CFR § 61.73.

Airmen certificated under § 61.73 who currently have a Limited to Center Thrust restriction may have the restriction removed by reapplying for their commercial pilot certificate. The applicant must show all of the documentation required for issuance of a pilot certificate currently required under § 61.73. Any flight instructor certificate issued on the basis of § 61.73 with a Limited to Center Thrust restriction may be reissued without the restriction once the applicant's commercial pilot certificate has been reissued without the restriction.