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Mr. Jason Blair  
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Dear Mr. Blair:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has carefully reviewed the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) Master Certificated Flight Instructor (MFI) accreditation program. We find that NAFI's requirements for the successful completion of the MFI accreditation include sufficient experience involving the regular evaluation of pilots to qualify under 14 CFR part 61.197(a)(2)(ii) for flight instructor certificate renewal. Therefore, the FAA recognizes that a flight instructor who receives NAFI's MFI accreditation may qualify for renewal of their flight instructor certificate under the following conditions:

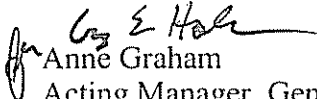
- The applicant must have successfully completed the MFI program and received the MFI accreditation within their CFI validity period
- The applicant's flight instructor certificate must be valid at the time of renewal.
- NAFI will provide a uniquely numbered certificate of accreditation to each successful MFI designee who wishes to use their MFI accreditation for CFI renewal.
- The applicant may renew their flight instructor certificate by presenting a copy of their MFI accreditation certificate, completed FAA Form 8710-1, and unexpired instructor certificate to an appropriate authorized representative of the FAA within 3 calendar months of being awarded that certificate. The appropriate authorized representative of the FAA will issue a new flight instructor certificate based on duties and responsibilities.
- If the application for renewal is made within 3 calendar months prior to the expiration month of their CFI certificate, the applicant may retain their original expiration month on their new certificate.
- NAFI will maintain a record of the complete name and address of all MFIs that they designate and their accreditation certificate numbers for at least 24 months.
- NAFI must notify AFS-800, General Aviation and Commercial Division immediately of any changes to their MFI accreditation program.

- Acceptance of a graduation certificate as the sole basis for flight instructor certificate renewal remains the choice of the FAA.

The FAA's recognition of the NAFI MFI program as meeting a regulatory requirement for the renewal of a flight instructor is based on the materials presented to this office on May 22, 2009. Any changes to the program may affect this recognition and must have prior approval by this office if such recognition is to be maintained. The Administrator may withdraw recognition of this program at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the General Aviation and Commercial Division, at (202) 267-8212.

Sincerely

  
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