

The 8400.1 Air Carrier Manual is to be used as a guide to training and certification for 121, and 135 air carriers.

FAA publication forms 8410-1, and 8410-3 are recognized as standard for recording Proficiency checks for Air Carriers. the 8410-1 for 121, and the 8410-3 for 135.

The FAA – 8410-3 and 8410-1 out of step with the Airline Transport Pilot's Practical Test Standard (PTS). The PTS indicates "flight proficiency for certification of airmen employed by 14 CFR Part 121 and 135 operators .....is demonstrated when the maneuvers and procedures required for the issuance of a type rating for a specific airplane are accomplished satisfactorily."

The current forms ignore some of the required tasks in the PTS and uses terminology that at best equivocates PTS tasks.

If the PTS is the standard for all testing and checking, then as a minimum, documentation should contain all of the tasks required for proficiency and certification in the PTS. It currently does not. For example - Area of Operation IX in the PTS - none of the tasks in this area of operation are represented on the FAA 8410-1 and FAA 8410-3.