

## *Verification of mechanics' certification*

DOD Commercial Air Carrier Quality & Safety Requirements require verification of mechanic Airframe and/or Powerplant certificates through the FAA. Initial verification is required for all personnel working on company aircraft to include company personnel (new hire, re-hire, and those returning from furlough or transfer from a sister-certificate) and routinely-used, contracted/on-call maintenance personnel. Carrier can use contracted agencies' verification for contracted employees performing maintenance on the carrier's aircraft. \*For emergency on-call maintenance: verification by a carrier employee or crew member that the mechanic possesses a license at time of work is sufficient.

Verification can be accomplished via FAA A&P website <http://registry.faa.gov> or by written request at *Airman License Verification Office, P.O. box 25082, OK City, OK 73125*. The FAA can also be contacted via email at [9-amc-afs760-airmen@faa.gov](mailto:9-amc-afs760-airmen@faa.gov) or automated phone: 1-866-878-2498. Select "1" on the phone keypad to reach the examiner and verify certificate is valid. Please note: Use of the FAA's on-line service provides verification that the certificate is valid; it will not disclose actions taken against the certificate.

For newly licensed employees: temporary certificate data is not maintained in the FAA databases. The company must ensure the certificate is verified after a period of time necessary to allow issue of the permanent certificate.

A potential pitfall to consider is a mechanic working off duty for another employer. It is conceivable that a mechanic could receive an FAA enforcement action or certificate revocation without the primary employer's knowledge. Some carriers mitigate this risk by performing a periodic re-verification of all certificates to uncover any actions that may have been taken against an employee's license. While this situation may be outside the norm, consider the ramifications of just one mechanic, without official certification, performing maintenance on your aircraft.