

The FAA should adopt the new ICAO age standard of age 65 for airline pilots.

The current rule was enacted in 1959 when mortality and general health were vastly different than today. Many health and medical reports say that Age 60 is the "new age 45."

As a 57 year old current airline pilot in excellent health, I believe it is time for the FAA to take the high ground on this issue and allow air carrier pilots to continue flying until age 65, provided another crewmember is under that age.

Most other ICAO member states will permit this starting in November. How can it be safe for foreign pilots to operate unrestricted in US Airspace over age 60, and not be safe for a properly certificated US pilot?

In my opinion, the Age 60 Rule has never been about air safety since its inception. As long as an airman successfully passes the appropriate FAA Medical examination, one should be permitted to exercise the privileges of their Airman Certificate under any level of FAA Rules, from Part 91 through Part 121.

I respectfully ask that the FAA join the ICAO and change the FAR's to permit airline pilots to continue flying until Age 65. The best safety device installed on an airliner is an experienced pilot.

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