(ii) Five hours in night-VFR conditions with 10 takeoffs and 10 landings (with each landing involving a

flight with a traffic pattern).

(i) For a balloon rating. A person who applies for a commercial pilot certificate with a lighter-than-air category and a balloon class rating must accomplish and log at least 35 hours of flight time as a pilot, which includes at least the following requirements:

(1) Twenty hours in balloons;

(2) Ten flights in balloons;

(3) Two flights in balloons as the pilot in command; and

(4) Ten hours of flight training that includes at least 10 training flights in balloons on the approved areas of operation listed in § 61.127(j) of this part, which consist of at least-

(i) If the training is received in a gas balloon, the training must include at

(A) Two training flights of 2 hours each in a gas balloon that covers the approved areas of operation appropriate to a gas balloon within 60 days prior to application for the rating; and (B) Two supervised PIC flights in a

gas balloon on the approved areas of

operation.

(ii) If the training is received in a balloon with an airborne heater, the training must include at least-

(A) Two training flights of 1 hour each in a balloon with an airborne heater that covers the approved areas of operation appropriate to a balloon with an airborne heater within 60 days prior to application for the rating; and

(B) Two supervised PIC flights in a balloon with an airborne heater on the

approved areas of operation.

§61.131 Exceptions to the night flying requirements for the commercial pilot

A person is not required to comply with the night flying requirements of this subpart:

(a) If that person has a medical restriction from operating an aircraft at night, then that person may-

(1) Be issued a permanent commercial pilot certificate with the limitation

'Night flying prohibited;'' and (2) Have that limitation removed if the condition which was the basis for the medical restriction is corrected, and the person accomplishes the appropriate night flying requirements of this subpart.

(b) If that person receives flight training in the State of Alaska and is not able to accomplish the training, then

that person-

(1) May be issued a temporary pilot certificate for only 12 calendar months, with a limitation "Night flying prohibited;" and

- (2) Must comply with the appropriate night flying requirements of this subpart within 12 calendar months following issuance of the temporary commercial pilot certificate, or the certificate will be suspended until the person complies with the appropriate night flying requirements of this subpart.
- (3) May have the "Night flying prohibited" limitation of this section removed if the person-
- (i) Accomplishes the appropriate night flight training requirements of this subpart in the category and class of aircraft for which night flying privileges are sought;
- (ii) Presents to an examiner, a logbook or training record endorsement from an authorized flight instructor that verifies accomplishment of the night flying requirements of this subpart that are appropriate to the category and class aircraft for which night flying privileges are sought; and
- (iii) Accomplishes the night operations portion of the practical test that are appropriate to the category and class of aircraft for which night flying privileges are sought.

§ 61.133 Commercial pilot privileges and limitations: General.

- (a) Privileges. A person who holds a commercial pilot certificate may act as pilot in command of an aircraft for:
- (1) Carrying persons or property for compensation or hire, provided the person is qualified in accordance with this part and with the applicable other parts of this chapter that apply to the operation; and
- (2) Compensation or hire, provided the person is qualified in accordance with this part and with the applicable other parts of this chapter, that apply to the operation.
 - (b) Limitations.
- (1) A person who applies for a commercial pilot certificate with an airplane category, airship class, or powered-lift category rating, and does not hold an instrument rating in the same category and class will be issued a commercial pilot certificate that contains the limitation, "The carriage of passengers for hire in (airplanes) (airships) (powered lifts) on crosscountry flights in excess of 50 nautical miles or at night is prohibited." The limitation may be removed when the person satisfactorily accomplishes the requirements listed in § 61.65 of this part for an instrument rating in the same category and class of aircraft listed on the person's commercial pilot certificate.
- (2) If a person who applies for commercial pilot certificate with a

balloon rating takes a practical test in a balloon with an airborne heater:

(i) The pilot certificate will contain a limitation restricting the exercise of the privilege of that certificate to a balloon with an airborne heater; and

- (ii) The limitation may be removed when the person obtains the required aeronautical experience in a gas balloon and receives a logbook endorsement from an authorized instructor who attests to the person's accomplishment of the required aeronautical experience and ability to satisfactorily operate a gas
- (3) If a person who applies for a commercial pilot certificate with a balloon rating takes a practical test in a gas balloon:

(i) The pilot certificate will contain a limitation restricting the exercise of the privilege of that certificate to a gas balloon; and

(ii) The limitation may be removed when the person obtains the required aeronautical experience in a balloon with an airborne heater and receives a logbook endorsement from an authorized instructor who attests to the person's accomplishment of the required aeronautical experience and ability to satisfactorily operate a balloon with an airborne heater.

§ 61.135 through 61.141 [Reserved]

Subpart G—Airline Transport Pilots

§61.151 Applicability.

This subpart prescribes the requirements for the issuance of airline transport pilot certificates and ratings, the conditions under which those certificates and ratings are necessary, and the general operating rules for persons who hold those certificates and ratings.

§ 61.153 Eligibility requirements: General.

To be eligible for an airline transport pilot certificate, a person must:

- (a) Be at least 23 years of age;(b) Be able to read, speak, write, and understand the English language;
 - (c) Be of good moral character;
- (d) Hold at least a current third-class medical certificate issued under part 67 of this chapter:
- (e) Meet at least one of the following requirements-

(1) Hold at least a commercial pilot certificate and an instrument rating;

- (2) Meet the requirements of § 61.73 of this part to qualify for a commercial pilot certificate and an instrument rating if the person is a rated pilot in the U.S. military; or
- (3) Hold either a foreign airline transport pilot or foreign commercial pilot license and an instrument rating if