



Revised FAA Regulations for Oxygen Mask Use

Effective March 23, 2020, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) [issued a rule change](#) to Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 121.333 for the required use of oxygen masks. The rulemaking action is a result of section 579 of the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115-254 (Oct. 5, 2018), which required the FAA to issue a final regulation revising § 121.333(c)(3) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), to apply only to flight altitudes above flight level 410.

The rule change increases the flight level threshold from above flight level 250 to above flight level 410, at which the FAA requires a pilot at the controls to put on and use the required oxygen mask while the other pilot leaves his or her control station. As a result, by this action, the FAA amends 14 CFR 121.333(c)(3) to replace the current flight altitude threshold of flight level 250 with flight level 410.

Pilots should continue to follow their company procedures, but expect their company to issue changes to their Flight Operations Manuals (FOM), to reflect the regulatory changes to the requirement.

If you have any questions about this regulatory change, please contact ALPA's Engineering & Air Safety Department at 800-424-2470 or via email EAS@alpa.org.

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