

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### CIVIL AVIATION ACT 1988

### CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY REGULATIONS 1998

#### AMENDMENT OF MANUAL OF STANDARDS (MOS) — PART 65

Section 98 of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Act and in relation to the safety of air navigation.

Part 65 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998* (CASR 1998) established the regulatory requirements for air traffic service personnel licensing.

Manuals of Standards provide standards on matters of technical detail. The *Manual of Standards – Part 65* (Part 65 MOS) was developed in conjunction with the development of Part 65 of CASR 1998. The MOS contains the standards relating to the licensing of air traffic controllers and flight service officers.

Regulations 65.033A to 65.033F provide for notification of an intention to amend the Part 65 MOS and for the consultation procedures required before it is amended. a Notice of Proposed Change, detailing the proposed amendments to the MOS, was approved for publication on 22 September 2004. This opened a period for public comment, which ended on 19 November 2004.

In the preparation of these amendments, CASA fully consulted with existing stakeholders and the public, and took into account issues arising out of the comments, in accordance with its normal consultative arrangements for the development of regulatory material.

This instrument makes minor changes to the MOS, to facilitate the use of modern competency-based training and assessment principles in air traffic services. It is intended:

- to remove excessive qualification requirements for on-the-job training instructors
- to ensure that workplace assessors are trained adequately for performing assessments in the air traffic control operational environment
- to clarify the scope of responsibilities of the classroom instructor qualification
- to remove experience requirements inconsistent with the competency-based assessment process used for determining eligibility for award of air traffic control ratings.

This instrument commenced on the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

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