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AIRWORTHINESS CIRCULAR
AIRWORTHINESS ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Purpose.** This United States Air Force (USAF) Airworthiness (AW) circular (AC) provides the minimum set of requirements utilized in the process of determining whether an applicant should be granted endorsement for requested areas.
- 2. Scope.** This AC applies to all individuals seeking AW endorsements from the USAF Technical Airworthiness Authority (TAA).
- 3. Attachments.** (1) Section Endorsement Criteria Spreadsheet
- 4. Cancellations.** Not applicable. This is the first issuance of this AC.
- 5. Referenced Documents.**
MIL-HDBK-516C, *Department of Defense Handbook, Airworthiness Certification Criteria*, 12 December 2014
AWB-230, *Airworthiness (AW) Endorsement*, 12 July 2023
- 6. Background.** To effectively implement USAF AW processes, the TAA must identify and utilize qualified personnel to execute the technical assessments. Technical personnel are evaluated for their experience and qualifications to assess airworthiness criteria within MIL-HDBK-516. Delegated Technical Authorities (DTAs) have the responsibility to utilize engineers and configuration managers that are suitably qualified to execute the AW assessment process. Individuals endorsed through the process described herein meet this requirement.
- 7. Discussion.** Common education and training requirements for AW endorsement application consideration are included in AWB-230. Specific division (AFLCMC/EZA, AFLCMC/EZF, and AFLCMC/EZS) requirements for endorsement in each technical discipline to ensure an applicant has proven proficiency for specific criteria(ion) are documented in the attached spreadsheet. Documented expectations should help alleviate subjectivity and provide transparency to the review and approval process.
- 8. Point of Contact.** Comments or questions should be sent to
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